



## Follett bookstore under review by students and faculty

By CHERYL HUNTER-GRAH  
Editor in chief

Austin Peay State University faculty and students have complaints about the campus bookstore and the Follett chain owning APSU's bookstore. On Feb. 29 Faculty Senate meeting, President Tim Winters asked that the bookstore reflect the senate as a whole and approved of how the campus bookstore is managed. It was also reported in the Faculty Senate meeting that Follett, the national chain owning APSU's bookstore, when ordering books will automatically cut the

number of books faculty ordered in half.

But Follett spokesperson Cliff Ewert said this suggestion isn't true. "The managers receive information and order accordingly," he said.

"We have made a commitment to APSU. Our goal is to have books on the shelves that students need in the quantities they need them," said Ewert. "We even try to save students money, 14 percent of our sales this semester were from used books."

Ewert added that sometimes order numbers are adjusted downward or upward according to class size history.

"I don't quite understand that explanation," said Michael Schnell, APSU English professor.

"My two English 2040 classes have an enrollment cap of 25," he said. "I actually overenrolled both by two, so I ordered 55 books. The first week of class, 18 of my students were unable to buy books."

This is a class that always meets its cap. It is a core requirement for students. I don't remember this class ever not being full."

Some faculty are getting different information. "I understand that they are very concerned about sending

books back to the publisher," said Nanci Woods, APSU psychology professor. "They order off of pre-registration numbers. They need to order the number of books the class is capped at."

"I have one graduate level class that meets once a week. By the time I knew there was a problem with students getting books we were two weeks into class," said Woods.

Some professors also claim that even though texts are listed as recommended, they never recommend them.

"Never in my 11 years of teaching

here at Austin Peay State University have I recommended the study guide for my class. And yet every year it is listed that way in the bookstore," said Woods. "[The study guide] doesn't even show up on my book order."

Karen Sorenson, an APSU French professor said, "This is the second semester in a row that French 1010 and 1020 textbook orders were confused. Recommended books were listed as required and required books were listed as recommended."

"The book representative that I dealt with gave me a package deal that shaved off some of the price and then

the bookstore ordered the books separately so the savings were lost," added Sorenson.

Ewert said the bookstore is unable to comment on this situation because of corporate policy.

Many professors are wondering if they need to start adjusting their syllabuses to allow for the time required to make sure all of their students have books on time.

Students are also wondering how to deal with the shortage.

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## Clark campaign comes to Clarksville

Clarksville residents turn out to listen to views

By MELINDA SIMMONS  
News Editor

Democratic nominee Gen. Wesley Clark spoke to Clarksvillians at the Public Library Wednesday, Feb. 4. Although Clark arrived two hours late he turned out for more than 500 supporters who awaited his arrival. Clark is running for the Democratic candidacy for president along with Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.), Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Rev. Al Sharpton.

"We stopped counting after 500, we tried to get everyone registered but it got crazy for awhile," Melissa Poe, campaigner and volunteer for Clark's campaign said.

While awaiting Clark's arrival, Poe told the story of why she got on the campaign trail. She talked about how she got started in politics when she was 9 years old and wrote President George H. Bush about pollution. Poe then introduced her grandfather who was a veteran along with much of the audience Wednesday night.

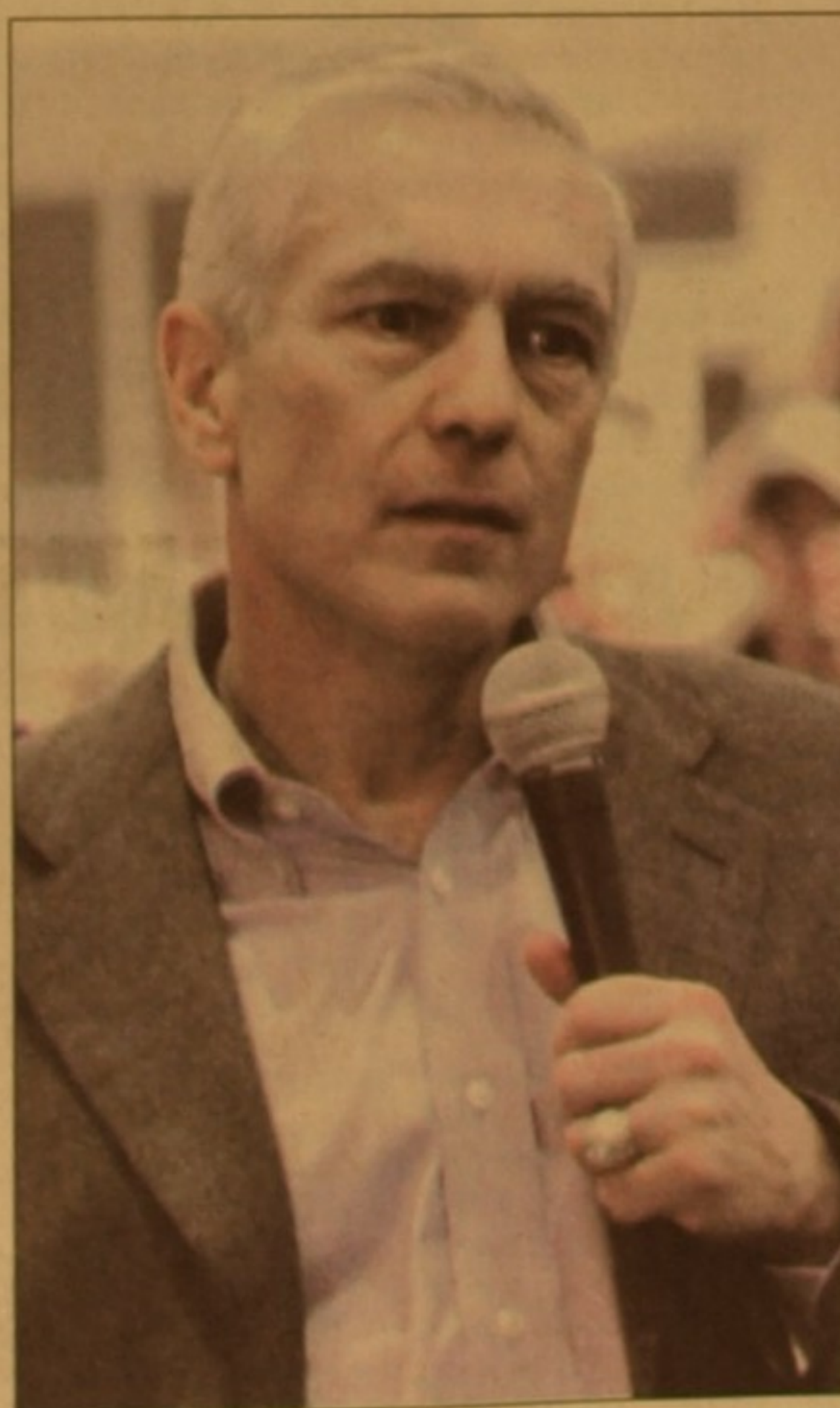
Clark opened by introducing his wife, Gert and talking about his marriage, children and experience in Vietnam. Clark concentrated on the fact that he, himself was a veteran and an "outsider" in Washington.

"I'm going to be president of the United States, I want to bring a higher standard of leadership to America," Clark said. Clark also said he thought the country needed leadership that would know what is good for America as a whole and not be driven by special interests.

"I'm not running to bash President Bush, I'm running because we can do better. I want to replace him," Clark said.

Clark stated he has never run for an elected office before and he was drafted into the campaign. He told stories about Vietnam and stories about his life before he became a four star general.

When discussing the war in Iraq, Clark said, "...it was a mistake and I'm going to hold George W. Bush accountable."



LOISE MORALES/CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Over 500 locals turned out last week to see Gen. Wesley Clark speak at Montgomery County Public Library. Clark arrived two hours late, not losing more than 20 visitors due to his late arrival, according to fellow campaigners Wednesday night.

Clark; "I'm not here to bash Bush, I want to replace him"

By ROBERT BUTLER  
Staff Writer

Gen. Wesley Clark (D-Ark.) came to Clarksville's local library last Wednesday. Clark spoke for about 45 minutes and took questions about where he stands on the issues. Clark spoke about all the possible issues ranging from abortion to the PATRIOT Act. Clark spoke about how he grew (in a middle class family from Arkansas, and his military experience, and he told the crowd a story about how he earned his Purple Heart for being shot in Vietnam. Clark also explained that he "was not running for president to bash President George W. Bush, but to bring change to policies in America."

**Economy**—Clark first spoke about the deficit; which he calls his "Saving for America's Future Plan," in which he plans to save \$2.35 trillion over 10 years to reduce the deficit each and every year and invest in other priorities such as health care. He said, "that his plan saves money by streamlining government and making it more efficient cutting corporate welfare, promoting a more effective and multilateral Iraq policy, and recapturing revenue from those provisions of President Bush's tax cuts that go to families making more than \$200,000 per year annually. In other words people who make over \$200,000 will not receive a tax cut."

**Homeland security**—Clark said he forgot more about Homeland Security than Bush ever knew. Clark said also that he has a Job Creation Plan which includes a two-year, \$40 billion Homeland Security Fund that will be used, in part to increase border security through training and equipment for customs and Coast Guard. Clark would also work with other governments toward accomplishing shared objectives so that people who cross the border are prepared, screened, safe and not

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## LART 1000 added to student core

By LAUREN MABON  
Staff Writer

Beginning next fall, all incoming freshmen at Austin Peay State University will be required to enroll in LART 1000 (Liberal Arts in the University), a one hour course designed to improve student success and retention.

The one semester course was approved by the University-Level Curriculum Committee. There will be two classes per week, one lecture and one lab.

According to bulletin description, "the course provides students with the foundations for a successful collegiate experience by integrating an introduction to the liberal arts with an orientation to university expectations. Major emphasis is given to meaning, values, and goals of a liberal education. Aspects related to the liberal arts will include academic and career planning, information literacy, successful studying, and integration into campus life."

Approximately 100 students were enrolled in the pilot course last fall. Each student filled out questionnaires regarding the success of the course for evaluation.

Any student who does not meet academic requirements for regular admission will be required to participate in Bridge Program in the fall to address skills needed for success in college; linked to LART 1000.

According to Dr. Bruce Speck, vice president of Academic Affairs, freshmen enrolled in the course will walk away with a greater sense of responsibility for their education. "We want students to map out a four year plan. LART 1000 is a university requirement that will help students to understand the importance of advising as well as get a feel of the APSU climate in terms of how students and professors operate," he said.

