



# APSU student arrested over weekend

## An APSU student charged with theft in stolen backpack case, and attempted extortion

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Staff Writer

A student took an Austin Peay State University student's backpack from the Clarksville bookstore Wednesday, Jan. 28, and later demanded a reward for returning the bag, according to APSU Campus Police.

Campus police said the woman was arrested this weekend by Clarksville police and charged with theft and extortion. According to Montgomery County court records, Sherri Robbins,

28, of Howell St., in Clarksville was released on bond. The bond for the charge of theft was set at \$1,000 and at \$5,000 for the charge of extortion.

Monday, Robbins was arrested a second time, but by campus police on charges of failing to pay child support, said APSU Police Chief Eric Provost.

According to Provost, the suspect was seen leaving the bookstore with a backpack and the next day contacted the victim saying she had found her backpack and "was willing to return it

only if she received a reward." Provost said the victim's husband met a female "in a fast-food restaurant parking lot and exchanged the bag for cash."

Provost said Sgt. Larry Cantu of campus police identified the suspect and aided in issuing the warrant for the suspect's arrest. Robbins has several previous arrests on charges of criminal impersonation, theft and contempt of court.

Cantu obtained Robbins' photo and prepared a photo line-up, from which

the witness positively identified Robbins from similar photos. In a separate photo line-up the victim's husband also identified Robbins.

"Sgt. Cantu is a hero," Provost said. "Most people take the day off on their birthday, but he performed a solid job."

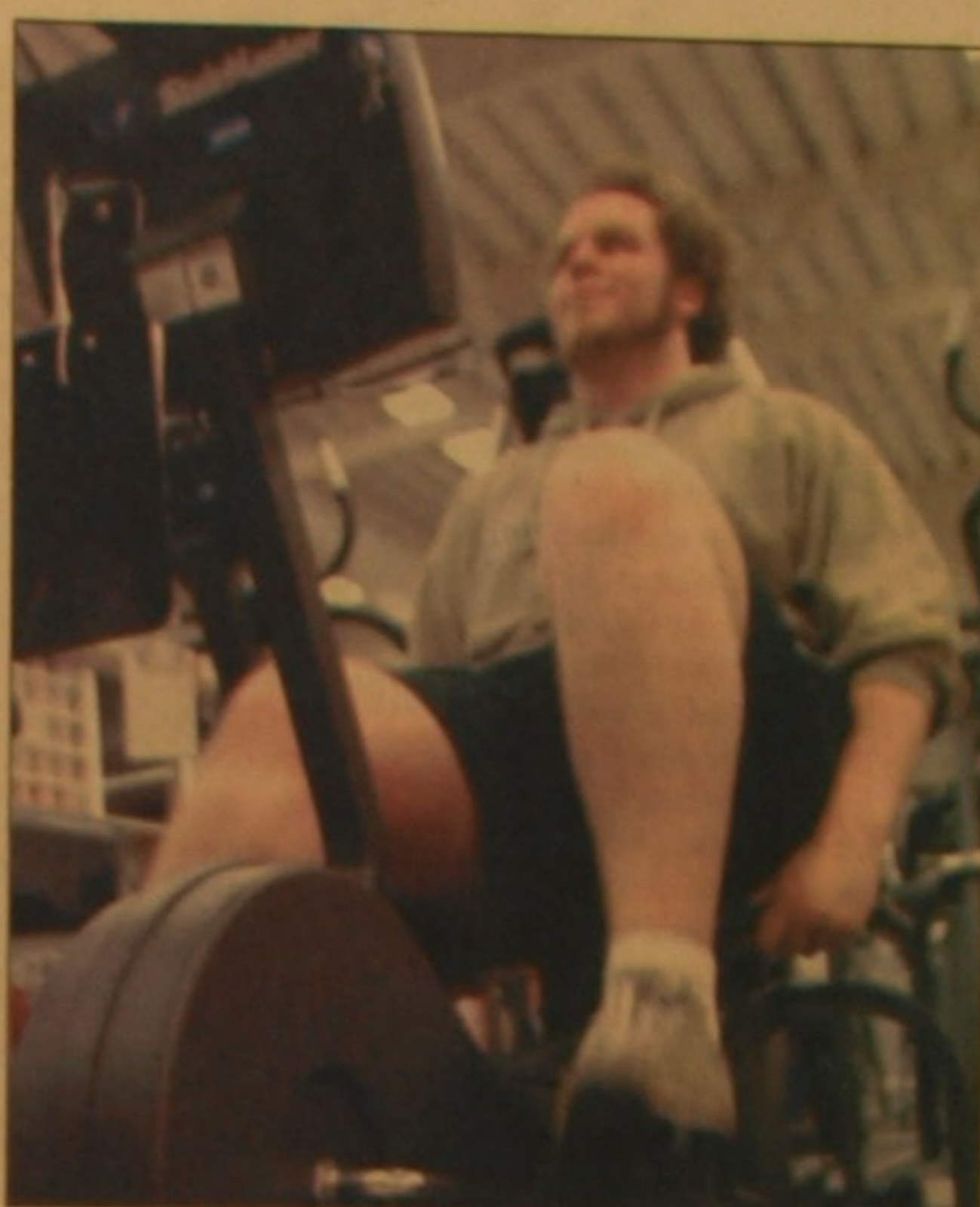
Barbara Phillips, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, said she cannot comment on any student or any case because it would violate the Family Educational Rights and

Privacy Act which protects the privacy of student education records.

According to the APSU Student Disciplinary Rules (Code of Student Conduct), disciplinary actions that may be taken against a student for violations of the Code of Conduct may include restitution, reprimand, restriction, university probation, suspension, expulsion, interim or summary suspension, housing probation, campus housing suspension and forfeiture, service to

the university, special education program, referral for intervention, assessment and/or counseling, and fines.

The disciplinary procedures for violations include: institutional hearing procedures, cases heard by Student Affairs administration, or a commencement of disciplinary proceedings. According to county court records, Robbins' hearing in Montgomery County Court is set for Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. ♦



Above: Aaron Howard, sophomore English major, works his legs in the APSU workout facility.  
Right: APSU student Clinnette Moon enjoys a run on the treadmill.

## Austin's faces delay

### APSU's new burger joint gets held up at Fire Marshall's office

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If you have been waiting to grab that late-night burger with friends, be prepared to wait a little longer. Austin's, the burger and fry restaurant scheduled to open on campus last October, will probably not be completed until August according to Joe Mills, director of Housing and Residence Life.

"By state purchasing guidelines, we have to do a bid to do a project of this size," said Mills. "In order to get the bid document out and get the bid back...it just delayed us a bit."

According to Mills, APSU purchasing guidelines require that any project exceeding \$10,000 has to be sent out to a minimum number of contractors and vendors.

"A delay at the Fire Marshall's office with getting the plans approved also delayed the project," Mills said.

Mills projects that work will begin on the restaurant within the next month. It will be located where the old grill used to be, in the building that now houses the bookstore.

Austin's will be decorated in the style of a 50's grill, with lots of black, white, and chrome. Burgers, fries, and hand-dipped milkshakes will be on the menu. Mills expects the grill to be open seven days a week until midnight or later. ♦

## Facing the winter workout blues

### Clarksville's fitness centers are available for APSU students

By LAUREN MABON  
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Whether you're into lifting weights, practicing yoga, kickboxing or just trying to get off of the couch, Clarksville's fitness centers have a lot to offer.

Austin Peay State University's new Drew Simmons Fitness Center has more than 6,000 sq. ft. of state-of-the-art equipment. There are 20 cardio stations including treadmills, bikes, and elliptical climbers with multi-channel cable viewing. Over four tons of free weights and dumbbells are available as well. The modern multi-purpose exercise studio provides room for group fitness activities such as step, yoga, kickboxing, and Pilates. The facility is free to students; however, a brief orientation is required for first time participants to familiarize them with the equipment.

Sharlotte Geist and Sharon Wood, two yoga instructors at the center, create an environment of relaxation before each session. Lavender is sprayed on fresh

towels and a candle is lit.

"By practicing yoga, you not only get a great physical workout, you heal your emotions and spirit," Wood said.

"The best thing about instructing is getting people to connect with their bodies," said Geist.

The Healthplex Fitness Center, located on Madison St., provides a friendly atmosphere for fitness.

"The center stresses the importance of one on one training with clients," said Gina Everett, Pilates trainer for Healthplex. The center offers an indoor jogging track, a eucalyptus inhaling room (for those who suffer from sinus or allergies), multiple cardio-vascular machines and a large array of free weights. Water aerobics are instructed monthly in the pool and sauna area. Healthplex also provides free child care along with various rates and students packages.

Clarksville Athletic Club, located on Dunlop Lane, has five separate pools used for aqua aerobics, a large cardio area, and four glass enclosed racquetball courts used

for lessons, clinics and tournaments.

There is also an exclusive sports lounge fully stocked with energy drinks, snacks, and a large screen TV. Kat Prusac, Fitness Director at the club, is pleased with the variety.

"There is a great mix of people; fitness enthusiasts and those who just want to stay healthy and in shape," she said.

A kids program is provided for children ages 7-13 and student membership packages are offered for teens ages 14-22.

X-treme Fitness, located on Riverside Dr., offers a wide variety of fitness classes. Brian and Jennifer Pullin, owners of the facility, are proud of their business.

"Now is a great time to get in shape. Everyone is trying hard to stick to New Year's resolutions," said Jennifer Pullin.

Some of the fitness classes include Salsabobics (an aerobic workout incorporating Latin dance moves like samba and meringue), Turbokick (the latest kickboxing workout that incorporates Martial Arts and boxing along with party atmosphere music), and

Piyo, (a combination of Pilates and Yoga). Student packages and free child care are also offered.

The Clarksville YMCA, located on Hillcrest Drive, is a family-oriented facility.

"There's something here for everyone from infant to senior citizen," said Terri Martin, Center administrator at the YMCA.

The facility offers an indoor aquatic center with a therapy pool, an indoor walking track, several group exercise classes, a gymnasium for basketball, and a Kid's Corner for children ages 4 - 9 featuring a pool table and a rock climbing wall.

Nursery care is also offered. The YMCA has many youth programs throughout the year which include gymnastics, jazz and ballet, art, cheerleading, ballroom dance and martial arts focus classes.

A quiet chapel is also provided for families who want to meditate in prayer after a work out. The YMCA also offers a special membership fee waiver on an income-based rate scale. ♦

## Arrest made in theft case; accused confesses to crime

By LAUREN MABON  
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Donald R. Burney, age 39, of 906 Prower Street, Clarksville, was arrested Thursday, Jan. 29 after confessing to the theft of a purse that belonged to an Austin Peay State University admissions counselor.

An arrest warrant was issued last week through the APSU Campus Police Department in connection with the theft.

An officer from Clarksville Police Department arrested Burney Thursday at approximately 10 a.m. in a public venue.

By noon Burney had confessed to theft to APSU Campus Police Officer Lt. Ron Szolosc, campus police said.

According to APSU Chief of Police Eric Provost, Burney was then transported to the Montgomery County Detention Facility.

"The Clarksville Police Department has been extremely helpful in this investigation," said Provost.

"They kept the suspect's name and face fresh in their minds."

Police accused Burney of misdemeanor theft of property which entails a maximum \$500 bail.

If charged, Burney could serve a maximum penalty of one year in jail.

"The average person would never even begin to serve nearly that much time, but he [Burney] has been identified as a career criminal. So the chances of him serving some fairly substantial time for this are pretty good," said Provost.

The initial court appearance is expected to occur within the next two or three weeks.

After this appearance, Burney will have the right to present a defense and hire a lawyer if he desires. ♦

### APSU Crime Reports for 2002

According to the TIBERS 2002 campus population offense overview:

Theft - pocket picking 0  
Theft - Purse Snatching 0  
Theft - Shoplifting 0  
Theft - from coin machine 0  
Theft - from building 31 (offenses reported) 2 (offenses cleared) 0 (arrests)  
Theft - from motor vehicle 15 (offenses reported) 3 (offenses cleared) 3 (arrests)  
Theft - of vehicle parts 10 (offenses reported) 1 (offense cleared) 1 (arrest)  
Theft - all other Larceny 8 (offenses reported) 3 (offenses cleared) 0 (arrests)  
Stolen Property Offense 1 (offense reported) 1 (offense cleared) 1 (arrest)

\*The 2003 report has not yet been printed for comparison.

## Provost speaks about preventing crime

By LAUREN MABON  
Staff Writer

According to Austin Peay State University police Chief Eric Provost, APSU is below state crime statistic averages in every category and is a relatively safe campus. But with the recent occurrences of theft, how does APSU Campus Police plan to continue executing safety effectively?

"We are doing several things to decrease theft on campus," said Provost.

"Talking to the press about campus crime helps to increase student awareness. Also, I talk to students and parents during Transitions about securing valuables properly. Campus Police offers an Operation ID program where we engrave serial numbers or identifying marks on students' high valued

personal property. We have also been working extra hard with the resident hall staff by conducting training and crime prevention awareness," Provost said.

"The university spent a significant amount of money on video surveillance on campus. The Department of Public Safety has requested officially through the Vice President of APSU for funding to expand video surveillance into more areas on campus," said Provost. "The cameras we currently have capture digital images that can be reviewed."

According to Provost, problem areas on campus include the resident halls and parking lots. However, these last few theft incidents occurred in main campus buildings. "Every building on campus has a designated building coordinator,

responsible for safety and security issues," said Provost.

"In the parking lots, unsecured cars are the main setback, sound systems installed in vehicles are one of the leading causes of automobile theft."

Inside resident halls and office spaces most criminals seem to target trendy electronic gadgets such as laptop computers and Sony Playstations. Provost advises that all these items be marked with serial numbers in case of theft. "Generally, at the beginning of the academic school year, the people who commit these crimes are students. But normally, over the course of the year, people who are involved with drugs or have previous criminal records are more likely to commit theft," said Provost. ♦

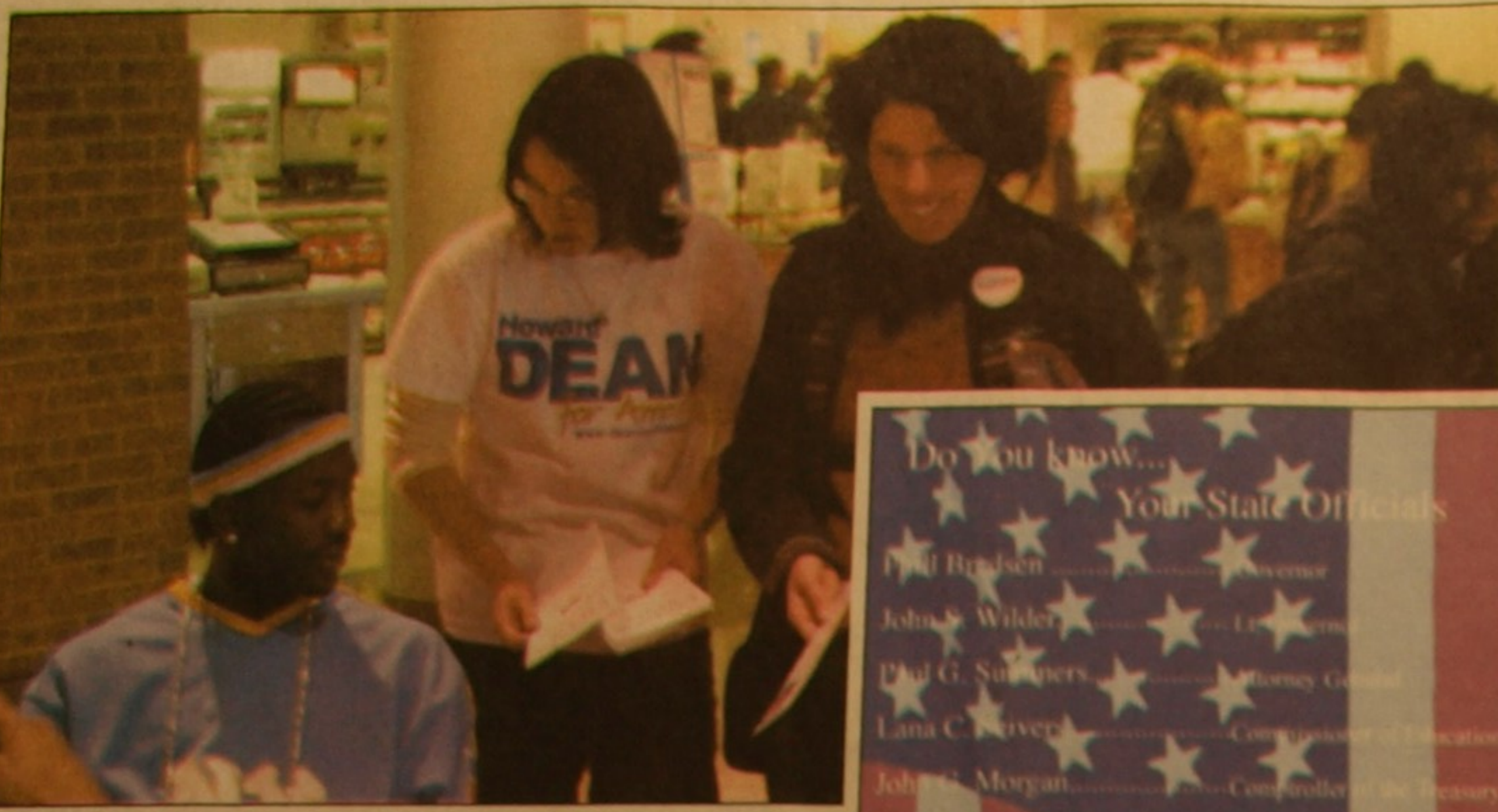
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## Candidates campaign on campus



Representatives for Vermont Gov. Howard Dean pass out information to students encouraging them to vote in the primaries.

By ROBERT BUTLER  
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The Tennessee Democratic Primary is less than a week away. The political signs are out and the representatives for the Democratic parties are here.

Representatives for Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D - Ohio), Sen. John Edwards (D - N.C.), and Sen. John Kerry (D - Mass.) campaigned at Austin Peay State University's University Center last Thursday answering questions about the issues, and where their candidates stand on them.

**What you should know about the Tennessee Primary?**

In a primary election, registered voters may participate in choosing the candidate for the party's election.

There are two types of primaries, an open primary and a closed primary. An open primary is a primary in which both Republican and Democratic registered voters can vote in either party's primary, regardless of party membership. In a closed primary voters can only vote within their registered political

party. The Tennessee Primary is an open primary.

**APSU's political views**

Brian Anderson, a 38-year-old African American non-traditional student at APSU. Anderson is also a retired veteran of the U.S. Army.

He says that he supports President Bush because of his "moral values" he said he thinks that Bush did the right thing by going to war with Iraq.

Vernon Warren, APSU faculty advisor for the College Democrats and political science instructor said he will be voting for Democratic candidate John Edwards, because "he reminds him of former President John F. Kennedy. Warren said, "The country needs a younger youthful to get the economy up and running again".

David Kanervo, the faculty advisor for the College Republicans, and APSU Political Science instructor at APSU supports

Bush and the Republican party, because "Bush vows for the country to have a decentralized government."

Kanervo said he thinks that the American people deserve to have the two best players for both sides thinks that it would be good for Democracy.

Amanda Cochrane, an APSU student, the president of the College Democrats said that she does not think that President Bush has been completely honest with the country during his term over all the issues.

Cochrane also said that she will be voting for Gen. Wesley Clark for president in next Tuesday's Primary. Cochrane said that she likes where Clark stands on the War with Iraq.

For more information on how the primaries work, or to learn more about this year's upcoming election, go to [www.vote-smart.org/election-how-primaryworks.php](http://www.vote-smart.org/election-how-primaryworks.php).

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## Faculty senate discusses VA benefits

By CHERYL HUNTER-GRAH  
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Some students may run into pre-registration problems this year. At this month's Faculty Senate meeting members discussed how students with a Veterans Administration (VA) Loan will not be able to register using the curriculum in next year's bulletin.

The VA requires that students base their class choices on printed materials and since next year's bulletin changes have not yet been printed and will not be printed any sooner than June, those affected will not be able to use it to sign up for classes.

Another issue covered during the meeting focused on Follett bookstore. Faculty Senate President Tim Winters asked that the meeting's minutes reflect that the Senate, as a whole, disapproves of the way the Follett bookstore is managed. This decision comes after faculty received multiple complaints from their students not being able to find the books that they need in the campus store. It was reported that after faculty order the books for the number of predicted students that Follett decreases the number they actually order by half.

Also discussed was the confusion over the Summer Session. It is not clear if it will be funded the same as last year when faculty took a pay hit if student levels were not high enough to pay for the class. Faculty questioned whether Austin Peay State University will use the usual 1/32 formula to determine a professors summer pay.