According to the New Course Form, topics covered in the course include:

- Introduction to academic disciplines
- Understanding and appreciation of the arts and sciences
- Ethics, personal responsibility, and citizenship
- Academic career planning
- Academic research and documentation
- University programs and services
- Academic advisement
- Academic, service, and social organizations

According to Dr. Harriett McQueen, director of Academic Support, the number of students in attendance in the fall drops dramatically for the spring semester. "With the recognition that our society is dependent on people having a higher level of education at the state level and at the national level, retention has become a real focus. The time when the university is more likely to lose students is after the first semester of their freshmen year," she said.

Many students tend to get frustrated with navigating the academic system. "APSU has the worst retention rate of the four year public universities in Tennessee. The question we ask ourselves is 'what do freshmen need to know and be able to do in order to succeed at the university?' This is why LART 1000 was implemented," said McQueen.

"We are currently working with Department Chairs to recruit faculty members to teach the course. About 35 faculty members will be needed," McQueen said.

A Core Retention Team was appointed by Dr. Speck in October. The team met regularly to discuss research regarding retention, interact with those on campus who are engaged in initiatives that are retention related, study data provided by Greg Schutz, director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness and Lori Buchanan, professor of Library Administration and make recommendations for action.

LART 1000 is not just another course added to curriculum. It is one major component in the Freshmen Year Experience. The Freshmen Year Experience program (FYE) is a display of interventions that enable freshmen to navigate the academic system. Advising and monitoring of academic progress are key issues within FYE. Each first-time full-time freshman will be noted on class rolls.

An FYE Planning Team has been appointed and will participate in the 25th annual FYE

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## New Support Center offers new name and changes

Melinda Simmons  
Staff Writer

During the first week of February, a total of 280 students, including some from Fort Campbell, received a total of 200 hours in tutoring services provided by the Academic Support Center.

AUCIA MIDDLEBROOK/STAFF  
Julie Thomas, APSU graduate student, gives B.J. Matlock, Biology major, advice in the Support Center computer lab.

served by the Academic Support Center has "increased significantly since the center has moved back [to

the Morgan University Center] this semester."

McQueen sees this increase as an encouraging sign. Because the center is partially funded by student access fees, McQueen feels that, in a sense, it belongs to the students, and she would like to see them take full advantage of what the center has to offer.

The purpose of the center is to provide students with academic support through tutoring, supplemental instruction, and computer access. Tutors are screened and chosen with care. They are awarded a scholarship, and must maintain a cumulative GPA on which that award is based. "Tutors may only tutor in those courses in which they completed with a grade of A or B.

Exceptions must be approved by the director. Tutors are required to sign and adhere to the Confidentiality Agreement in accordance with APSU Policy 3.024. Tutors are expected to be dependable and prompt. "Two unexcused absences will result in dismissal as a tutor; the scholarship may be charged to the tutor's account."

Tutors are advised to help foster a sense of independence in the student. They are not allowed to "do" the work for the student, nor do they have a responsibility to make up for instruction missed by a student because of absenteeism. Tutors are not allowed to type papers or provide books or materials to the student. All

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# From the Chief... Lack of Internet safety can byte you

By Eric Provost  
APSU Police Chief

Not all people my age are truly aware of just how much the Internet has become a way-of-life for today's generation. Fortunately (did I say that?) I have three teenagers who have "schooled" me on this culture. Recently I asked for a show of hands from a group of students, as to how many had five or more Internet "identities," or screen names, on two or more service providers. Over half of the group raised their hand. However, my experience is that y'all are a lot more savvy now, than when this phenomenon first exploded on the scene. That's a good thing, because there have been a number of infamous, internet-related tragedies, including at least one that touched Austin Peay State University.



Provost

In 1996, an APSU student named Penny Williams decided to consummate an internet relationship, and secretly drove to Louisiana to meet her suitor. Shortly thereafter, police in Texas stopped a man named Ross for an unrelated violation. As police approached, Ross shot himself in his car. Penny Williams' body was found in the trunk, also the victim of a shooting.

This might help explain to the female, resident student last semester why, as a major Internet user, when she departed for several days without telling her family nor anyone at APSU where she went, that we opened a major, multi-state investigation. Ironically, we were able to determine through the same technology, that she was safe and sound. In fact, through tracking electronic addresses and locations, we ended up with a digital image of her using a computer to check her various email accounts—from a university library in Georgia.

The moral of the story: Let people

know where you are or who you are with, or—trust me—you're going to have more people looking for you than you want. And of course, if you're going to meet someone for the first time, do it in a public place. Dangers still lurk on the Internet. Beware. ♦

## Campus Crime

1-24-04 1:41 a.m. Blount Hall  
Harassment  
1-28-04 4:08 p.m. Bookstore  
Theft from building  
1-28-04 8:08 p.m. Sevier Hall  
Harassment  
1-7-04 8:40 p.m. Hand Village  
Drug/Narcotic violation  
1-12-04 12:35 p.m. Ellington Hall  
Theft from a building  
1-20-04 4:38 p.m. Music Mass  
Comm. Theft from a building  
1-23-04 10:20 p.m. Sevier Hall  
Intimidation  
1-28-04 1:52 p.m. Memorial Health  
Theft from a building

# SGA digs in to new semester

Tamira Cole  
Guest Writer

Austin Peay State University's Student Government Association held its open forum at noon last Wednesday, in the Morgan University Center focusing on current academic changes, program alternatives and upcoming budget cuts.

President Sherry Hoppe, Bruce Speck, vice-president of Student Affairs, Joe Filipp, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs and other faculty members spoke on the changes occurring in required credit hours, budget cuts, tuition increases, the HOPE lottery scholarship and program alternatives.

"I found the information that the administration provided during the SGA Open Forum extremely informative and valuable," said Chief Justice Ashley Watson.

"The new hourly changes taking place will affect both current and future students of Austin Peay," she

said. "It was also exciting to hear that renovations will be taking place in both McCord and the Armory, and that an even better fitness center is in the near future. I think students will be satisfied with the new changes that are coming our way."

President Gavin Roark continued the meeting with an update about the SGA retreat which was held Jan. 30-31. The retreat gave SGA members and opportunity to express what was on their minds and began thinking about the future of SGA.

"During the retreat I found out we didn't have enough knowledge to do what we wanted to do," said Jennifer Price, SGA senator. "And as we gathered together for yet another SGA session, we really found the true meaning of 'knowledge is power.'"

SGA, along with advisors Andy Kean, University Center director, Barbara Phillips, assistant vice president of student affairs and facilitator Sean Castlebury have begun

committee work on improving SGA and its purpose.

SGA members were assigned to one of three committees during the retreat: Purpose- Bruce Anderson, Orientation and Transition- Jennifer Price and Nikki Deason and Strategic Planning- Jesse Trout.

Open forums are held the first Wednesday of every month and all students, faculty and administration are invited.

Regular SGA meetings are held every Wednesday in UC room 306 at noon. Applications are now available in the SGA office UC room 206, for students interested in serving as an Associate Justice on the Student Tribunal. Potential members must have sophomore standing and a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Application deadline is Feb. 20.

For more information on SGA or a tribunal position contact Gavin Roark at sgapres@apsu.edu or Ashley Watson at sgacj@apsu.edu. ♦

# Support Center: Academic help is here

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tutoring sessions must be held in the Academic Support Center.

Students are asked to take responsibility for arriving for tutoring sessions on time and coming prepared with books, materials, notes, homework, and course syllabus.

Students are requested to give 24 hours notice if they cannot make a session. If students miss two sessions without proper notification, they risk losing tutoring services for the semester.

To receive tutoring services, students are required to have a current student identification card. Students must swipe this card each time they enter and leave the center. This provides a record of the number of students being serviced and the number of hours of instruction.

These totals are further broken down into number of students per course, and total hours per course. Records are also kept on the number of students lost per week due to excessive absences, withdrawal of student from a course, and students not requiring continued tutoring. This information is provided to McQueen by tutor coordinators in weekly reports.

Although the center offers tutoring in all core courses and most of the lower division courses, the "greatest demand is for DSP math and college algebra," said McQueen. If students have a need to address problems other than those regarding courses for which they are being tutored, they can be referred to the

appropriate office to receive help.

A new approach in helping identify students that are experiencing academic difficulties is a system of early alert. "This system provides faculty with a way to give students a nudge," said McQueen. Faculty members are encouraged to identify at-risk students and refer those students to the center. Faculty may fill out a student referral form identifying the behavior that points to a need for intervention, and may also make recommendations as to the type of intervention he/she feels might be appropriate.

According to McQueen, upon receiving a referral, the center contacts the student and sets up an individual appointment with a tutor coordinator.

The coordinators are familiar with the credentials of tutors and which tutors would best fulfill the student's need. Options are discussed and, if the student agrees, services are arranged.

A report is sent to the referring faculty member, informing him/her of the action taken. McQueen is hopeful that this early alert system will be a way to reach students before problems become too serious.

McQueen invites anyone interested in becoming a tutor to come by the center and fill out an application. Students who feel they would benefit from tutoring services are encouraged to visit the center and discuss available options.

The center is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fridays, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saturdays, 9 - 11 a.m., and Sundays, 4

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exploited by either side.

**Health Care**-Clark responded that "he believes that Americans ought to be able to purchase safe, low-cost prescription drugs from Canada, subject to appropriate safeguards."

Clark went on to say that America's seniors need and deserve a comprehensive, meaningful and affordable prescription drug benefit through Medicare. Clark also said, "he favors a drug bill that strengthens Medicare instead of undermining it by forcing seniors into HMO's."

**Iraq Resolution**-Clark had plenty to say about this issue. He said that "he believes in supporting the troops, but he also believed Congress neglected its oversight role by failing to demand that the Administration provide a concrete success strategy to justify its \$87 billion request."

Clark said he "opposes granting the Administration a blank check to continue these failures." He said that it is "bad for troops and does little to advance America's goals in Iraq." Clark said that he "would be prepared to provide substantial funds for reconstruction

pursuant to his strategy for Iraq," and of course would want to make sure that American forces have the funding and equipment they need to perform their mission.

**Abortion**- Prompted by an audience member's question, "What would he do about abortion?" He said "that it is a tough, moral, issue."

He went on to explain that it is a matter of privacy for women and their doctors, not government and politicians.