The formula involves paying 1/32 of faculty's yearly pay for teaching in the summer. Vice President for Academic Affairs Bruce Speck answered that the 1/32 proposal has not been approved and that some proposed classes might not make it. Required student levels for Summer Session are 15 students for lower level classes, 10 students for upper level classes and seven students for graduate level classes.

Other items discussed

- The content for the new liberal arts (larts) class that all new incoming freshmen will be required to take has not yet been determined. A committee will be formed to make that decision, said Speck.

- Loretta Griffy, representative to the TBR sub-council, reported that the Tennessee Board of Regents is reviewing their policies regarding tenure and promotion of professors. The new policy should go into effect next fall although there is no final draft as of yet.

- Griffy also reported that TBR is predicting a 5 percent reduction in funding, which might lead to an 8 to 10 percent increase in tuition. According to Griffy, TBR is also considering giving faculty a 3 percent increase in pay and there is a likelihood that APSU will have to fund the increase. (Bredesen released the state's 2004-2005 budget Monday that reduces the APSU budget by 0.9 percent instead of the estimated 5 percent.)

## Bredesen announces new 2004-05 budget

Monday, Gov. Phil Bredesen announced the 2004-05 budget for Tennessee. The state's operating budget for higher education will be reduced by 3.1 percent because of a \$9.2 million base budget reduction and paying \$24.6 million towards salary increases and further budget reductions.

The base budget reduction is 0.9 percent instead of the previously estimated five percent. Austin Peay State University's reduction will be \$310,000 compared to last year's nine percent cut that led to \$2.8 million in cuts.

In addition to the cuts, APSU will get \$7.27 million in capital outlay funds to renovate McCord and \$1.32 million in capital maintenance funds for the Armory.

This budget includes funds for a salary increase on July 1, 2004, for state and higher education employees and K-12 teachers and staff. Also included is a one percent, one-time salary bonus for state and higher education employees and K-12 teachers and staff.

## How Many Parking Tickets Did You Receive Last Semester?

Chances are you received at least one or two parking tickets in the fall semester. Did you know that you can appeal these tickets to the SGA Student Tribunal? A quick and easy way is by accessing [www.apsu.edu/police](http://www.apsu.edu/police) and following the steps or you can go directly to the Shasteen building for a written appeal form.

For All Appeals Filed, the Following Reasons are Considered Not Acceptable:

1. "My Decal Fell Off My Mirror": Decals can be easily taped to your rearview mirror by securing the ends of the decal.
2. "The Officer Must Not Have Seen It, I Can Assure You it was There!": If you have items hanging from your mirror that can obstruct seeing the decal, think about taking them off.
3. "I would have HAD to Park 2 Miles From My Dorm and it was Late": If you feel unsafe walking to your dorm at night, you can call Campus Police at 221-7786 and they would be happy to come escort you!
4. "Cars from Other Lots Were Parked in My Designated Area": Believe it or not, there are enough spaces for every student on campus! They might not be located next to the door of your classroom, but they are there.
5. Last But Not Least: "I was Exercising in the Fitness Center and had to Park in the White or Orange Zones": Its amazing that students who are headed to the gym to exercise anyways have a hard time walking a short distance to it!!!

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### Good Morning APSU

Campus Community  
Campus Prayer Group

Campus Prayer is a diverse group of students who come together to pray every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon in front of Woodward Library. The group is not affiliated with any organization. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Jonathan Miller at 221-7440 or e-mail [jmiller17@apsu.edu](mailto:jmiller17@apsu.edu)

### SGA Open Forum

SGA is holding an open forum on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at noon in the University Center room 305. For more information contact the SGA office at 221-7786 or e-mail [sgasec@apsu.edu](mailto:sgasec@apsu.edu)

### Zeta Nu Meeting

Zeta Nu will meet on Friday, February 6 at noon in UC 312. Stop by to see what they have offered! For more information contact Stacy Francis at 221-0545 or e-mail [stacyfrancis14@apsu.edu](mailto:stacyfrancis14@apsu.edu)

### Did You Make the Dean's List?

If you would like your hometown newspaper to be notified that you made the Dean's List in Fall 2003, go to [http://www.apsu.edu/academic/earnings\\_list\\_and\\_dean](http://www.apsu.edu/academic/earnings_list_and_dean). "Publication request" The deadline for requests is Friday, Feb. 13. For more information contact Michelle Tyndall at 221-7459 or e-mail [tyndallm@apsu.edu](mailto:tyndallm@apsu.edu)

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## OUR TAKE

### Carefully considering the right to vote reveals its essential nature

We at the All State wish to bombard you with the importance of voting next Tuesday. While it may seem counterproductive to meander on about why we should vote, there is nothing but progress underlying the inherent necessity for its existence. From the very beginning it handed the power to the people in a most accessible manner. The working class could put to shame the controlling class whose varying wrongful or misguided practices would systematically mishandle the affairs of our country. This comparison is a bit off the mark, but the point is that if you are being oppressed in any way then voting is the most readily available tool within your reach. It allows the common man or woman a voice with which to dissent, consent or just proudly exercise their right to living in a free society.

Problems and contradictions are abundant today in the democratic process but no great idea without the need of fine-tuning and adjustment. When correctly utilized, the right and act of voting can change the course of a country's fate at the flip of a dime. In recent demonstrations however, some Americans have rightfully become jaded to the idea of placing their vote. They feel that voting is no longer an effective method of being an active element in one's own governing body. We feel that this could not be farther from the truth. If the whole of the American body politic decided that their vote didn't count, we would be left with quite a mess.

That being said we have no recommendation on whom you should vote for; and we wouldn't attempt to endorse a candidate being that we of course have our own differing opinions. One thing is crucial though; learn about the candidates. Do not go in blindly, merely considering a pretty face or the initials of the front runner (J.E.K.=John F. Kerry). Such flippant decisions have become all too commonplace in a society concerned more with the entertainment value of a person than with their actual integrity and decision making capabilities. If we cannot rise to action and move forward from the predicament that we have put ourselves in, then we have truly forgotten the meaning of a free society.

Considering what freedoms would be lost if power is left unchecked and abused is indeed a sobering realization. Most, if not all of what we print on the opinions page would not be allowed and would possibly leave us to an imprisoned life, or a lost life. That is what happens in a society where thought is devoured and abandoned, and free speech is demolished for the propagation of hate rhetoric and control. The possibility of this extreme is not as likely, but even so, it is unacceptable if even the slightest resemblance of lost freedoms is apparent. We haven't survived this long to lose it all to carelessness. Help hold up the house that teeters in the wind. It's a place we all want to live; but it belongs to us all and it most certainly will not survive without active participation. It is true what is said: you are the government and you can make it work.

### Dems focus on what's left but Bush has the right ideas to go another four

The political whirl storms of every election year are kicking into high gear, with the Democratic primaries underway. The Democrats are fighting each other tooth and nail for the primary states, and are at times surprising us all by falling quickly in the polls...or screaming like a banshee.

While the Democrats are busy weeding out the candidates that have about as much chance of winning as my left foot, the Republicans appear content and comfortable with choosing to reelect Bush. I must admit, I am one of them. I will not go as far as to say that the Democratic candidates are jokes, but it is clear that there is no real goal but to kick out Dubya. (Ok, Al Sharpton IS a joke, but did anyone really take him seriously anyway?) I believe that now is not a good time to remove an incumbent, after a major terrorist attack and two subsequent wars.

I have listened to the debates, and quite frankly I agree with virtually nothing these candidates stand for. They are all pushing policies that are extremely controversial right now, such as the gay marriage issue. Just in a matter of a couple of minutes, I heard Edwards say how important it is to make gays and lesbians a protected class, which means that any crime committed against them would automatically be considered hate crimes. Well, as far as I am concerned, all violent crimes are hate crimes, and nobody should have special status.

In any case, the Democrats appear divided amongst themselves, with nobody able to really predict any clear lead. It probably does not matter anyway, as any candidate that does rise to the top and challenges Bush will more than likely lose to Bush in a landslide. I may not agree with Bush in all of his policies and ideas, but I would rather have him as our president than a general that has questionable character, some yahoo that has a personal control issue, or any other left-wing extremist that will rise certain minority groups above the rest of the country.

### Misguided soul incites need to vote Bush out in elections

By Jerry Pfobl  
Daily Bruin

Congratulations, John Kerry, it appears you will be the one earning the honor of losing to President Bush in this year's election. Come November, an all too common question heard around Washington will be, "Hey, John, why the long face?" Tuesday's New Hampshire primary gave the Massachusetts senator his second political victory in as many weeks. Kerry won 38 percent of the vote, well ahead of second-place finisher Howard Dean, who tallied 26 percent.

Kerry now turns his momentum toward the seven states that will have either primaries or caucuses on Feb. 3. Questions remain however as to whether or not Kerry is a candidate behind whom the Democratic Party can unite. Kerry hails from one of the most liberal states in the union and is far from being a centrist. When it comes time for the national election, moderate swing voters may well see him as being too extreme for their interests.

Furthermore, Kerry's service in the Senate will also be used against him. His 19-year voting record shows he has consistently contradicted himself, often changing his mind on the issues. Kerry's most recent about-face is with regard to Operation Iraqi Freedom. He initially voted to support the war.

However, he eventually changed his position on the war in general and voted against the \$87 billion package meant to support the troops and help rebuild Iraq and Afghanistan. He cast his vote to send our brave soldiers into the Middle East. Common sense dictates the troops must be given the resources needed to carry out their mission.

It is a new feeling for Kerry to be the leader of the pack. The early front-runner Dean witnessed his popularity plummet in recent weeks. Dean's storied temper growled through when he flamed out at a 66-year-old man attending an Iowa debate.

His strong anti-war stance and his assertions that the Iraqi people are clearly no better off without Saddam Hussein have also alienated potential supporters. Iowans realized Dean was an unselectable choice and voted accordingly. The man who once had a stranglehold on the Hawkeye State ended up finishing third in his first real test. Dean tried to convince the American public that only a caucus sucker would buy into the results of Iowa.

The capture of Hussein and the resurgence of the economy already gave Bush substantial appeal heading into re-election. A lack of any real strong opponent has only strengthened his chances. The Democratic presidential candidates have been plagued by their relative anonymity. Each candidate has not only needed to present his platform to the people, but his persona as well.

They have gone out of the way to make themselves appear more personable to potential voters - by shaking hands on the street corner or flipping flapjacks in a local diner. John Edwards has notably been one of the most charismatic campaigners, however most voters want a president who at least looks old enough to drink the champagne at his inauguration.

As sure as Dean can say "Yeeeeeeehaaaaaa," Democrats are looking at 2008 as a more realistic chance of taking back the White House. Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Edwards will each be seen as viable candidates and will give voters in the primaries legitimate options, something they do not have this time around. Now Democratic voters must make do with what they have and pray the results are not too embarrassing. The bottom line is that the only way the Democrats will be able to see the Oval Office during the next four years would be if President Bush decided to do an episode of "MTV's Cribs."



By MARTY FOX

### Talk with professor sheds light on voting importance

It's the right time of the right year when love and hate are in perfect harmony. With Valentine's Day not even two weeks away and our state primaries only six days away the air is filled with equal parts of both. So when you go out to buy that special gift for your sweetheart don't forget to stop by the polls. If it were necessary, I would quote the dismal numbers of the population that didn't vote in 2000.

I think, however that relying on statistics is a waste of time. It is a recurring feeling that many logical thinking Americans were simply turned off at the idea of voting for tweedle-dee and tweedle-dumb. However voting must become an integral part of our lives if we are to sustain any kind of working democratic society.

Recently I was speaking with Austin Peay State University's own Vernon Warren, a professor of political science and he was kind enough to answer a few questions that could benefit someone who just wants to have a few basic questions answered about elections and voting in general.

I asked Warren who he thought was currently most favored for the Democratic nomination. He responded that at present Kerry is indeed in the best position to take the ticket. However he stressed that there was still a significant amount of time for any number of events to unfold, meaning that if Kerry plans to stay in his coveted position he should play fair and maintain a clean campaign.

Still, candidates like Dean have made claims that Kerry is obtaining his money in the same ways that Dubya is through big business and special interests.

I also asked Warren how Tennesseans have voted historically. He mentioned that we have been a Democratic state up until about 1980, when a majority of the voting population began selecting Republicans for office. We now have two Republican senators that hold office and represent us in Washington. He also said that right now in any statewide election, odds are that the Republicans would take the victory.

Now some might say the usual, who cares? Why should it matter to me? I'm only one person; what difference can I make? Warren responds to that sentiment by saying that in fact that it does matter because voting is self-interest driven. You are picking the person that will directly affect you in some form or another somewhere at some point in time. More importantly though, before one makes the choice on who they want to make these important decisions for them, it is important that they have a clear understanding about the person that they are voting for.

Professor Warren also challenged people to ask themselves a very important question: Are you better off, or will you be better off if a certain candidate is chosen to be the president? This question, Warren says should be our driving motive in getting us to the polls to cast our vote.

As for the voting disaster that occurred in Florida almost four years ago, Warren admits that he wishes we had used more than the electorate vote to base our decision on rather than dismissing the fact that the Gore won the popular vote. He says that he believes we made the choice to elect Bush because we were urgently pressed to make a decision. He says that it is also possible that it could happen again, but it is not likely, expressing the hope that the voter turnout will drown out any dirty tricks out there waiting to be used.

### Juvenile death penalty can be justified in some cases

Monday, January 26, the Supreme Court announced that they would review the constitutionality of death sentences for murderers under the age of 18. The basis of "cruel and unusual punishment" will be used to argue this case as it was for outlawing the death penalty for the mentally handicapped. At present time, states are allowed to decide for themselves whether 16 and 17 year olds may be sentenced to death. Out of the 38 states allowing the death penalty, 22 allow juveniles to be executed.

The case of Christopher Simmons is up for review and is being used as an example case for those opposing the death penalty for juveniles. In 1993, 17 year old Simmons and a friend broke into the home of Shirley Crook. They gagged and bound her with electrical tape, wire, and her bathrobe belt. They then pushed her off a bridge, leaving her to drown in the river below. Missouri's highest court overruled Simmons's death sentence; instead, they gave him life in prison. The argument for this was that people younger than 18 lack good moral judgement and cannot control their anger and impulses.

Am I supposed to believe that this guy did not realize that throwing this woman into a river while gagged and bound would lead to her death? Give me a break! At 17, I was smart enough to know the difference between right and wrong. I knew that this kind of behavior would surely kill someone, just like a bullet to the head.

Most juveniles on death row are at least 17. That is definitely old enough to be responsible for your actions. The youngest juvenile put to death in almost ten years was in Oklahoma in 1999. Sean Sellers was executed at age 29 for a crime he committed when he was 16. On September 8, 1985, Sellers shot convenience store clerk, Robert Paul Bower. Then on March 5, 1986, he killed his mother and stepfather, Vonda and Paul Bellatafatto.

His attorney argued that he was sexually abused early in life, which led to these murders. Did that give him a license to kill? I don't think so. We are not always responsible for the things that happen to us, but we are responsible for the choices we make. Best selling author Dave Pelzer grew up in a house where he slept on an army cot in the basement, was fed spoiled scraps, and was brutally beaten by his alcoholic mother. She even called him "it" when she referred to him. He was eventually rescued from this torturous hell, but not until he was in his teens. Instead of turning to a life of violence and crime, he has become one of the nation's most respected communicators to such groups as human-service professionals. In addition, he was the only American to be honored as one of The Outstanding Young Persons of the World as of 1994. He refused to remain a victim of the hateful actions of his mother. He took control of his life and became a productive and upstanding citizen.

We could all be victims. A "victim" of poverty attacked me one afternoon. I was held at gunpoint by a teenager while at work. He grabbed me by my hair, pushed my head to the counter, placed the barrel of the gun against my skull, and demanded my cooperation. I calmly helped him gather all of the money he wanted, but in my mind I heard the gun go off over and over again. I just knew he was going to kill me that day. He took me into the back of the store where he made me take off my shirt, which revealed my bare chest. He insisted I take off my pants, but I begged him not to hurt me. Finally, the familiar chime from the opening of the front door sent him running out the back door. I could have been the victim of a murderer that day.

What do you think my death would have done to my parents? Do you think they would have been sympathetic to a 16 or 17 year old who put a bullet into their daughter's head? I assure you, my parents would have had no trouble seeking the death penalty for someone with such a disregard for someone else's life.

This brings me to another point. I believe the family of the victim should get to choose the convicted murderer's sentence. For some families, it is enough to have the killer sentenced to life without parole. This keeps the family from having to sit through appeals from death row, plus it gives them the knowledge and comfort that the offender is off the streets.

Nevertheless, for other families, closure cannot be obtained until the killer has been executed. Families should be able to decide how the perpetrator is put to death. Maybe then they will receive a sense of justice for their lost loved ones.

Tennessee is one of the 17 out of 38 states that bans those under the age of 18 from being sentenced to death. I believe that if a murderer is at least 16 years old, they should be held accountable for their actions. However, that is up to the courts to decide.

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YOUR TAKE

To the Editor:

In Katie Gordon's article "Republicans Need to Come Out of the Closet" Ms Gordon makes it very clear that she is unapologetically racist, sexist, and ethnocentric. Ms. Gordon, may I remind you that what you call exploitation by interest groups has given us the Civil Rights and Feminist movements. If you do in fact "know your place" then by all means get your M.R.S. degree, stay home, and have babies. Leave the pursuit of a liberal arts education to those of us who wish to expand our horizons and appreciate the sacrifices of those who have paved our way. Weren't all of us, at one time or another, illegal aliens to the Native Americans of this country? Wasn't America founded upon the fundamental principles of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"? I suppose to you those words only apply to white, heterosexual males. I couldn't care less if you are against civil unions and interracial marriages but you cannot disguise your own personal agenda with labels of Christianity and Republicanism.

As a former editor for the All State may I make a suggestion: If you are going to use the Opinion's page as a forum for your own personal agenda, do not alienate your readers all at once. Spread out your ideas and make sure they first and foremost have a point. Controversy does make for an interesting newspaper but vitriolic banter certainly does not.

Carrie Slaymaker  
English Major  
Senior

To the Editor:

I found it mildly humorous last semester to read Mr. Campbell's weekly lashing out against President Bush and all things republican. Ms. Gordon has managed not to be lynched for her outspokenness, which has given a sort of balance to the All State. However, the recent flurry of opinion on legalizing gay marriage only exposes the shallowness of most of our debates on the most important issues facing our country. Ms. Wadley believes it high time that homosexuals be given the right to legally marry and obtain all the benefits of such a union in society. She's dead wrong.

In its truest form, marriage is a natural union, between a single man and a single woman, which exists (even without Christian influence)

so that society as a whole will benefit and be strengthened. That purpose and design cannot be misunderstood or twisted into anything remotely resembling the wholly unnatural joining of two men or two women. No earthly evidence gives credence to the opinion that such pairings are natural, normal, or even safe, physically or mentally, to the participants, dependents, or society. It is a destructive arrangement that blurs gender distinctions and blatantly disregards the moral law of nature.

It is self-destruction in practice: a system that secures its own end. And yet, gay-rights groups demand that society as a whole should not only look on homosexual relationships without disdain, but that we should further offend nature by sanctioning such a practice.

These activists loudly shout that we are all created equal, possessing equal right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It would serve each of us well to look back upon the Declaration of Independence in full.

Sections of particular interest should be apparent: "We...[appeal] to the Supreme Judge of the World" (last paragraph), or perhaps where those famous rights come from, opening paragraph, "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" who entitle men to their equality.

The founding fathers, Christian men, knew that God had given them each unalienable rights and fought a terrible war to prove this, depending on God's protection to see them safely through.

God granted them this country, so are we now to understand that you would have us give up Nature's law and Nature's God just so you may indulge yourself in unnatural acts and enjoy a few tax breaks?

You may not be a Christian, Ms. Wadley, but would you have us all deny that this country was born of a strong belief in God, abandoning the moral law that such beliefs require, and yet remain wholly dependent upon the government that such belief has given us?

We will not allow you to commit such a theft of our nation's backbone so openly.

You don't want this moral restraint you struggle against? Live somewhere without the liberties it has birthed, the rights it has afforded you every day of your life, and be content with whomever you choose to "marry".

Eric Evans  
Freshman  
Music Major

To the Editor:

When I read the All-State last week I was deeply saddened to read two of the most ill-conceived pieces I have yet to read in a free-land publication; on or off-campus (OPINION\_KATIE GORDON YOUR TAKE- Jeremy Benson).

In response to Katie Gordon's article: I sincerely hope that some Republicans, instead of "coming out of the closet" (to use a homosexual buzz-phrase), might reassess their values.

On the subject of legalizing millions of immigrants, I hope it will be clear that President Bush is considering this act, be it for economic stimulus or crime reduction. To stand back and question the integrity of some idea or something is indeed one of the characteristics of mature decision-making.

Perhaps our President could have used that advice before starting a multi-billion dollar war with another country based on (admittedly) faulty information.

In concern to Jeremy Benson: yes, tolerance and approval mean two vastly different things. We don't have to approve but we absolutely must tolerate.