He said that he "opposes the legislation signed by Bush which outlaws a safe and sometimes medically needed procedure, even in circumstances where women will suffer serious harm to their health."

**Patriot Act**- Clark was asked where he stood on this issue. Clark answered by saying if he is president he will call on Congress to fully review each provision of the Act, and study the ways each has been used, and eliminate provisions that threaten our civil liberties."

**Education**- An APSU student asked Clark, "What he would do to help high school graduates from low income families to get into college." He responded, "he will present a plan that will give those students a grant for \$6,000 per semester." ♦

# LART 1000: New core requirement for students

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Conference in Dallas Feb. 20-24. The team consists of: Barbara Phillips and Barbara Blackston of Student Affairs, Gina Barber of the APSU library, Kell Black and Susan Calovini of the College of Arts and Letters, Robert Robison of the College of Science and Mathematics, Susan Koch of the College of Professional Programs and Psychology and Harriett McQueen of Academic Support.

Under the new Early Alert System, freshmen who receive a D or F at mid-term or are on the FA/FN list will be contacted by the Academic Support Committee and required to attend an individual appointment. "The Early Alert System provides faculty with the opportunity to give new students a nudge if they are in need of academic support. Students referred by professors will receive recommendations for tutoring or counseling if necessary," said McQueen.

According to Academic Support, potential barriers to retention of students include:

- Lack of money to pay for college
- Inability to understand written and oral communication
- Lack of skills needed for success in college (study skills, test taking skills, note taking skills, etc.)
- Not attending classes
- Dissatisfaction with campus life
- Homesickness for family and/or friends
- Lack of time management skills
- Changing majors well into the college career
- Work and family responsibilities
- Personal or family problems
- Not enough classes offered to complete the degree of the students interest
- Poor quality of classroom and resources (technology or seating)
- Lack of faculty interaction with students, both in and outside the classroom
- Lack of tutors and other forms of academic support
- Burnout, taking too long to get a degree because of burnout

# Bookstore: Faculty Senate discusses problems

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"It took four weeks to get my 'Women in the Law' book," said, Nicole Sippell, a junior political science major. "Every time I went and checked on the book, they would just give me another day to come back and check and now I am four weeks behind."

Not all students, however, are having such problems. "I didn't have problems, but I went early, maybe before other people had bought their books," said Carrie Northington, a senior English and history major.

Nikola Collins, a freshman history major did not have trouble this semester either. "I was buying books on the first day of class and I actually grabbed the last book on the shelf for a couple of my classes."

Ewert said Follett is addressing the issues presented by faculty. "Our operational and intellectual property team has become fully aware of the concerns of faculty and we are conducting a review to make sure we have all books at the right time in the right quantities. After conducting this review we will be working with administration to ensure we meet their expectations." ♦

## An Evening with Dr. Maya Angelou



Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>  
Regional Special Events Center  
Murray State University

Doors open at 6 p.m.  
Show Starts at 8 p.m.  
Cost - \$10 for Tickets

Student Life and Leadership is taking a bus to this event and is offering seats to the **First 50 Students** who pay \$10.00 for a ticket & fill out a liability form. The bus will be leaving Austin Peay at 4 p.m. and we will treat you to dinner before the event.

**Sign up by Feb. 20**  
**Student Life & Leadership**  
**Office UC 211**  
**For more information,**  
**contact Student Life & Leadership at 221-7431**

## Good Morning APSU

Campus community  
The Vagina Monologues

An all new performance, different than any other performance (including the 'Roxy's'). Two show times, Friday, Feb. 13 at noon and Monday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Clement

Auditorium. Tickets available at the doors for \$3 and any donations. All money from tickets and donations will be donated to RASAC, Safe House and Center Stone Survivor groups.

**Valentine Balloon Bouquets**

Order your Valentine a bouquet of balloons! They will deliver anywhere on Campus. Please try to give 24 hours notice. Contact the UC Information Desk for details at 221-6600 or e-mail Malinda Mabry Scott at mabrym@apsu.edu

**2004 Global Student Entrepreneur Awards**

The Tennessee Small Business Development Centers encourages qualified APSU student applications and faculty nominations for the 2004 Global Student Entrepreneur Awards, a cash awards program to recognize undergraduate business owners. Cash awards are up to \$10,000. The deadline is March 1, 2004. For more information contact Diane McDonald at 521-4313 or e-mail mcdonald@apsu.edu

**Sign Up for Heart & Sole!**

Heart & Sole: Walking for Wellness is a free, six-month, community-wide walking program. Kicks off at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Govs Stadium. Registration forms are available online at <http://www.gpsu.edu/em.com>. For more information contact Anne Black at 221-6319 or e-mail blacka@apsu.edu

**Let's Talk about Sex**

Have you ever wanted to learn about the opposite sex or wanted to ask a question that you felt only the other gender could answer or want to enjoy good fun and meet other students? If you answered yes to all of the questions come to the APSU housing program at Emerald Hill Apt. 3-8 Thursday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. For more information contact Brandy Dolberry at 221-5212 or e-mail bdolberry1@apsu.edu

**APSU Study Abroad to Greece**

APSU Study Abroad in Greece: students spend five weeks studying archaeology and modern Greek in this beautiful country. Earn credit while learning about a culture thousands of years old. For more information contact Dr. Timothy F. Winters at 221-7118 or e-mail winterst@apsu.edu



## OUR TAKE

# V-Day loses heart

Staff reflects on commercialization of Valentine's Day

If you were really honest with yourself, you would take the time to admit how much of a commercial holiday Valentine's Day can be. Sure its great if you have that special person by your side to share it with, but if you aren't so lucky then you're kinda screwed.

We believe that it adds up to nothing more than an exclusive holiday that was intended to increase the profits of those corporations which shamelessly prosper off of the people that work hard to buy the gifts for their sweethearts. Granted, many people choose to go spend a lot of money, but this, as many other holidays has become a day which has lost its identity to the mass marketing attempts of the chocolate, card, and flower makers.

Did you know that the very first written Valentine is believed to have been written by a man who was writing verse for his loved one in prison?

This happened in the 15th century and still takes place today, yet in a much cheapened and shallow manner. When the tradition first began, it was centered around creativity and genuine emotion.

Today its success is measured in numbers and dollar signs. Companies like Hershey's and Hallmark may provide you with the sappy catch phrases and tooth decay, but cards and chocolates are far less meaningful than a few

heartfelt words that you might have to say.

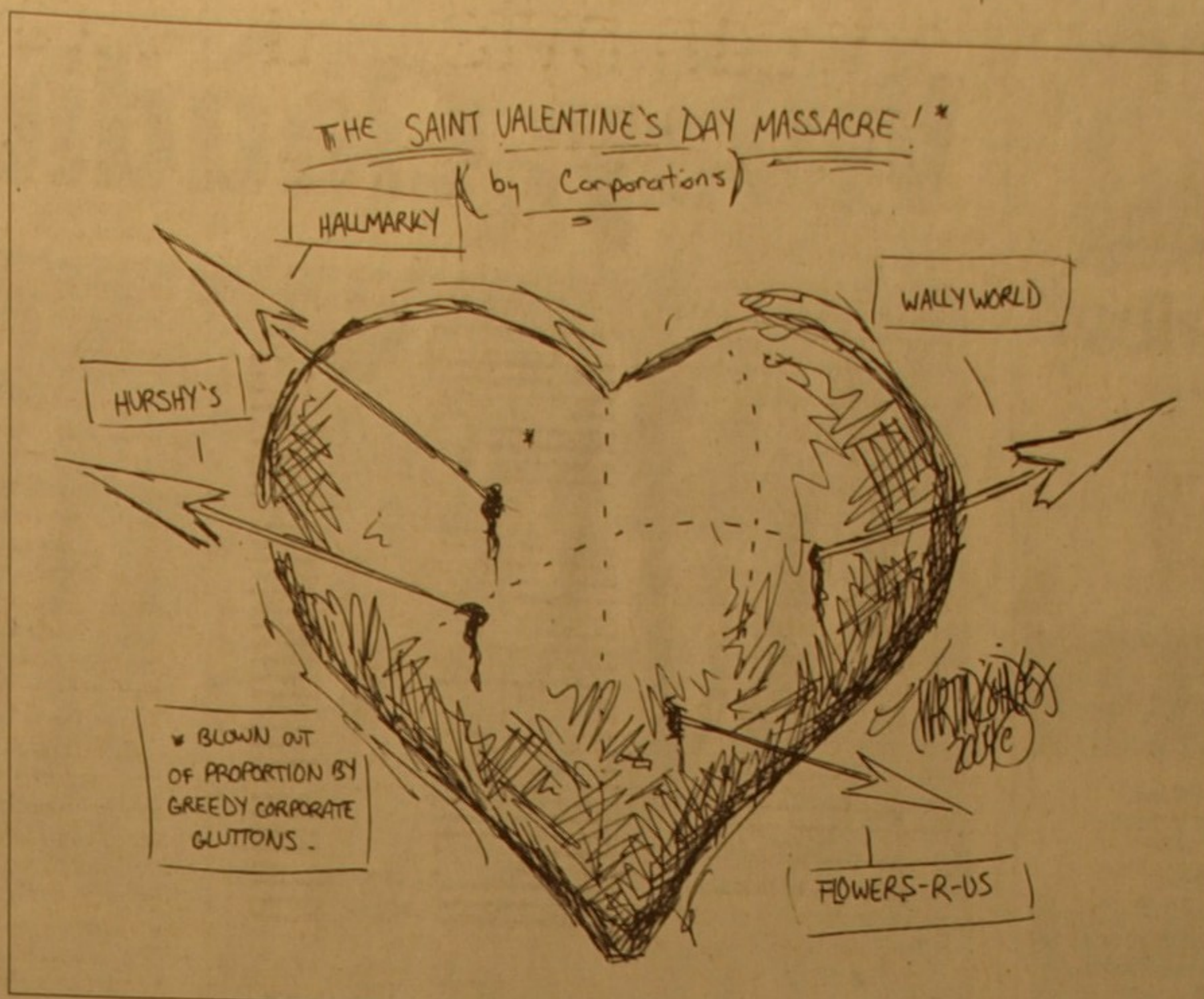
We believe that a proposal for an alternative should be explored. Instead of just going to buy that ring or necklace, or whatever lures your money away, spend some time thinking about why you are spending money on this person and what they really mean to you.

Don't buy into the modern interpretation of Valentine's; be creative and spontaneous. Surprise your lover with a night of unexpected fun, if you have someone to share the night with.