It wasn't 45 years ago that interracial marriage was not only considered and abomination by the majority of our society, it was restricted by a great many state laws. That issue is still not entirely resolved, and may never be, but look how far we have come! Homosexuality has had a place in every, including Hebrew civilizations and Rome.

Yes, Rome fell. But it took far longer than our current empires' 228 years. We might as well blame rock music and beer for our changing moral views. Rome had neither of these.

To conclude, I'd like to ask for everyone to consider what Jesus meant when He said "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

"All" does not imply all liberals or all blacks or all homosexuals. It includes every last living Human Being. If Jesus was alive today and teaching his left-wing brand of politics, he would be crucified again by the very people that claim to love him the most.

Please, please everyone! Love your fellow humans and treat them with the respect that you yourself deserve.

Peter Swadley  
Sophomore

# After careful study of politics, Clark emerges as a leader

Eric Miller  
Staff Writer

I am in the process of immersing myself in the politics of this nation. My acclimation is still a work in process, but I have been reading about the candidates for the upcoming election. If I were asked to cast my vote for president today, I would vote for Wesley Clark.

His resume is unbelievable. Clark graduated first in his class at West Point and was then awarded a Rhodes scholarship. For many, this would be the absolute peak of personal achievements. This is not true for Clark. He served as a Captain in the Vietnam conflict, leading a mechanized infantry company. In a shining example of leadership, he commanded his troops to victory despite four gunshot wounds that riddled his body.

Clark continued to serve with distinction during peacetime: reforming problem units, commanding training centers, serving as a military negotiator, and participating in peace talks. In the twilight of his military career, Clark served as the Supreme Allied Commander of NATO and retired as a four-star general.

Clark exhibits all of the qualities that make a good

president throughout his military career. He possesses the ability to be decisive when time is pressing and lives are at stake. He has guided and inspired people to improve and be more than they are. His positions within the military near the end of his career immersed Clark within bureaucracy, priming him to tackle the political arena.

Clark's politics are ambitious and bold. For example, under his suggested tax plan, a family of four that earns less than \$50,000 per year will pay no federal taxes, as well as increasing the percentage of income taxed on those who make more than \$1 million per year to make up the difference.

While such a tax plan may never come to pass, it serves as a clear and concise statement to the people. Clark does not play favorites with the social and financial elite and is willing to stick his neck out politically for his wish to shift the financial burdens of the nation from those who struggle to those who can afford to contribute.

Clark is a man who taps potential and realizes it. He has done so for both the military and himself. If Clark is voted into office, he would strive to do the same for the entire nation and that is why I am voting for him

# This month's primaries could begin another Fla. in Nov

Michael Reagan  
Guest Writer

Recently, the people in Iowa went to the polls for the democratic candidate for president. Up until then, Howard Dean was a shoe-in to win Iowa, but in the last few days his lead decreased and he lost the lead to John Kerry.

It was a very close race but Kerry wound up winning Iowa and is leading all polls in New Hampshire. Many were surprised that Dean did not win, but he promised to try and win New Hampshire. Will we see another close race for president as we did back in 2000? Only time will tell.

Hopefully, the results will not be the same as they were with the dispute of the votes in one state. Will it be déjà vu all over again for this election, similar to the 2000 election? Time will certainly tell if this is the case once again.

I was really surprised to see that Kerry won, I had thought that Dean would have won the race, but I didn't imagine that it would go to someone than what I expect to win. I don't imagine the people will put up with another "too close to call" race as we had back in 2000, this may cause turnout to drop back even more than in 2000.

In a recent poll conducted on msnbc.com, Dean had disappeared and it is now Kerry in the lead to win New Hampshire. The Iowa race did have one consequence though, Dick Gephardt, who finished fourth in the race decided to drop out for the run as president. That reduces the candidates down to seven and there are still more states to go before the actual elections are held in November. I want to see a close race in the upcoming elections in November, but I do not want to have another controversy with some disputed ballots like occurred four years ago.

This may turn out to be the closest race America has seen in four years. Who will be nominated for the Democratic Party to run against President Bush will be known in the next few months. If Dean wants to be nominated, he better start to win some of the states, starting with New Hampshire. If he doesn't win, his chances of being nominated will start to diminish quite slowly and then speed rapidly if he continues to finish either second or third as he did in Iowa. This could be a great race and in the end may help some candidates and hurt some as well. Now we see Dean losing in two states, his shot of winning the nomination have started to decline just a bit, and I'm starting to lose my enthusiasm towards him.

With the polls about to close in New Hampshire, it looks like John Kerry will win the state with Dean running a close second. This is giving me doubts as to whether Dean will be nominated for the Democratic Party to run against Bush, President of the United States.

I am starting to wonder just what is going against Dean and for Kerry during the last two weeks. I had favor Dean because of his views against the war, but now that he is not winning the first two states, I am starting to question whether he should be nominated at all. Maybe with these two victories, I am now leaning towards supporting John Kerry for President, unless he starts to lose, which I am not too sure of that ever happening in the distant future.

I hope that a candidate wins the Presidency because there were some policies that I did not support during the Bush years including the war in Iraq and the space policy to put man on Mars in the next decade, that sounds like a scene a science fiction movie.

# State of the Union address was an attempt to highlight Bush's meager accomplishments

An abomination to our freedom of speech was made last week when President Dubya made a meager attempt to highlight his lack of achievements while in office. Bloated rhetoric, vague proclamations, goofy grins, Dick Cheney, and for some unknown reason, Patriots quarterback Tom Brady were all in attendance at the State of the Union to show their support and meaninglessly inflate such blatant freedom deterrents as the PATRIOT Act.

In case you missed out I figured it would be nice to offer you a brief play by play of the main points that grated on my nerves. Concerning Bush's claim that the tax relief that was passed is working, I may agree but just because it is working for the select few doesn't mean that it is working for you, does it? With several million out of work, it is hard to imagine some ideal solution soon quelling our economic woes. Furthermore it is short sighted for any president to make such a claim. As we all know more than one factor is responsible for the state of the American economy.

Next comes the expected affirmation that 'our greatest responsibility is the active defense of the American people.' Well I say that the time for our government to start making good on this promise is long overdue. Instead of offending, how about we concentrate on defending? Are you sensing a pattern here? Bush and crew are making statements that the American people will want to hear but it's a wish list that is not being fulfilled. What else did you expect?

To his credit, Bush commented that the state of our union is confident and strong. While I doubt this is his original idea, at least he acknowledges that no matter the havoc that abounds, we the people will not allow an

administration to beat us into a subdued collective state of now, we are a nation half out of bed, and trying to decide whether to get dressed and get moving.

As for his plea that we 'need to renew the PATRIOT Act' he is simply wrong. And because of the manner in which it was passed, I don't feel like I have to be objective in this matter. Is that ok? (insert irony here) Without going into the freedoms that would be encroached upon, he simply reminds us that certain provisions are set to expire and implies that if we do not renew the Act, that terrorists will terrorize. How foolishly absurd that we should consider giving up freedom in order to pass this piece of garbage when it isn't even being fully used to capture terrorists but 'good for hunting criminals'?

Also, it is with bitter consent that I must resign to the statement about rebuilding Iraq. This is not because I feel that it is too weighty a chore for us (which it is daunting) but it is a responsibility. It is also one that we would not have, had we never sent our troops over there to begin with. It is good that we now have Saddam. Thank you, Kurds.

The most amusing line of the entire speech is that the United States will never be intimidated by thugs and assassins. I find it all too ironic that in fact we have appeared too, to be thuggish and bullying in our offense (excuse me defense policy).

Another element of which brings to mind one of Dubya's famous quotes: 'who cares what you think?' Well a throng of assassins certainly would not. It is interesting that Bush mentions we have no ambitions of empire. If you consider his affirmations that we have friends at our side, what better way to introduce yourself into a community in which you intend to overcome?

We do have plans for establishing worldwide presence, have no doubt that the think tank is hard at work on new means and methods to protect and defend American interests.

In the mean time, the rest of us at home have to deal with the daily grind of living in the slipshod state.



OPINION  
Dave  
Campbell

# Volunteer your love for Valentine's Day and beyond

Community offers ample opportunities for gracing others with your generosity

Cati Montgomery  
Copy editor

Once again, it is the time of year for all of us single folks to trudge through the Valentine's season. Every time I walk into a store, I see pink and red hearts, boxes of obligatory chocolate, and goofy teddy bears that no one knows what to do with and eventually tosses out. Those of us without a significant other are bombarded with commercialized love, but instead of being cynical about love this year, I have decided to be unselfish and share my love. Think of all of the people needing love in some form in our community, and think of all the love you have to give. Instead of being miserable, you can be happy knowing you have helped someone.

My first suggestion for love-sharing is to share with women and children who have been hurt by the very ones they were supposed to have loved. I am speaking of the women sheltered at SafeHouse.

These women and their children, who have survived and escaped abusive situations, have many needs. You can call SafeHouse at 648-9100 for volunteer opportunities, and a short list of needed items includes: Cleaning/laundry supplies, paper products, personal hygiene items, and over-the-counter medicines such as ibuprofen, children's pain-relievers,

and cold medicines.

Another way to share the love is through Urban Ministries, who need volunteers to interview clients or handle reception in their office. They are also accepting donations of non-perishable food items, toilet paper, children's school supplies, and winter coats and blankets. For more information, call 648-9090.

Of course, you could share love with a furry friend or other type of creature, by adopting an animal from a local shelter, or an organization like Cats R Us here in Clarksville. A cat or dog or other pet provides years of unconditional love, and never argues! You can save a life that might otherwise be euthanized by adopting from shelters or animal control.

A brand new opportunity opening Thursday is a day shelter. The new shelter, located at 1498 Golf Club Lane, will outreach to the community. The Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Action Agency is seeking volunteers to staff a receptionist position, as well as a position as an intake person. They would consider an on-call worker. They are seeking many donations to provide for the shelter; for a wish list contact Paula Sears at 648-5774.

Other places seeking you to share of yourself include Loaves and Fishes, 645-9020, whose primary need now is

for volunteers to simply drive to locations and pick up food donations. With a car and a little time, you can help feed hundreds with little effort.

The Red Cross will be happy to help you help others by receiving your donations of blood and bone marrow. For more information, call 645-6401 or run by any Monday from 11-5PM, or the first Saturday of each month from 8:30AM - 12.

Obviously, I can't have possibly covered every good-deed doing organization in the space of this column, but if none of the aforementioned struck a chord with you, try calling the Ed Atkinson Volunteer Center, and speak to Cindy Mahan. She has many opportunities and can point you in just the right direction.