In summation, the exploitation and misrepresentation of holidays is a dangerous cultural practice to immerse ourselves in. We must surpass the status quo's idea of what 'Heart Day' is really all about and break through with the iconoclast's mentality. In other words, do not conform to the commercialization of this, our modern world.

Imagine this Valentine's Day as a chance to start over again and get it right. We have many other holidays that have also seen the dissociation of their true selves.

Change the way we see this holiday. Extract the boredom and leave the cards and candy to the kids; and if you see someone who looks lonely, stop and talk to them. Love is not easily accessible by today's standards. Yet it's all around us. You just have to know how to capture it.



By MARTY FOX

## YOUR TAKE

To the Editor:  
It is apparent that Katie Gordon, as reflected in her February 4, 2004 article, is unconcerned whether or not that the student body finds her racist and insular.

Perhaps Ms. Gordon should keep a copy of the Merriam-Webster dictionary next to her computer the next time she writes an article—that way she can refrain from sounding ignorant.

The definition of a hate crime is: "is a criminal offense committed against a person, property, or society which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity/national origin".

Not all violent crimes are hate crimes.

It seems easy for Ms. Gordon to pass off her judgment onto other people because she is insecure, intimidated by that which is foreign to her, and lacks knowledge and experience on matters pertaining to minority issues (whether that is due to race, religion, or sexuality).

Has Ms. Gordon ever experienced racial hate and discrimination? I hate to burst her ethnocentric bubble, but this nation is still behind on matters of equality as it pertains to minorities. God forbid that the status of minorities rises—Ms. Gordon might get bumped off the Opinion page.

Melissa Tyndall  
Senior

To the Editor:  
I am not ashamed if I have offended a few individuals with my letter to the editor two weeks ago. When I wrote the letter, I was trying to state my opinions in a clear, fair manner.

I am excited to see that there are several people who agree with what I have mentioned; kudos to you Eric Evans for a great letter.

Albeit there is a response that is in opposition, I am glad to hear that others have the courage to express their opinions.

To start off, Mr. Swadley, when I read your article it seemed to me that you responded to hastily.

I recommend you reread the last phrase in my previous letter to the editor. Since it is probably in the garbage can, I will restate it for you.

"You CAN tolerate what is going on, but you never have to approve of the abysmal act of homosexual marriages."

Even though it will take everything I have and more to tolerate it, not once did I mention that anyone never tolerate this iniquitous deed.

Originally, I thought that my letter would have more of an impact to every reader if I went strictly on a non-religious stance, simply because

of the fact that some people turn the page when they see "Christian" or "Bible" in a letter.

I do not wish to start a scripture melee, but since you stated "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Keep in mind that we must, "love the sinner, but hate the sin."

As that implies, I am to love everyone, including homosexuals. But the acts they commit are not to be condoned by any means. By granting them the same opportunities as married heterosexuals is saying that we approve it.

Finally, the phrase you mentioned about Jesus teaching left-wing agendas put a bitter taste in my mouth.

Just for your edification, Jesus did not teach left-wing politics. He preached the gospel, something much greater than politics could ever become.

It just so happens to be that Conservative values are closer to that than the values that the Liberals hold.

I will show you a quote from Edmund Burke that explains why so many, including myself, are fighting this moral cause; "the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Jeremy Benson  
Sophomore  
Pre-Pharmacy

# Separation of church and state, necessity from start

In American Literature, we discussed the lives of some of those who founded our country.

Benjamin Franklin believed in a God as a Supreme Being and creator. He experimented with Deism, but decided it wasn't for him because it did not place any emphasis on virtue. He believed that religion was good for society in that it made people behave, but he didn't need it because he could make good decisions for himself. Franklin also believed that all religions worshipped the same God and taught morality.

Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration of Independence, believed in God as a Supreme Being, but he was not a Christian. Even though most of the men who signed this document were Christians, they understood the need for separation of religion and government. They had escaped a country ruled by the Anglican Church and did not want a repeat of a religiously dominated country in their new land. These men understood that many different religions existed and the citizens of this country should be able to worship God in whatever way or form they felt was best for them.

There must be a separation of church and state in order to not exclude those of other religions from our country. Not everyone in our nation is a Christian and their views are equally important. We live in a democratic country in which we get to vote and majority rules. Most Christians use the Bible as their basis for their voting decisions and in turn are very critical of those who do not.

Every citizen is entitled to his or her opinions even if they have different religious beliefs. Christians say they want to live as Jesus did, but I think they misinterpret his message. He did not condemn and did not want others to condemn. One message: "How can you pull the splinter out of your brother's eye when there is a log in your own?" confirms this. (Matthew 7:4) Jesus tried to lift people up and teach them the love of God. He was a peaceful man, even unto his death. The only time he lost his temper was when His place of worship was made into a "den of thieves" (Matthew 21:13). If

Christians actually lived as Jesus did, they would spend more time spreading love to their fellow brothers and sisters of the human race, and less time criticizing others. I have known very few Christians who live the way Jesus intended them to live.

I know that Christians consider the Bible to be the word of God. I have to admit that I have a hard time believing what I read. Stories such as the parting of the Red Sea by Moses sound more like Greek Mythology than fact. Also, the Bible contains laws stating that pork shall not be eaten because it is unclean and that a woman is unclean after giving birth and shall not enter the sanctuary for at least thirty days when her purification is fulfilled. Things like this and diseases such as leprosy were misunderstood. I believe that the Bible has been reinterpreted (perhaps misinterpreted) and parts have been rewritten for financial, social, cultural, and political gains. It seems to me that issues were adjusted to fit the time periods and to benefit the rulers/kings.

Please, do not misunderstand me. I am not anti-Christian. Any religion that teaches humankind to be good to one another is a positive thing. Actually, I was raised in a Christian home and I adore my family. They are some of the most considerate and compassionate people I have ever known. However, I lack the faith they have because I am unable to accept the Bible as the actual word of God, especially when I've studied enough history to see the common beliefs in many different religions. Many religions believe in the concept of a good deity vs. an evil deity and that you will be rewarded or punished in the after life according to your character, values, and treatment of others.

So what are my beliefs? I believe in a higher power and that this higher power is way beyond our comprehension. I believe we should all be kind to and do right by others, no matter what their beliefs and I am grateful for the right to believe and worship the way that best suits me.

I believe that the separation of religion and government is essential in constructing fair laws for everyone in this nation. Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin had this in mind when they founded this great nation and ensured the freedom of religion for every citizen—not just Christians.

I know we do not live in a utopian world, but we should strive to help each other achieve the happiness we all are entitled to and make sure no person's rights are overlooked because of differences in beliefs.

# Political participation pleas for more attention on campus

By Eric Miller  
Staff Writer

Because it is presidential election year, interest in politics has spiked. People are debating issues and choosing sides. My interest was piqued so I looked around campus for any sign of student political groups. Much to my dismay, I found nothing. Asking around, I discovered that Austin Peay has both College Democrats and College Republicans. That is when it occurred to me that in nearly three years of college, I had not heard anything about either group.

Dr. David Kanervo, faculty sponsor of College Republicans, acknowledges this observation. "We were not as visible as we should have been," Kanervo said. Both groups are niches within the Political Science department, with which the majority of the members are involved. It is a shame that the groups are pigeonholed so thoroughly, because both organizations are active, interesting, and provide a wonderful starting point for those with political interests. The groups serve as support for the local parties, working and campaigning as needed.

By helping the local parties, students can make connections and learn other ways to participate within their chosen party. For example, College Republicans are helping to decorate and prepare for a banquet in March that will be attended by Republican office-holders. In exchange for their service, members of the student organization will be allowed

to attend the banquet and dine with the elected officials for a reduced price, if not for free.

I received a campus-wide email of APSU announcements that featured an advertisement, sponsored by College Democrats, of Wesley Clark's appearance on February 4 in Clarksville. While pleased to see that College Democrats are spreading the word for the event, the email was sent on the day of the appearance and I was hard pressed to find flyers advertising it, discovering one tucked to the door of an office within the Political Science department.

There is no question as to whether or not either group is worthwhile. They are. I would, however, like to see more effort to publicize the groups. Setting up information tables within the University Center, advertising in The All State, and spreading flyers around campus are just a few of the ways College Democrats and College Republicans can make themselves more accessible to the students.

For those interested in joining either group, an election year is a great time to get involved. Partisan activities will be increasing as the year progresses, the Democrats are already building a head of steam in their effort to make a President of one of their own as the Republicans prepare for the big push to come. Kanervo commented on the upcoming role of both groups. "The real test for both clubs will be in how active they are in trying to inform APSU students about the candidates from their respective parties."

# Headlines show obsession with entertainment

I didn't watch the Super Bowl this year, but I was spinning out some pizza pies when I heard from a co-worker that Justin Timberlake had bared Janet Jackson's breast on the halftime show. I was immediately aware of the fact that I couldn't care less. People were actually more concerned with the half-time show than with the actual game itself. For what did I see the next day appallingly clear that the pop-culture shock-

value phenomenon we are bombarded with daily holds precedence to the events that dictate our collective welfare and determine our many misfortunes.

We are far more preoccupied with the unattainable iconic imagery that pervades today's media. It is spoon-fed to us through advertising. Music videos and over-hyped award ceremonies are also distributed evenly across the ever-growing array of cable television channels.

While it may be easy to lay blame to these catalysts of perpetual vanity, the fault does not singularly fall on these types of people. We are as one columnist put it: 'entertainment whores'. Harsh diction aside, we need to reassess our priorities.

So you don't misunderstand, I am guilty as well, and I could throw away my television, but how would I get to see the Simpsons?

# Survey speaks: majority believe in protection for same-sex couples

By Shaun Copelin  
Staff Writer

I want to point out that most of America is not against gay marriage.

The American Family Association posted an online poll asking individuals their position on gay marriage. The results of the poll were supposed to be forwarded to Congress as evidence that Americans oppose gay marriage.

However, 60 percent, more than 508,000 voters said "I favor legalization of homosexual marriage".

An additional 7.89 percent, 66,732 votes said "I favor a 'civil union' with the full benefits of marriage except for the name".

The final choice "I oppose legalization of homosexual marriage and 'civil unions'" was overruled by a 2-1 ratio. Allowing same sex couples to marry is not granting any kind of special rights, it is granting them equal rights however.

Marriage is a sacred union that every couple should have

the rights to, not just man and woman.

Civil marriage and religious marriage are two separate things. Allowing same sex couples to marry would be in no way forcing religious institutions to bless any relationship they do not agree with; even today churches refuse to marry couples for reasons such as previous marriage and different faiths.

In Canada, same-sex couples are not only allowed to marry, but have 100% full and equal rights of opposite-sex couples.

In America regulating marriage and civil marriage licenses is something that has historically been left up to each individual state.

Just this week the Massachusetts high court declared that same sex couples are entitled to not just civil unions, but the full benefits of marriage.

Families are not just headed by opposite sex parents; gay marriage rights and basic civil rights protections are necessary to keep all families safe and secure.

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OPINION  
Dave Campbell



## V-Day: Claudius to Cupid

### Girl or boycotting Valentine's Day

1. Rent all five seasons of Sex in the City on DVD and get the girls together with some old fashioned junk food - complete with Cosmos.

2.

Try a new way to meet people - go to a yoga class, a new gym, or a dance class.

3.

Order-in some Chinese food or pizza with a gang of friends - share buffet style.

4.

Get together and play cards or a bunch of board games.

5.

Get a group together and go see a play or movie - share the popcorn.

6.

Do a progressive dinner with friends - try eating at one restaurant for appetizers, another for salad, another for a main dish, and the last for dessert.

7.

Have a spa night together or alone - do your hair, nails, facials - then go out on the town.

8.

Go out dancing - you'll be sure to find partner for a dance or two.

9.

Go play some competitive pool - take a pocketful of quarters and a fun loving attitude and have fun.

10.

Think of smart answers for "Why are you still single?" Then think of smart pick-up lines. See who comes up with the best and worst answers for a prize.

### Myths stem from the Catholic Church where three versions of St. Valentine have been recorded

By Whitney Joy  
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching, but our version of this romantic, chocolate-covered holiday, is far from where it began.

Women often see this day as a day to get gifts such as flowers, candy and - of course - jewelry.

Men often see it as a day of digging into their wallet.

Many see it as the day where Hallmark's sales soar.

However, Valentine's Day did not start like this. The history of Valentine's Day and its patron saint is surrounded by mystery.

According to the historychannel.com, the Catholic Church recognizes three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. There are many different legends

associated with this holiday, all beginning with the Catholic Church.

#### The Catholic Church

According to legend, Valentine was a priest in third century Rome.

When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men were better soldiers than husbands, he outlawed marriage for young men.

Valentine saw this as an injustice and decided to take matters into his own hands. He performed marriages in secret for young lovers. Claudius found out about this and ordered Valentine to be put to death.

One legend said that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help tortured Christians escape Roman prisons.

Yet another legend suggests that Valentine sent the first valentine greeting himself to a woman who may have been the jailer's daughter. She visited him while he was incarcerated.

Before his execution, it is believed that he wrote her a letter, which he signed, "From your Valentine," an expression that is still used today.

Although the truths behind these legends are difficult to trace, they definitely epitomize Valentine as the original Don Juan.

The historychannel.com explains, "Some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial which probably occurred around 270 A.D."



#### The Pagan Lupercalia Festival

Others claim that the Christian Church may have decided to celebrate a Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "christianize" celebrations of the pagan Lupercalia festival.

Lupercalia, which started on Feb. 15, was a fertility festival held in honor of Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as the founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus.

To begin the festival, members of the Luperci, an order of Roman priests, would gather at the cave where Romulus and Remus were supposedly cared for by a female wolf or lupa.

The priests would then sacrifice a goat for fertility and a dog for purification.

They then sliced the goat's hide into strips, dipped them in the sacrificial blood and took them to the streets.

From there they slapped both women and fields of crops with the goat-hide strips.

Roman women welcomed being touched with the hides because it was believed the strips would make them more fertile in the coming year.

Later in the day, all the young women in the city would place their names in a

large urn. The city's bachelors would then each choose a name out of the urn and become the chosen woman's mate for the year.

Marriage was often the final result in these "match-ups." Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 St. Valentine's Day around 498 A.D. The Roman lottery system for Roman pairing was deemed sacrilegious and outlawed.

#### Pope Gelasius

Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 St. Valentine's Day around 498 A.D.

Later, during the Middle Ages, it is often believed that February 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that the middle of February should be a romantic day.

The oldest known valentine exists today. Charles, Duke of Orleans, wrote it to his wife while he was a prisoner in the Tower of London.

This greeting was written in 1415 and it's part of the manuscript collection of the British Library in London.

In England, Valentine's Day became popular in the seventeenth century. By the middle of the eighteenth century, it became common for friends and lovers to exchange cards and small trinkets.

Americans probably started exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s.

Today, Valentine's Day is still associated with romance and love, but it continues to evolve year after year into a billion-dollar holiday. ♦

## The good, the bad, stories from years past

Students share some romantic and some not-so-memorable Valentine's Day experiences; this year is a chance to make more memories.

By Natalie Gilmore  
Staff Writer

"February 14, 2001 was the worst Valentine's Day ever! I was very sick with the flu and so I didn't go to school and I really didn't want to see other people with gifts.

It was pouring down rain and cold. I was trapped in the house smelling like vapor rub and sickness. My boyfriend at the time made a trip to my house with a brown paper bag full of junk! It was definitely something he could have kept.

I got a tiny bear, a heart stick balloon, and some candy that was covered in dust. He probably found it around his house! Last but not least he gave me a card with two Polaroid pictures of him posing in front of his couch and, check this out, one of the pictures included him and his cousin. That gift made me feel worse than what I was and that was the worst V-Day Ever!"

-Ashley Spears  
Sophomore

"My worst Valentine's Day was during my freshman year in college. I did the whole nine, I cooked her dinner - chicken Parmesan to be exact and poured ginger ale, to be cute. I even had on an apron and was playing soft, slow jazz music. She came over and looked around and said 'Where is everyone else?' She looked like she didn't want to be there. I walked her to the kitchen and

showed her the setup. She didn't seem surprised. She sat down and started picking at the food, separating the Marinara Sauce from the noodles. She kept complaining about everything and then she stopped picking and asked 'so where are we going?' I was so pissed. I put so much hard work into that day and she didn't appreciate it at all. I could call her right now and tell her about herself, it was that terrible."

-Marcus Rolle  
Junior

"In 2002 me and my boyfriend went out to dinner, neither of us had a car so we had to take a cab. He opened the cab door for me, which I thought was really nice, but then he slammed the door on my thumb.

I still have the scars to prove it too. We got to the restaurant and he ordered the chicken Alfredo and I'm lactose intolerant so that made me have gas all night. To make things worse, he didn't give me any candy, no balloons, no flowers, no nothing.

I received a small 'Be My Valentine' card with a teeny sucker taped inside of it.

I expected more since we had been together for a year but I should have known because of how cheap he was.

That was my worst Valentine's Day ever." -Kermisha Young  
Sophomore

"On Valentine's Day in 2000, I was dating this girl, who thought I wasn't an affectionate type of person, but I surprised her at school after making her think I wasn't coming that day.

She was a little upset, but during lunch when everyone was in the school lobby I came up behind her with some roses, a card and a bear. She was pretty shocked.

But what made that day better was when she came to my house two or three hours after school, in the rain and brought me this huge card with a huge teddy bear. I think she saw my sentimental side that day. That was my best V-Day so far."

-Trevor Raymond  
Sophomore

"My best Valentine's Day was in high school when my girlfriend flipped the script on me and brought me a dozen roses to my first period class. It was pretty nice of her."

-Eric Purvis  
Sophomore



My friend Cindy set me up on a blind date one Valentine's with a guy she said was an ambitious nurse.

He was supposed to be very religious, which was a good thing for me at the time, and he had some real estate prospects that sounded promising.

I agreed to go on the date. After waiting anxiously at my house, he pulls up in a station wagon and brings me to Quincy's for dinner. Quincy's in Clarksville was the equivalent of Ryan's buffet.

He not only didn't offer to pay for my meal, but he also invited a guest with him - his mother.

Keep in mind that this was a blind date. After dinner, we left and he explained to me that there was a second half of the date awaiting me, with mom included.

I felt there was no gracious way to escape at this point, so we left to go out into the country where we were supposed to be going to his church.

I figured that it couldn't be too terrible, but when I got there I quickly realized that it was a Pentecostal church.

I decided to roll with the punches, until they brought out the snakes. At the end of the night he tried to kiss me, so I pecked him on the cheek and ran into the house.

Needless to say, I didn't call him again.

-Cati Montgomery  
Sophomore

## Spring Break

Submit your "not so typical" Spring Break stories for next week!

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\*please keep stories clean: give background about where you went, not what you did.

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## Wesner directs "Dinner"

Critically acclaimed comedy presented by AP Playhouse and the Center for Creative Arts

By Kalen McElheny  
Features Editor

Pulitzer Prize winning play, "Dinner with Friends" begins on Feb. 16-20 at the Trahern Theatre at Austin

Peay State University.

It is presented by AP Playhouse and the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts will be directed by David Wesner, assistant professor of theatre.

The production features APSU students Jonathan Castile, Brit White, Amanda Thomas and Adam Lacey.

This comedy by Donald Margulies, explores the relationship between two married couples who struggle to maintain their friendships when one marriage falls apart.

The San Francisco Examiner calls "Dinner with Friends" "a breezy comedy of modern manners that turns poignant and deeply affecting by its end. Margulies touches chords that

resonate with a deep affecting humanity."

The cost of admission is \$4 for students and \$6 for adults.

Tickets will be available one hour prior to each performance and from 3-6 p.m., Monday through Friday, Feb. 16-20 in APSU's Trahern Building, room 224. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 18-21 and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22 in APSU's Trahern Theatre.

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For further information regarding "Dinner with Friends," telephone (931) 221-7378. ♦

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Feb. 12:

Let's Talk about Sex come to the party at 6 p.m., Feb. 12 at Emerald Hill Apt. 3-B. Complex Housing Brandy Dolberry bdolberry14@apsu.edu 221-5212

Slave Narratives noon-1:30 p.m. in the African American Cultural Center Question and Answer to follow

Feb. 13:

Vagina Monologues 12 p.m. in the Clemen Auditorium and Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

Feb. 14:

Heart & Sole: Walking for Wellness is a free, six-month, community-wide walking program. It kicks off at 11 a.m. at Govs Stadium. www.ghsystem.com Health and Human Performance Anne Black blacka@apsu.edu 221-6319

Feb. 19:

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

Feb. 23:

Film: "Madest Class Reunion" shown in Java City at 5 p.m.