Being single at this time of year can stink, I know. I'd love to be snuggling with someone besides my cat (sorry, Nimbus) this year, but until I find the one someone, at least I can love somebody in an indirect way. By sharing of yourself, you grace those who may otherwise be missed with your love.

Maybe if you put your love out there, you get some back, in some grand karmic sense. In any case, it can't hurt to try!

Go out there and shoot a few arrows into the cosmos - someone's bound to get the bulls eye.

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## Music City Happenings

**Jan. 30 - Feb. 7:**

Nashville Opera presents "The Pirates of Penzance" TPAC Polk Theater 505 Deaderick St. (615) 255-9600

**Feb. 6:**

**Kid Rock** 8 p.m. Municipal Auditorium 417 Fourth Avenue North (615) 862-6392

**Feb. 7:**

**George Strait** with Kellie Coffey, Dierks Bentley Gaylord Entertainment Center 501 Broadway (615) 255-9600

Techno Party at The End from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Free before 10 p.m. and \$5 after. Visit [www.mindubonline.com](http://www.mindubonline.com) for more information

**Feb. 11:**

**The Basement Blues** Jam free at The Basement starting at 8 p.m. 1604 8th Ave. S., Nashville, TN 37203 Hosted by Don Shaw and Ger Hoffman

The Gypsy Hombres perform free at Cafe 123 (OneTwoThree) 123 12th Ave. N., Nashville 37203

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Souls in Stone at The Parthenon in Centennial Park, Nashville 37201 TIME: 9am-4:30pm, Tue.-Sat.

PRICE: \$3.50 adults, \$2 ages 4-17 and seniors, free for ages 3 and under (615) 862-8431 "Souls in Stone," displays works in plaster and marble by Matthew Stevens-Foster.



## Meet the Democrats

Four stand in the forefront: the facts without the hype

By Shaun Copelin  
Staff Writer

This year's Presidential election has brought four men to the forefront of the Democratic Party. Presidential candidate Howard Dean has faced quite a bit of media scrutiny in the past month, but he remains in the top four.

Dean supports affirmative action, women's rights and wants to expand equal rights to same-sex couples. If elected, he hopes to eliminate workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation, including strengthening federal protections against anti-gay violence and giving federal employees the right to name same-sex partners as beneficiaries. He would also like to remove the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Dean plans to improve student health centers and repeal the tax cuts made by President Bush. If elected Dean also plans to enforce workers protection in federal law and to restore rural America and ensure rural entrepreneurs have access to equity capital.

Dean also plans to establish a

public financing option for all federal elections.

Interesting fact: he has a cancer-surviving three-legged cat named Katie.

Presidential candidate Wesley Clark, former Four Star Army General, would like to secure equal pay for women, for equal work, while increasing penalties for wage discrimination. He takes a pro-choice stance on abortion, and hopes to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Clark would also like to strengthen federal protections against hate crimes and allow same sex couples the right to receive pensions, health insurance, family medical leave and hospital visitation.

He agrees with Dean on issues of the Army's "don't ask, don't tell" policy as well as allowing same-sex couples to name each other as beneficiaries.

Clark plans to invest in school construction while supporting small rural schools. Clark would like to create a local tax rebate fund for \$20 billion per year (or \$40 billion total over the next two years) that would go towards

education.

He plans to create a new health care plan that would cost a net of \$695 billion over the 10 years from 2004 to 2013. He would also provide tax credits to reduce premiums for millions of Americans. Clark would also like to end corporate welfare and close corporate loopholes.

An interesting fact about Clark is how he likes to begin each day with a morning swim.

Presidential candidate John Kerry defends the Violence Against Women Act and a woman's right to choose.

He plans to expand the rights of women in the workplace and, if elected, would guarantee that women would have the ability to go as far as their talents can take them.

Kerry supports civil unions and wants to protect the rights of gay and lesbian families, as well as ending discrimination and prevent hate crimes. Kerry also plans to lift the ban on gays in the military.

Kerry plans to invest in school systems and is proposing a new "Education Trust Fund" that plans to "fully fund education, no

questions asked."

Kerry supports teachers and would like to reduce class sizes and rebuild crumbling schools.

Kerry plans to roll back Bush's tax cuts and move priority to middle class families by bringing back the 3 million jobs that had been lost.

He plans to create new jobs through a new manufacturing jobs credit, investing in new energy industries, restoring technology and stopping education layoffs.

Kerry supports the clean air and water act and also the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Kerry has proposed a health care plan that will expand coverage to 96 percent of Americans, including nearly all children.

Interesting facts about Kerry are that he enjoys riding a Harley and that he likes to windsurf.

John Edwards, from North Carolina, plans to create more job opportunities for middle class Americans by offering a 10 percent tax credit for companies that keep their business within the United States.

He hopes to create new tax credits for working Americans to

buy their first home, save for retirement, or save for a child's education.

If elected, Edwards wants to implement a comprehensive plan to strengthen our schools, support teachers, expand after-school programs, and improve high schools.

He also has offered a plan called "College for Everyone" which would make college tuition free for the first year for every person who is qualified to attend a public college and is willing to work part-time.

In continuing with the ongoing Homeland Defense policies, Edwards plans on overhauling intelligence systems to better track down terrorists as well as strengthening domestic defense.

Edwards would like to see fair admissions to colleges and universities, as well as opposing racial profiling in law enforcement. He is an advocate of women's rights, including fair pay for women and pro-choice.

Senator Edwards and his wife, Elizabeth, whom he met when both were law students at Chapel Hill, were married in 1977. ♦

## Upcoming Events...

**Feb. 4:**

Study Skills workshop with Anita Randolph in UC 312 from noon-12:45 p.m.

**Feb. 5:**

Zeta Phi Beta Spring Interest Meeting in UC 307 at 7:20 p.m.

**Feb. 6:**

Discussion: Driving Miss Daisy in the UC 303 from 2-3 p.m.

**Feb. 7:**

Driving Miss Daisy at the Romy Theater at 8 p.m.

Encore Productions, presents Masquerade, a performance held in Clement Auditorium from 1-5 p.m.

**Feb. 9:**

Let's Learn New Dance Steps! by Student Life in Clement Auditorium from 1-2:30 p.m.

**Feb. 10:**

A Civil Rights Movement film called "A Time for Justice" showing in the African American Cultural Center at 3 p.m.

Colorful Creations presents Tye Dye 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the UC Main Floor - Cafe Lobby

**Feb. 11:**

Friends of Dave Til 7-10 p.m. in the Music Mass Comm Bldg Main Floor Lobby

Victory Campus Ministries is holding a Bible Study from 7-10 p.m. UC 306 Meeting Room

**Feb. 13:**

Zeta Nu offers free refreshments in the Java City lobby from 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Vagina Monologues 12 p.m. in the Clement Auditorium

**Feb. 19:**

Film: "Mighty Times of Rosa Parks" at the African American Cultural Center at 3 p.m.

**Feb. 23:**

Film: "Madea's Class Reunion" shown in Java City at 5 p.m.

## APSU Java City Superbowl XXXVIII



ALICIA MIDDLEBROOK

Java City hosted a Super Bowl party on Sunday night, where pregame activities included a competitive game of paper football.

## Pell Grants saved from chopping block for one more year

By Ryan Floersheim  
Daily Lobo (U. New Mexico)

(U-WIRE) ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — University of New Mexico students who rely on Pell Grants to finance their educations can breathe a sigh of relief — the national program's life has been extended for at least one more year. Congress voted on Jan. 22 to leave the Pell Grant program, designed to support U.S. college students in financial need, untouched for the next fiscal year.

The decision brought relief to the country's college community, which feared several proposed changes Congress was considering would have shifted the formula that determines a student's financial need. More than 85,000 students would have lost their Pell Grant eligibility if the changes were passed,

according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

"This decision should definitely help the students of UNM who rely on this program to fund their educations," said Ron Martinez, director of the

Martinez was like many national lobbyists who voiced their frustration because there was no increase to the \$4,050 maximum Pell Grant allotment, especially when tuition rates have increased nationwide and many institutions have lost state funding.

Becky Timmons, director of public affairs for the American Council of Education, said the unfortunate reality is that college is becoming less and less affordable each year because of cuts in many financial aid programs.

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## Turtle Island performs Valentine's Day, not so classical

Center for Creative Arts and local restaurants host night of dinner and music

By Kalen McElheny  
Features Editor

Austin Peay State University's Center for Excellence for the Creative Arts is holding a Valentine's Day dinner and concert.

Turtle Island String Quartet (TISQ) is a quartet that integrates classic European style with 20th century American popular styles, ranging from folk and bluegrass to bossa nova and salsa.

"Turtle Island dwells in [the frontiers of jazz, bluegrass, world music and even Jimi Hendrix], and stands tradition on its civilized ear," according to People magazine.

David Balakrishnan, co-founder of the quartet, has collaborated with the Modern Jazz Quartet and Manhattan Transfer.

Evan Price, the group's youngest member, has played with such musicians as Stephanie Grappelli and Stevie Wonder and has repeatedly been named Fiddle Champion in

both the USA and Canada.

Danny Seidenberg has worked with Steve Reich and Liza Minnelli and is active in several Early Music ensembles.

Mark Summer has been a member of the Quartet from its inception and is regarded as the outstanding jazz cellist of our time.

On Saturday, Feb. 14, both the Café 541 and The Front Page Deli will be serving dinner at 5:30 p.m.

TISQ will perform after dinner at 7:30 p.m. in APSU's music/mass communication building concert hall.

Tickets for the concert alone are \$25 for adults and \$12 for students.

They are available from 3-6 p.m., Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 11-13 and 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Music Ticket Office located in APSU's music/mass lobby.

A ticket package including dinner at either Café 541 or The Front Page Deli and



Turtle Island, started in 1985, mixes classic European style with 20th century American popular styles, ranging from folk and bluegrass to bossa nova and salsa.

admission to the concert may be purchased for \$40 per person. Reservations are required.

The Front Page Deli is located across from the Roxy Regional Theatre on Franklin Street and The Blackhorse is adjacent to the Front

Page Deli on the same street.

To purchase the ticket package, telephone Café 541 at 551-9955 or The Front Page Deli at 503-0325. For further information, telephone 221-7818.

## Humane Society hosts Valentines Day benefit

By Natalie Gilmore  
Staff Writer

Love is in the air, and on Feb. 13 The Humane Society of Clarksville-Montgomery County is hosting its 2nd Annual Valentines Day Dance Fundraiser from 8 p.m.-12 a.m.

There will be a "Best Pet Photo" contest, a "Snazziest Couple" contest, as well as a "Guess How Many Bones" contest.