Feb. 17:

"Money Matters" Workshop at 2 p.m., in UC 213 and get a clear understanding of how your money can work for you

### Now:

Study Abroad to Greece Dr. Timothy E. Winters winterst@apsu.edu 221-7118 For complete details: www.apsu.edu/study\_abroad/greece/index.html

Study Abroad to Mexico Contact Dr. Ramon Magana at 221-7847

### Correction

Sung Ferguson played paper football during the Superbowl party held at Java City.

Last week in the photograph titled "APSU Java City Superbowl XXXVIII," it was the Housing and Residence Life program that hosted the event in Java City.

The event was not sponsored by Student Life or the Java City Cafe.



The Music  
City ...

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8:

Who's Afraid of  
Virginia Woolf?  
TPAC's Johnson  
Theater

Thru Apr.  
25:

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Museum of Art  
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Feb. 29:

Linkin Park  
Gaylord  
Entertainment  
Center  
7 p.m.

Feb 13-15:

Valentine's  
Weekend with  
Alison Krauss  
Union Station  
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Gaylord  
Entertainment  
Center  
8 p.m.

Mar. 14:

Uptown Stairlions  
Gaylord  
Entertainment  
Center  
2,6 p.m.

Apr. 19:

Mighty of Rosa  
at the American  
Center at  
p.m.

# New experiences offered in Mexico

Programs offer  
internships for many

Natalie Gilmore  
Staff Writer

Victor Alcazar, promotions director of Universidad Internacional, visited Austin Peay State University Jan. 29-Feb. 3.

Alcazar met up with APSU Spanish classes to provide information about new programs surfacing in 2004 at Universidad Internacional.

He presented information that can give incentive to APSU's nursing program and health care providers of the community to learn Spanish to communicate better with their patients and also to the education department because of the same key factors regarding the growing number of Hispanic students and parents.

The Mexico Program offers eight hours of instruction along with specialty classes such as Medical Spanish, Legal Spanish, interpreting and translating studies.

There are three major programs: The Amigo Program, which allows a student to be paired with a Mexican student or professional in their chosen field of study; Internships, where students are placed with a vital company - many times a multinational one - and lastly, homes where Mexican families take in a student to help them learn the language.

Students can pay for the program by using scholarships and financial aid. They were told by Alcazar said that the starting pay differential is most attractive when someone with a proficiency in Spanish, so the preliminary investment in the program will pay for itself right away.

Dr. Ramon Magrans, professor of Spanish at APSU, said, "This program provides students with the opportunity to learn 24/7 as the entire city of Cuernavaca will become a giant language laboratory for them to practice their acquired Spanish."

Magrans started the regular programs abroad in the summer of 1982.

"Some 2000 students from APSU and from other American and international universities have joined our program," said Magrans.

Universidad Internacional is a fully accredited private university in



Photos of Cuernavaca, Morelos Mexico

Cortez's Palace in the center of Cuernavaca's central area (above). A view of the Cuernavaca's Cathedral from outside the stone wall enclosure surrounding it (left). The restaurant Casa del Sol across from Cortez's Palace (below).



Cuernavaca Morelos, Mexico.

It is the most successful language university in Latin America. B.A., M.A., as well as Ph. D. degrees are offered there. APSU's Study Abroad in Mexico program has been centered there for 22 years and it is the longest running at APSU.

It has been rated as the best language school in Latin America and the New York Times has written positively about it. This article can be viewed in Harned Rm. 104.



Billionaire Bill Gates, actress Julia Roberts and many others have all been a part of the programs at Universidad Internacional.

The United States sends its diplomats and ambassadors to this university to be instructed in the language and culture.

The Study Abroad Program will be holding various programs in Cuernavaca, this summer, starting May 14 and ending July 31.

Programs may last from 2 weeks up

to 12 weeks, APSU credit is available to satisfy language deficiencies.

Study Abroad will soon be offering an exchange program where students can live in the homes of Mexican students who will be coming to APSU and have the chance to house in the dorms.

For those who want to know more about Mr. Alcazar's visit and Universidad Internacional or The Study Abroad Program, contact Dr. Magrans at 221-7847. ♦



## The Grammy's

Record of the Year  
Clocks by Coldplay

Album of the Year  
Speakerboxxx/The Love Below by OutKast

Song of the Year  
Dance With My Father  
Richard Marx and Luther Vandross,  
songwriters (Luther Vandross)

Best New Artist  
Evanescence

Best Pop Vocal Album  
Justified by Justin Timberlake

Best Rock Album  
One By One by Foo Fighters

Best Alternative Music Album  
Elephant by The White Stripes

Best R&B Album  
Dance With My Father by Luther Vandross

Best Contemporary R&B Album  
Dangerously In Love  
Beyonce Knowles

Best Rap Album  
Speakerboxxx/The Love Below

Best Country Album  
Livin' Lovin' Losin' - Songs Of The Louvin  
Brothers  
Various Artists

Best Bluegrass Album Live  
Alison Krauss and Union Station

Best New Age Album  
One Quiet Night  
Pat Metheny

Best Latin Pop Album  
No Es Lo Mismo  
Alejandro Sanz

Best Reggae Album  
Dutty Rock  
Sean Paul

## Driving Miss Daisy premieres

Student reviews play  
dealing with various  
types of  
discrimination

By Shaun Copelin  
Staff Writer

"Driving Miss Daisy" begins in 1948 and continues through the next 25 years.

It is a humorous play with several messages behind it. It explores discrimination in many forms, such as race, age, and heritage.

The play opens with the loud noise of a car crashing and we soon learn that Daisy, played by Leslie Greene, has wrecked her three week old car through a garage and a tool shed.

Her son Boolie, played a BJ Kelley then decides that Daisy is no longer fit to drive and hires her a chauffeur.

At first, Daisy refuses to be driven by the chauffeur because she wants to prove that although she is getting older, she can still take care of herself.

Roxy newcomer James T. Lawson

plays Hoke, the chauffeur. The play then begins to explore the relationship between Hoke and Daisy.



GREG WILLIAMSON/THE LEAF-CHRONICLE  
Leslie Greene adjusts her hat as James T. Lawson II prepares to hand her a pot of flowers in the Roxy Regional Theatre's production of Driving Miss Daisy.

On the outside Daisy and Hoke seem very different, Daisy being an elderly Jewish widow and Hoke, a previously unemployed black male.

Throughout the play they realize that they have more in common than they thought; both characters experience some sort of

discrimination that bonds them together.

Through their friendship Hoke teaches Daisy to accept help and Daisy teaches Hoke to read and write.

Though this play does have a serious message behind it, it is still a very funny play.

Leslie Greene once again proves why she is my favorite actress; she is able to adapt herself so believably to each character she plays.

Her character's sarcasm, stubbornness and brutal honesty create the majority of humor for the play.

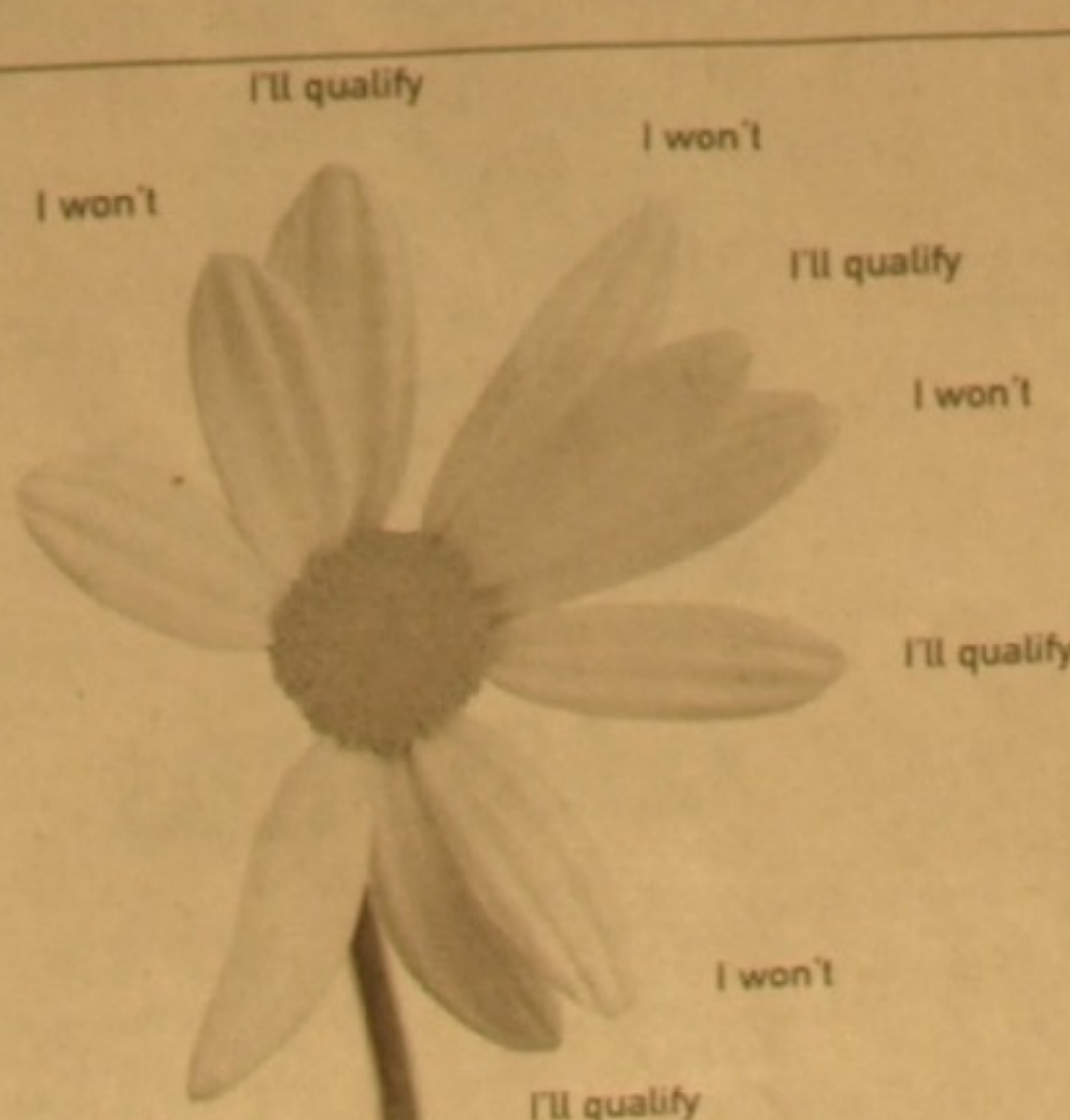
One scene in particular stands out, when Hoke drives Daisy for the first time; Daisy proves that she is very much the backseat driver.

Hoke is driving 19mph when the speed limit is 25mph, even still Daisy feels he is speeding and makes him slow to where Hoke claims they are "barely moving."

The set for this production is very simple, but an elaborate set is not needed when the actors are as strong as the Roxy has.

"Driving Miss Daisy" is a touching and humorous play; it runs at the Roxy Regional Theatre until Feb. 21 and starts at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, and 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

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7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14:  
vs. Murray State  
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb.  
18: At Samford, 7  
p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21:  
ESPN Bracket  
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State, 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 12:  
vs. University of  
Tennessee-Martin,  
5:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14:  
vs. Murray State  
5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 19:  
At Samford, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21:  
vs. Jacksonville  
State, 5 p.m.

## RIFLE

Friday, Feb. 13:  
NCAA Sectionals

Friday, Feb. 20-22:  
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Conference  
Championships

## MEN'S TENNIS

Friday, Feb. 13: vs.  
Murray State, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14:  
vs. Alabama A&M  
9 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21:  
vs. Memphis, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 22: vs.  
University of  
Tennessee-  
Chattanooga,  
2 p.m.

## SOFTBALL

Friday, Feb. 13-15:  
At Auburn  
Invitational

Friday, Feb. 20-22:  
At Mississippi State  
Tournament

TRACK AND  
FIELD

Saturday, Feb. 14:  
At Middle  
Tennessee State  
University  
Invitational

Friday, Feb. 20: At  
Southeast Missouri  
Quad meet

## Armistead honored with number retirement



Brooke Armistead had her number 10 jersey retired in a ceremony during halftime of the men's basketball game on Saturday, February 7, 2004.

## APSU Alumnae given congratulations from family, old coaches, friends and teammates

By Matthew Heiss  
Staff Writer

"What if Brooke Armistead had never come to Austin Peay?" That is one of many questions Austin Peay's President Dr. Sherry Hoppe posed to the crowd last Saturday night before the unveiling of the big number 10 in the Dunn Center rafters.

Joined by her parents, sisters, grandmother, great-grandmother, and her loyal fans, Brooke Armistead watched as her best friend and four-year teammate, Paige Smith, presented the girl from Gordonsville a framed number 10 jersey.

A short audio message was played throughout the Dunn center from the former Lady Gobs coach Susie Gardner.

Gardner was unable to attend the ceremony due to her current position as Arkansas Lady Razorbacks Head Coach.

On the tape, Gardner congratulated Armistead on her accomplishments and talked about the road it took to get Brooke to the Peay. Gardner reflected on the seasons past and thanked her coaching staff for really putting fourth the effort to go out and recruit both Armistead and Smith.

It was after the presentation of the framed jersey and all special messages

that Armistead took the microphone and recognized all the people who have helped her on the way. From her best friend, Paige Smith, to former teammates and coaches, Armistead recognized them all. She even made a quick comment about how her parents did not want her to go to Austin Peay, but were supportive of her decision.

"When I first started playing, I knew this was what I wanted to do and I knew that I wanted to play college ball," Armistead said. "It has always been something I love and basketball has done so much for me and has been such a big part of my life."

"She is the most determined person I have ever known," said Smith.

"If the game is on the line Brooke has to have the ball, she is going to score and there is nobody on the court that can do anything about it."

Ask Austin Peay's Athletic Director, Dave Loos what he thinks about the Peay's all-time leading scorer and he will describe a shy, soft-spoken, and humble player who would not hurt a fly, that is unless that fly is playing defense on her on the hardwood.

"She is just Brooke," said Loos. "She is not only skilled, but she is a person who has a real passion for what she

was doing, whether it was in the classroom or it was on the court."

Her on the court accomplishments include OVC "Freshman of the Year" OVC "Female Athlete of the Year" and OVC MVP.

Her greatest on-court accomplishments include currently holding the APSU record for points scored, which she broke the night former Men's basketball great and record holder Charles "Bubba" Wells was inducted into the APSU Hall of Fame.

Armistead is now written in APSU history, not only as the current leading points scorer, but as the first woman to have her number retired.

"Everybody makes a big deal about being the first woman, and it is special but it would be just as special if I were the second or third woman," said Armistead. "It's such an awesome feeling to have my number, and men's and women's basketball up there."

Even greater than her on-court accomplishments were her off-court accomplishments. They included a GPA of 3.85, the highest of any APSU graduating Senior. She also earned a degree in Health and Human Performance and is currently serving as one of the Lady Gobs current graduate assistant coaches. ♦

## Superbowl stalker revealed again

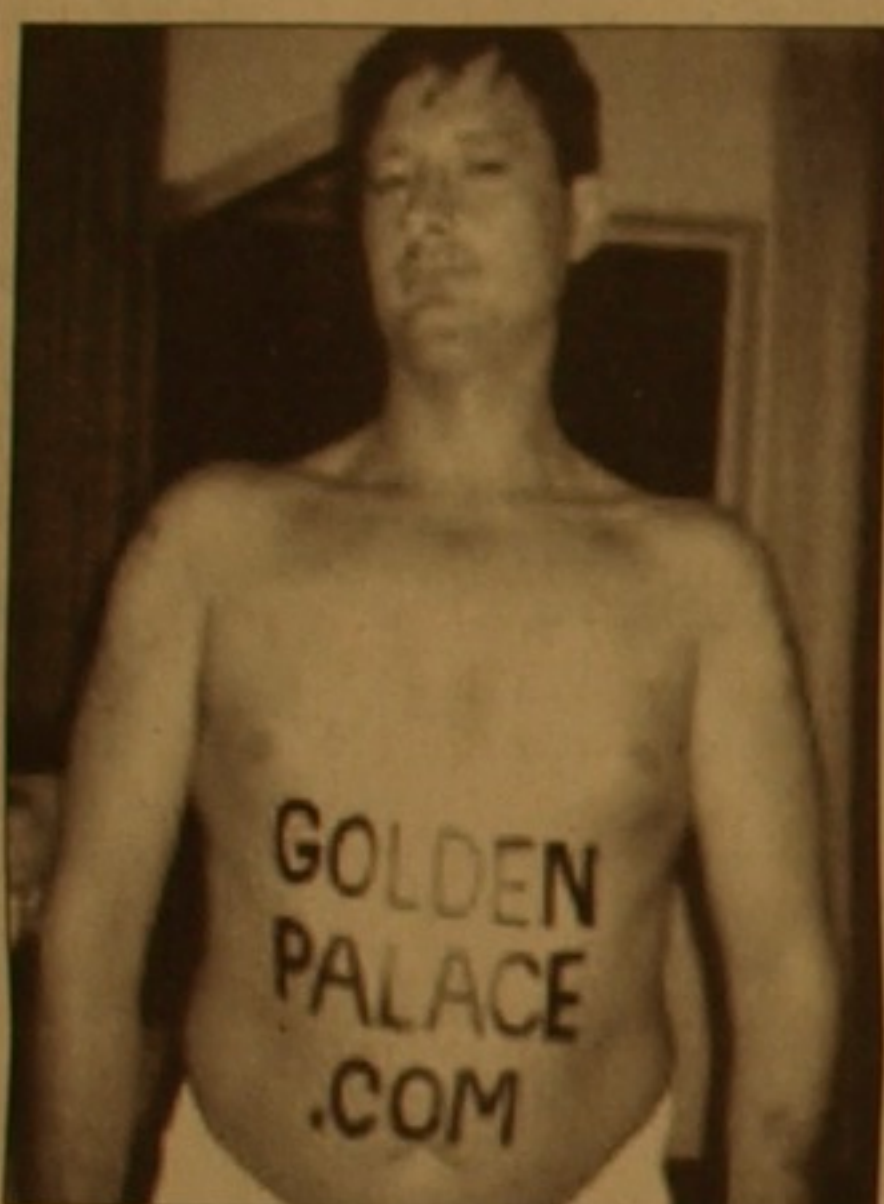


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British stalker Mark Roberts pulled off his first successful North American streaking at the 2004 super bowl two weekends ago.

"GoldenPalace.com" as a Henna tattoo on his bare chest and back.

Disguised in a tear-away referee uniform, Roberts jumped out of the crowd at the beginning of the second half, ripped his clothes off, and ran to midfield wearing nothing but a plastic football covering his genitals. The naked Roberts danced around and showed off his tattoos for nearly half a minute to the delight and hilarity of the crowd before security finally hauled him off. The words "Super Bowl" were written on his back along with the Internet casino's website address.

Recognized by the Guinness Book Of World Records as the world's most prolific streaker, Mark Roberts has made a name for himself by streaking various sporting events mainly in Europe and abroad. Given the unprecedented security measures in place at Houston's Reliant Stadium for the Super Bowl, Roberts' first successful North American streak is without a doubt his greatest yet.

GoldenPalace.com has become notorious for high-profile marketing. Their tendency for innovative and outlandish advertising has become a staple in the sports world. Since the first appearance of their ad tattoo on boxer Bernard Hopkins three years ago, they have "backed" dozens of athletes and celebrities. ♦

## WOMEN'S RIFLE

## Austin Peay places tenth at Murray State

By Kristin Crandall  
Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University women's rifle team traveled to Murray State University to compete in the Roger Withrow Invitational.

Held at the Pat Spurgin Rifle Range on the MSU campus, the Lady Gobs team placed tenth out of the 11 teams at the tournament.

They were led by sophomore Corey Hasty who had a 377 score.

Jana and Jennifer Sullivan, seniors from Bethel Springs, Tenn., scored next highest for the Lady Gobs with a 372 from Jana Sullivan and a 364 from Jennifer Sullivan. Lindsay

Vanest scored a 349.

Competing individually were Molly Thomas with a 353, Laura Weakley with a 326 and Jessica Benson with a 318.

Murray, the host school won the tournament with a combined score of 6195.

The Lady Gobs rifle team ended the regular-season with a competition at the University of Tennessee-Martin Saturday, February 7.