There will be door prizes and a silent auction. A ticket drawing will be held for the grand prize of a yellow sapphire and diamond ring worth \$1,000.

"The idea is to get Clarksville-Montgomery County together to support needy animals from the area," said Kara Davis, fundraising coordinator for the Humane Society.

"Guests will have an opportunity to see the pictures of animals that the Humane Society has saved and they will be on the walls of the

ballroom. Guests are invited to bring in pictures of their own pets to enter into our best photo contest."

"We chose Valentine's Day because of the fact that many people want something fun and different to do around the Valentine's holiday, and this gives them a chance to have a great time while supporting homeless animals," said Davis.

The ticket sales for this event will go towards funding four programs under the Humane Society, which are Spay Neuter Assistance, Clarksville Animal Welfare Assistance Services, Anti-Tethering and Chaining, and Shelter and Rescue Support.

The dance gives opportunity to become sponsors, door prize donors, and silent auction donors that can help build up community service.

Many sororities and fraternities of Austin Peay State University have helped the Humane

Society in the past.

"We are taking two different kinds of sponsors - door prize sponsors, who can donate a gift certificate to their business, an item from their business, or cash and a top sponsor, who donates \$200 or more," said Davis.

"Last year we raised \$10,000. We hope to meet this goal and possibly exceed it this year," said Davis.

Tickets are \$30 per person, which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, tea, coffee, and cash bar available.

"After the business donates more than \$200 they receive media publicity on the programs at the dance, a banner that hangs at the dance thanking top sponsors, and a follow-up ad in the Leaf-Chronicle thanking sponsors," said Davis.

"On the tickets there is a tear off portion to enter your name into the drawing pile for the

beautiful ring from Sites Jewelers as well as any other door prize items."

Twenty-five to thirty tickets will be available for purchase at the door for people who choose to attend that night. These tickets will cost the same, but cannot be reserved.

For the Grand Prize there will be a drawing Sites Jewelers, who are one of many of the Humane Society's sponsors, donated the main door prize of the \$1000 ring.

They will have live music by The Beagles as well as DJ Lee Erwin from 5 Star Radio on the turntables.

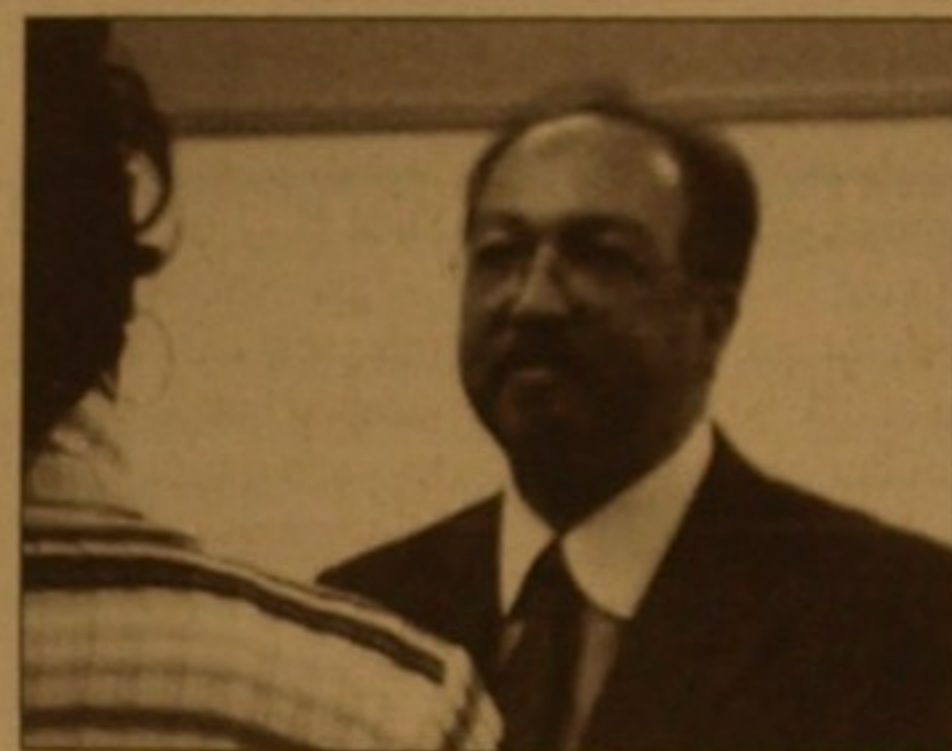
Tony Goodwin of Magic Moments Photography will be taking pictures from 8-9 p.m.

Tickets are available at Sites Jewelers located at 2605 Wilma Rudolph Blvd.

For more information about the dance, contact Kara Davis at (931) 358-3561 or e-mail her at [humanesocietyfundraiser@yahoo.com](mailto:humanesocietyfundraiser@yahoo.com).



## African American Cultural Center kicks off Black History Month.



CHERYL HUNTER-GRAHAM/STAFF

Guest speaker Joseph Fisher, assistant commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Education, talks with Caryn Darwin after giving a talk on the lasting benefits of Brown v. Board of Education, Monday. The AACC is hosting many events in February to celebrate Black History.

## Career services prepares job seekers

Students learn many important interviewing and resume skills

By Whitney Joy  
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's Career Services office is holding workshops on resume writing and interview skills to prepare students prepared for this step into the job world.

High school students anticipate graduation day, often because that day is one step towards freedom and college life.

The four years at college quickly come to an end and then it's time to step into the job world. For people fresh out of college this can often be a scary time.

Career Services is aiding students who have recently begun their job search.

Graduate students Stephanie Spradlin and Mara Wright are conducting these two workshops.

"Resume writing and interview skills are important for students. When they first get into the job market they are inexperienced in these categories. Our goal is to help them," said Wright.

These workshops are recommended for students who are graduating soon, but other interested students are welcome to attend.

"I know that when I graduated I didn't know how to write a resume. It's often hard for students to write a resume, but it's very important for a student to promote themselves," said Wright.

"It can be nerve-racking, but try to be prepared and have a plan before you graduate. I suggest that you have a resume prepared by the beginning of your last semester."

For those interested in attending these workshops contact career services at 221-7896.

## Student Tribunal is looking for Associate Justices!

Students wishing to serve on Student Tribunal as an Associate Justice must have attained a 2.5 GPA and reached Sophomore Status based upon hours completed. Applications can be picked up in the Student Affairs Office, UC Room 206, or the SGA Office, UC Room 216 and will be accepted up through February 16. If you have questions please contact Ashley Watson, Chief Justice, at [sgacj@apsu.edu](mailto:sgacj@apsu.edu), or call 221-7262.

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## Theatre highlights...

By Shaun Copelin  
Staff Writer

### DRIVING MISS DAISY

Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer Prize winning play "Driving Miss Daisy" will be performed at the Roxy theatre this month. The play takes place around 1948 and examines the unlikely relationship between Daisy, an elderly white female and her black male chauffeur.

"Driving Miss Daisy" opens Feb. 5 at the Roxy Regional Theatre and runs until Feb. 21. Production times are 7 p.m. on Feb. 5, 12 and 19; 8 p.m. Feb. 6, 7, 13, 20 and 21; and 2 p.m. on the Feb. 5, 18.

Ticket prices are \$7 for students, \$11 for seniors and \$13 for adults. The Roxy is also offering a Valentine's Day special production that includes a limo ride and dinner at the Rose Garden; contact the Roxy at (931) 645-7699 for more information.

### THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

The Women's Studies department will be performing Eve Ensler's "Vagina Monologues". The Vagina Monologues is a play composed of stories from females that explore a woman's sexuality, intimacy and self-discovery.

This play is being performed as part of the V-Day movement, which is a movement that fights violence against women. It will be performed in the Clement Auditorium on February 13th at 12 p.m. and February 16th at 7 p.m.

## African American Cultural Center...

### AFRICAN ENSEMBLE, PEASOUP

By Kalen McElheny  
Features Editor

African Resurrection, an African dance ensemble from Baltimore will perform at Austin Peay State University as part of African American History Month.

The performance will take place in the African American Cultural Center at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The group was founded to promote authentic West African art forms as vehicles of cultural expression.

African Resurrection bases its program of traditional dance, drum and folklore on the concept of Sankofa, meaning, "We go back and reclaim our past so we can move forward; so we understand why we have come to be who we are today."

PeaSoup Open Mic Night will follow at 8 p.m., a forum that allows all participants an opportunity to express themselves through words, rhythm and sounds.

Both events are free and open to the public.

For complete information regarding these and all other African American History Month events, log on to [www.apsu.edu/aacc](http://www.apsu.edu/aacc), or telephone 221-7120.



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Back on a roll

Lady Gavs post three-game win streak



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Lady Gavs are co-leaders in the OVC sharing the title with Jacksonville State. Currently both teams stand at 7-1. The two face each other for the first this Thursday, Feb. 5, in the Dunn Center with the winner being able to claim the top spot in the conference.

By Matthew Heiss  
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's head women's Coach Andy Blackston was faced with much adversity going into his first game against Tennessee State but was able to coach his team to a win last Thursday night at the Howard C. Gentry complex.

With only eight healthy players for the game and one on the bench with flu like symptoms Coach Blackston and his staff had to carefully plan the 74-58 win over TSU.

With sophomore Ashley Haynes missing her first start in her career with an ankle injury and senior Gerlonda Hardin playing with flu the Lady Gavs had to look to the bench for some help.

Carden Cobb came off the bench and dropped in 10 points of her own while going 5-8 shooting in 33 minutes of playing time. Kara Bergeron contributed 14 points while going 4 of 12 from beyond the arc. For the second straight game Jessica Grayson added eight points. Seeing her long awaited court action Barb Schlarmann played a total of five minutes and added in a bucket of her own.

"I wasn't extremely pleased with how we played," said coach Blackston. "I thought we could have played a lot better. It's a good wakeup call for us. We can't

mess around and let people get back into the game."

With 13 turnovers in the second half the Lady Gavs toyed with the Lady Tigers by letting them back to within nine points.

"I don't think we really played well, and we kind of played to their level," sophomore Kera Bergeron said. "We really didn't step up and play like we did at Tech."

To start off the game TSU jumped out in front with a 7-6 lead on the Lady Gavs and with 8:15 left in the half the Lady Gavs went up 15-12. They ended the first half with Austin Peay 36 and Tennessee State 21.

In the second half TSU started to claw their way back into the game but Hardin jumped back into the game and scored the next 6 of her teams eight points. When it was all over Hardin finished the game with 28 points in 31 minutes of play.