National Collegiate Athletic Association Sectionals and the Ohio Valley Conference Championships are both held at Murray State. Sectionals are Feb. 13, and the OVC championships are Feb. 20-22. ♦

## Lady Gobs take first in Ohio Valley Conference

By Matthew Heiss  
Staff Writer

The Lady Gobs Basketball team continued their march to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

The Lady Gobs defeated Jacksonville State, 76-67, on Thursday and won a 54-43 decision over Samford on Saturday. Sophomore Ashley Haynes returned from her ankle injury to average 11 points and 16 rebounds in the two games. With the two wins, the Lady Gobs are one win away from claiming a berth in the 2004 OVC Tournament. Austin Peay's Kera Bergeron now has 68 three-point field goals this year, four shy of the APSU single-season record.

For her efforts in last week's contests, Lady Gov Gerlonda Hardin was named the Ohio Valley Conference's co-Player of the Week. Hardin carried her double-double streak to a school-record six games and averaging 17.5 points and 11 rebounds.

She scored 19 points and hit the boards for 10 rebounds playing in a career-high 39 minutes against Jacksonville. Hardin then followed that performance with a 16-point, 12-rebound game against Samford. She also had five blocks in that contest giving her a total of 206-career blocked shots, breaking the OVC career record.

With six games left in regular season play Hardin is sure to extend the record even further making the milestone that much tougher to reach.

"Gerlonda has a great feel for that because of her height at 6-2 and her long arms helps make her the great defender," said Blackston.

The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead as they went up 11-4 on the Gobs. Freshman Alex Munday scored nine of Samford's 11 points and coach Andy Blackston and his staff knew that was going to have to change.

"Our defense had to change

because of their halfcourt-man offense," said Blackston. "We made adjustments, but most of all I think our zone really got to them."

Coach Blackston knew he was going to have to shut down the Samford freshman so he did what only a coach could do. He charged the hometown native to put the pressure on Munday.

"It was really unique to guard Munday," said Haynes. "Her shot is very consistent and she has a height, but we were able to adjust."

Soon after the Lady Gobs found themselves right back

in the game as they went on a 7-0 run with a basket by sophomore Ashley Haynes. The lead changed three more times during the half as neither team could take a sizeable advantage on the other.

Down 26-27 the Lady Gobs knew they would need to go into the half on top so they took advantage of a 4-0 run and ended the half with a 30-27 lead.

Haynes would lead the Lady Gobs at the half with 8 points and contributed seven rebounds.

At halftime Coach Blackston made of said something inspiring to the Lady Gobs as they came out of the locker room firing up the second half's first six points.

Lady Gov Kera Bergeron dropped in a basket putting APSU up by 10. The deficit was then cut to seven as a three point shot but The Lady Bulldogs would bring the lead back single digits but still let the game away as they went on a four minute scoring drought. The game would end on a solid note for the Lady Gobs as they sent the Lady Bulldogs back the puppy pound with one more shot to add to their season record.

The game ended with a final score the Lady Gobs 54 to the Lady Bulldogs 43.

The Lady Gobs 5-10 sophomore Haynes went on a drought of her own as went 5 for 24 shots, managing to 10 points.

"This is not a surprise to us. Our team finds a way to win and I'm proud of them," Blackston. "I expected them to respond in a positive way and we have had to do that year."

On Thursday, February 12, Lady Gobs will hit the hardwood in the Dunn Center as they attempt to win a 5:15 p.m. game against the University of Tennessee - Martin Shootout.

The Lady Gobs will end the week with a Feb. 14 contest against the Murray State University Racers in the

There are six games remaining in the regular season. ♦

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## They still got it

Govs secure tournament berth with continued 11-0 Ohio Valley  
Conference run with victories over Jacksonville and SamfordBy Matthew Heiss  
Staff Writer

Coach Dave Loos and his Governors knew it was not going to be an easy win in front of the home crowd at the Dunn Center last Saturday night. However, the Govs were able to make the Samford Bulldogs play ball their way, walking away with a 61-56 win. The win brought the Govs win streak to 11.

"We knew it was going to be tough to guard (the win streak)," said forward Adrian Henning. "We came out and they had us off-balance for a while. But then we started pressuring them and having them play our style of basketball, and it worked out for us."

When Samford coach Jimmy Tillette started the game out with his give and go offense Coach Loos and the Govs had trouble putting a stop to the Princeton style offense. The Bulldogs were using the backdoor offense like it was their own personal doggie door, matching every point the Govs put on the board.

"Coach Loos knew he had to do something so he turned to the Govs strongest part of their game, their defense to put a stop to the madness."

"We have to learn to be smarter and take advantage of our momentum when we get it going," said Loos. "We did a pretty good job on defense after

they gave us a clinic on back cuts."

After a questionable call made by an official regarding a 10-second violation on guard Cory Gibson the Govs knew they were going to have to turn it up a notch.

"He called it, so I guess it was a good call," said Gipson. "I walked it up too slow, but I think we were all a little surprised about that."

It was after that call Gipson and the Govs stepped it up by going to a full court press on the Bulldogs and the Govs soon found their lead growing. The nasty scowl on Gibson's face revealed the

determination the senior had as he drove in to the lane and put his team up by five. At one point the Govs used a 13-7 run on the dogs to build a 25-17 lead. The Govs went into halftime with a 31-23 and built it to as many as 15 in the second half.

There were a couple more questionable calls made by the referees in the game, one in particular that came out in the favor of the Govs Squeaky

Hampton. A loose ball

foul was called and at first it looked as though the referee was going to give the foul to Hampton. After the home crowd booed in disapproval the referee realized that he had made the wrong call and corrected his call.

"At first I could not believe he called a foul on me," said Hampton. "I was so shocked that all I could do is look at the referee in disbelief, but I am glad the right call was made."

The Bulldogs were forced to attempt shots from outside the arch after 6-8 senior Josh Lewis and 6-6 senior Arian Henning put the pressure on inside shooting with rejected shots. Both Lewis and Henning finished the game with a blocked shot and a dunk that got the crowd behind them. Lewis fell just short of a double-double as he racked up 10 total rebounds and eight points for the Govs. Henning along with Gibson both contributed 13 points while junior Anthony Davis went 2-7 from inside the arch and 0-1 outside the arch.

In the second half the Bulldogs were able to hit 5 of 15 three point attempts to pull the Dogs within three, 56-53 with 3:41 left in the game.

The Govs Anthony Davis put in two free throws with 50 seconds left to put the Govs up 61-56 and that is how the game would end.

"Samford is terrific in what they do. They run their system to perfection and they can really shoot it," said Loos. "It is a different type of game, but our guys did a good job putting a stop to it."

The Govs beat Jacksonville State on Thursday 84-72 giving them their tenth win in a row, the first 10 game win streak in Coach Loos' APSU coaching career. It also put the team at the .500 mark in all-time OVC play for the first time since 1980.

In the game against Jacksonville Henning had one of his best outings of the season making 9-of-13 from the field with 22 points, topping that off with eight rebounds and four assists.

The Govs will attempt to continue their winning streak to 12 as they play UT Martin on Thursday night at the Dunn at 7:30. On Valentines Day, Saturday, they will play host to OVC rival Murray State in a 7:30 game.

Murray State, 9-1, has a strong hold on second place in the OVC. The game on Saturday will be the only time that the Governors and the Racers meet in regular season play, and will play a major role as Murray is only one game behind the leading Govs.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Poole begins recruitment  
Five standouts sign to play for  
Lady Govs soccer programBy Cheryl Hunter-Grah  
Editor in chief

Austin Peay State University women's soccer head coach Kelley Poole added five girls to the APSU roster with signed letters of intent. The five to sign are Brittany Kirby, Chelsea Kirby, Mallory Carver, Tyler Adair, and Austina Leonard.

The first of the five are cousins Brittany and Chelsea Kirby of Murfreesboro.

Brittany Kirby, a 5-6 midfielder, was a captain of her Blackman High School squad, compiled a 19-5-1, claimed the District 7 championship All-State, all-district, All-Rutherford County (as selected by the Tennessean) and All-Daily News Journal soccer squads.

"Brittany is an athlete that has the potential to make an immediate impact in our program," said Poole. "She is a skillful, smart midfielder player that will give our program much need depth at that position. She makes good decisions on the field and distributes the ball well. We anticipate Brittany will transition into the collegiate game quickly and contribute on the field as a freshman."

Chelsea Kirby, a 5-5 forward, was a two-time captain of her Riverdale High School squad, leading them to a 9-6-2 overall mark in 2003.

She was Riverdale's leading scorer in 2002 and 2003 and was a all-district, All-Rutherford county and All-Daily News Journal soccer squad selection in 2003.

"Chelsea is a great addition to our program," said Poole. "She is a forward that offers tremendous work ethic and great speed. Our program needs the addition of a player like Chelsea. She is extremely hard-working and her competitiveness and positive attitude on the field will be a great asset for our program."

Another of the new signees is Mallory Carver, a 5-8 forward, was a four-year starter for her Muhlenberg South High School squad that won the District 8

crown last fall. During her senior year, she was Lady Suns co-captain and named to the All-District 8 and all-region teams.

She finished her career at Muhlenberg South holding the school records for single-season goals (26) and assists (13), career goals (78) and assists (43). In addition, her career marks were the best by any soccer player - boy or girl's team - in school history and her 43 career assists are 11th best all-time in Kentucky High School history. For her efforts, Carver received the 2003 Athletic Achievement Award presented by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Next is Tyler Adair, of Collierville, Tenn., a 5-3 midfielder/defender, was named to the All-State and All-Metro/Shelby County team. In 2002, she was among the top 10 in Shelby County in assists as a defender.

"Tyler is our second player signed (Katie Kallenberger, who is currently a freshman on the Govs roster, is the other) out of the Germantown Fury Soccer club - one of the top clubs in the state of Tennessee," said Poole.

And last but not least is Austina Leonard, of Johnson City, Tenn., a 5-5 midfielder, is the Lady Govs first Olympic Development Program (ODP) signee, having played in the Florida ODP until 2000. She played at Science Hill High School in Johnson City her junior and senior years. While at Science Hill she was a two-time All-District 1 and All-Region 1 selection.

"We are excited to sign a player of Austina's caliber to this program," said Poole. "Austina is a crafty midfielder with good speed. She is dangerous on the ball and she makes an impact on the field in every game she plays. We anticipate that Austina will be one of the freshmen the will really impact the lineup in 2004."

The Lady Govs team began in the fall of 2002, and finished their second season with a 5-13-1 record.

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