"I just kept telling myself, 'For my teammates, for my teammates. I got to do it,'" said Hardin.

"She has a lot of heart," said Blackston. "I think she is a warrior."

After having a week off the ladies will continue their season at home against Jacksonville State, the co-leaders in the OVC, Feb. 5 in the Dunn Center. ♦



FILE PHOTO

Brooke Armistead, who graduated last Spring with a Health and Human Performance degree, will be the first female APSU athlete to have her number retired. The ceremony will take place between the Men and Women's home games on Saturday Feb. 7.

## Look for number 10 to hit the walls

Armistead APSU's first female athlete to have number retired

By Matthew Heiss  
Staff Writer

As she stands in the middle of the court watching her number 10 jersey join the other six jerseys, Brooke Armistead will have nothing but memories running through her mind.

Between the Lady Gavs and the Gavs basketball games against Samford on Saturday, Feb. 7, Armistead, family, and friends will watch the number 10 join other Austin Peay State University greats such as former football stars John Ogles (#30) and Harold "Red" Roberts (#84), men's basketball standouts Tom Morgan (#52), Howard Wright (#30), Charles "Bubba" Wells (#13) and most recent Trent Hassell (#44).

Armistead will become the first female in the school's history to be honored by retiring her number but that was not the reason she was chosen.

"Brooke wasn't chosen for this honor because she is female. But she is the first female honored and I don't think we could ask for a more accomplished student-athlete," said APSU athletic director Dave Loos.

"I think all the honors and achievements Brooke has made over the years with the women's basketball program will speak for themselves."

## Armistead's Accomplishments

In her senior year, Armistead averaged 20.9 points per game to help the Lady Gavs to a 27-4 record including 22 straight victories.

She also helped lead the Lady Gavs to three straight OVC championships.

Finished her career with 2,508 points, which is the current standing record at APSU.

She became the first OVC player to be drafted into the WNBA.

Armistead also achieved conference glory being named OVC "Freshman of the Year", OVC "Female Athlete of the Year", and OVC MVP.

For her GPA, Armistead received the Governors Club Academic Achievement Award for the highest GPA of a graduating senior.

As a senior, Armistead averaged 20.9 points per game to help the Lady Gavs to a 27-4 record including 22 straight victories. She also played a role in the Lady Gavs earning three straight OVC Championships and earning them the name "Three Peayters."

Armistead finished her career with 2,508 points, which is the current standing record at Austin Peay State University. She was on track to break the OVC record of 2,526 had it not

been for an unfortunate head injury causing her to miss three games. In her final game as a Lady Gov, Armistead scored 30 points against North Carolina in the Lady Gavs heartbreaking NCAA tourney loss.

"I don't think I have ever seen a young lady who had the knack to score like she did," said Loos. "There were so many times I thought she had dribbled herself into trouble but she always found a way to finish the play."

In addition to her scoring achievement, she became the first OVC player to be drafted into the WNBA. Other achievements include OVC "Freshman of the Year", OVC "Female Athlete of the Year", and OVC MVP. Her off court achievements include a Health and Human Performance degree from APSU with a 3.85 GPA. For her GPA she received the Governors Club Academic Achievement Award for the highest GPA of a graduating senior.

"The one thing I have always liked about Brooke was the fact that through all of her achievement she has remained a nice and humble person," said Loos.

The ceremony will take place between the Women's and Men's games on Saturday Feb. 7 at the Dunn Center. ♦

## APSU to induct two into Hall of Fame

By Matthew Heiss  
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University Athletic Hall of Fame will grow to 79 members on Feb. 14. How sweet it will be when one of football's greatest linebackers and one of baseball's best infielders are inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Both Eddie Walls, a former first-team All Ohio Valley Conference pick in the mid 1980's and honorable mention All-American, and Nate Manning a former OVC "Player of the Year" award winner and professional baseball player will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at a breakfast ceremony to take place in the Dunn Center lobby on February 14.

During halftime of the 7:30 men's game later that night the two men will be honored again for their great accomplishments and contributions to their respective departments.

Walls was a four-year letterman recipient (1983-86) and a linebacker back when APSU was known in the OVC for their defense. He recorded 57 tackles during his freshman year as a reserve linebacker and key special teams performer. During his sophomore year he was limited to only five games after suffering a back

injury. A year later, his junior year he put 64 tackles in the record books for the Peay before suffering a knee injury with four games left in the season.

Walls finished his career with a team-high 146 tackles, the second most in APSU history. Walls was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week after his 17 dominating tackles against MTSU (the last time APSU beat MTSU).

After college he was signed as a free agent by the New York Giants before experiencing a career-ending knee injury. But Walls was not the only APSU Athletic Hall of Fame recipient to turn professional after his days at the Peay.

Former APSU third baseman, Nate Manning took pleasure in his sport both defensively and offensively. His first year on the team Manning was played sparingly. It was not until his sophomore season that he really began to shine with a batting average of .288 and 15 doubles, three triples, four home runs, and 43 RBI's, the young third baseman was on his way to APSU history. His defensive work in an extra-inning OVC tourney game against OVC rival Murray State made his name even more known around

the OVC.

His junior year was pretty much the same with a batting average of .288 but the 6-2 205 lbs athlete began to develop his speed as he attempted to steal 16 bases and was successful 12 times. That season the Gavs ended the season with an impressive 44-22 record, a school best and both OVC regular season co-champs and OVC tourney champs. This also led to the programs only NCAA Tourney appearance.

Manning's senior year proved to be the most memorable as many times it was his late-game big hits that won the game for the Gavs.

He capped off his senior year with one of the longest home runs in Gavs history. He put Clarksville on the map during the NCAA Play-In series helping the Gavs earn a trip to the NCAA tourney for the first time.

After his senior year Manning was drafted to the MLB where he played for both the Chicago Cubs and Minnesota Twins. There he played professionally for a total of five seasons before retiring after the 2000 season.

If you are interested in attending the breakfast please contact Tara Pfeiffer at the APSU athletics office. (931) 221-7903. ♦

## Still time to sign up for spring intramural events

All dates are subject to change, check with the Intramural department of University

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Event	Deadline	Begins	Entry Fee	Participant's Meeting	Official's Training
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Badminton League	March 1 6pm	March 8 5pm	\$3/Team	March 4 5pm	None
Softball League	March 15 6pm	March 29 5pm	\$20/Team	March 18 5pm	March 16 & 17 6-8pm
Bowling League	April 5 6pm	April 12 5pm	TBD	April 7 5pm	None
Water Basketball	April 5 6pm	April 12 5:30pm	\$20/Team	April 7 5:30pm	April 6 & 7 6-8pm
Road Race	April 12 6pm	April 17 5:30pm	TBD	April 15 5:30pm	None
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# No sign of slowing down

## Govs' finish off January with 9-0 streak intact beating Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State

By Matthew Heiss  
Staff Writer

The Austin Peay State University Men's basketball program went in the Tennessee State University's Gentry Center looking to extend their 15 game winning streak and that is exactly what they did last Thursday night. The Govs, knocking off the 4-14 TSU Tigers, the Govs continued to prove they own the Ohio Valley Conference with a 65-54 win.

"Austin Peay is a good team and they are well-coached," said Cy Alexander. "They have been there, they understand what you have to do to win."

This is Alexander's first season as TSU head coach and he hopes to build the type of program already in place here at APSU.

"Hopefully we are building this type of program to one day get it to that point," said Alexander.

The Tigers came out of the gates early to take it to the Govs 12-5 with 13:55 remaining in the half. It also did not help the Govs to go 1 of 6 from the arc and beyond. Taking note that his offense was not going to keep in the game

Coach Dave Loos lit the fire to start the defense and just like that the Govs were back in the game.

"We extended and we went into our press, and that really helped us because we were not shooting the ball again," said Loos.

"When we went into our press, it created some easy opportunities for us and kind of got us going a little bit."

By the end of the game the Govs had a total of nine steals and used a lot of the steals for breakaway dunks. The dunks in turn got the Peay fans pumped up creating what Coach Loos and his

staff refer to as the sixth man.

"A dunk really gets the crowd pumped," said Sophomore Brandon Evers. "When you see one in a game you just can't help but feel like you are in the game."

After Austin Peay guard Anthony Davis dropped in a 3 of his own with only 6:11 left in the game the Govs never trailed again.

"That is just our trademark," said APSU guard Corey Gibson. "It's just like nitro. We know when we have to kick it in. Then when we kick it in, we know if it is working stay with it, and that is the reason why we are so successful right now."

When the Govs were not dunking or dropping 3 pointers in they were working the ball into their senior center Josh Lewis.

Lewis not only scored 12 points and had nine rebounds he followed his stats up with six blocked shots.

"He makes you recognize that there is a shot blocker in there," said Alexander.

Anthony Davis lead the way with 19 points and Adrian Henning followed up with 15 of his own points and seven rebounds.

The Govs will attempt to continue the streak to 16 when they play Jacksonville State Thursday night in the Dunn center.

Junior guard Anthony Davis averaged 15 points and 6.5 rebounds a game last week and became the 24th APSU player to top 1,000 career points. Davis now joins Govs senior forward Adrian Henning as the second Gov to reach that milestone this season.

APSU shot a season-high 54.2 percent from the field in the first half of the TTU contest, marking the first time this year the Govs had converted more than 50 percent of their first-half field goal attempts against an OVC opponent.

The Govs' nine-game win streak currently ranks 10th-best in the nation, and their 21-game win streak at home is sixth nationally.

This upcoming week APSU puts both records on the line as they defend the Dunn Center against Jacksonville State, February 5, and Samford, Feb. 7.

The Govs beat Jacksonville State back on Jan. 3 with a final score of 76-58, but have yet to play the Samford squad. Both Jacksonville State and Samford recently beat Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois. ♦



The Govs currently hold the 10th best win streak in the nation and manage to lead the OVC with an undefeated record this season.

## TRACK AND FIELD

## Up and running

### Lady Govs take third place at Quad meet

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This past weekend the Lady Govs Track and Field team traveled to Eastern Illinois University to compete in a Quad meet.

The Lady Govs competed in 15 indoor activities and finished in third place with 75 points behind only EIU and Northern Illinois. "We did well," said Coach Yvonne Lowe, the Track and Field head coach.

Sherlonda Johnson, a top performer this season, completed the Winning

Women's Triple jump continuing her great indoor season. The Triple jump has height of 56'00.25 inches. She also finished second in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.79 seconds.

Felicia James, a junior mile distance runner from St. Louis who has previously run the season's best in the 800-meter finished the EIU 800-meter a time of 2:20:66.

"I am pleased at how we did," said Lowe, "we will keep running up." ♦

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