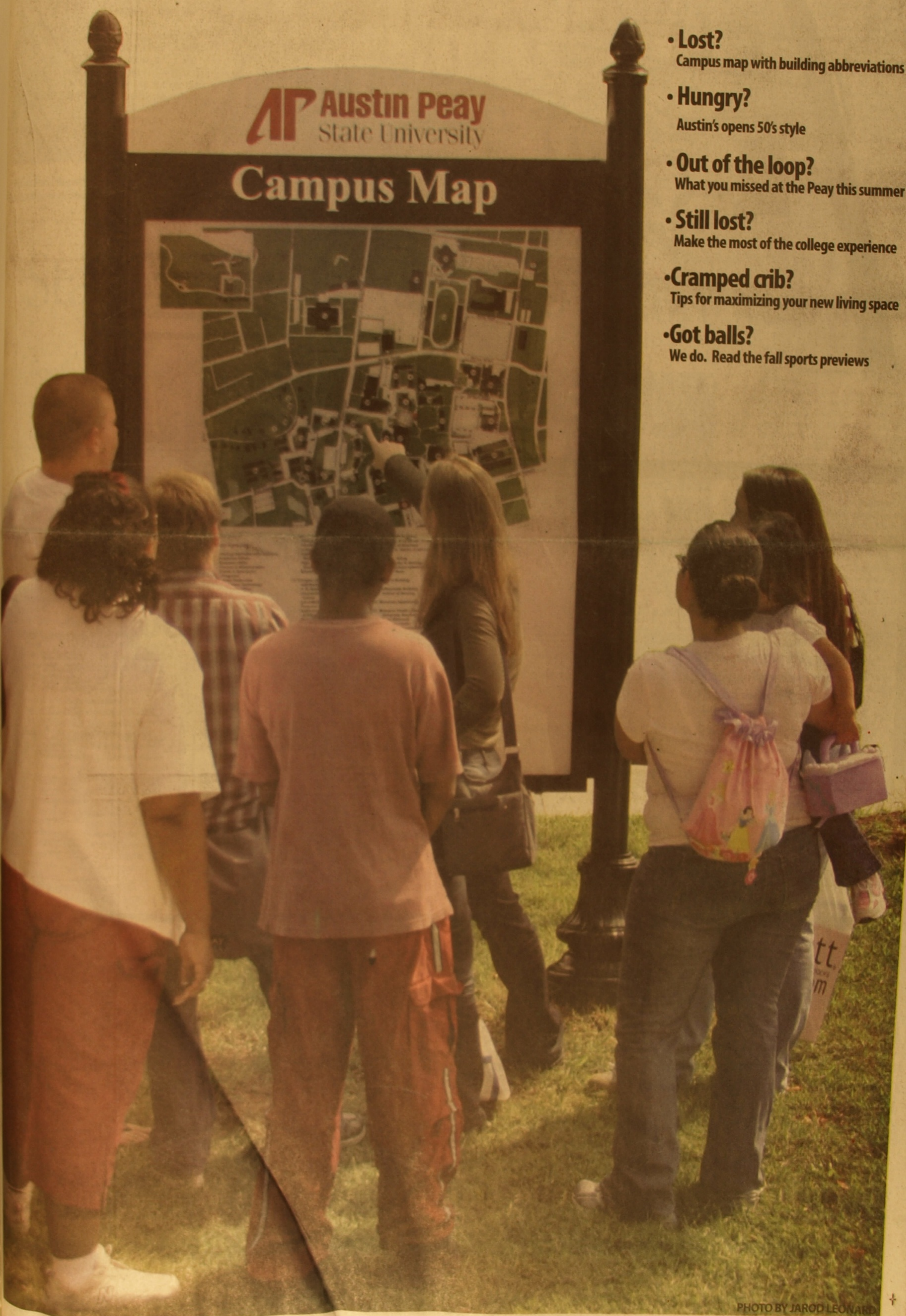


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Austin's offers students an alternative



Above: Food Service Director Scott Geltzer takes orders from customers at Austin's. With items such as hamburgers, french fries and milkshakes, Austin's offers students another place to use their plus dollars and gov bucks.

New 50's style diner opens at APSU

Katie Bell
News Editor

Austin's, a new 50's diner, opens to offer students the choice of having a burger on campus. Food Service Director Scott Geltzer is optimistic about giving students more options when using their plus dollars and gov bucks.

"We want students to be able to spend their plus dollars in different avenues and to give students lots of choices," he said.

According to manager Elaine Dawkins, Austin's advantages are the on-campus location and the option of paying with gov bucks.

"Students are very excited about the opening of Austin's. A lot of them are saying they don't have to go to Johnny's, they can stay on campus."

"It is also more convenient for students without cars. Students that work at Convergys have somewhere to go where they can spend Gov bucks

when they get off work late," she said.

Dawkins' challenges include being unsure of the number students will come to Austin's, but she remains positive. "I have high expectations. I think it will be a good spot. Our food is really good," she said. Many students are excited about having more

choices. "Austin's tasted better than most fast food places and Chik-fil-A," said Thomasina Ramey, freshman pre-physical therapy major.

Lynn Yarbrough who is with the APSU Office of Student Development agreed adding that it's Austin's burgers and shakes that make it such a good place to eat on

Elaine Dawkins
manager

the APSU campus.

Austin's is open Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. - midnight, Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. - midnight, Saturday, 6 p.m. - midnight and Sunday, 2 p.m. - midnight. The diner's menu includes grilled sirloin burgers, fries, cheesesteak sandwiches and milkshakes. ♦

Stadium, track get renovation

Football field scheduled to be ready for Sept. 18

By Amanda Cochrane
Staff Writer

One of several major projects happening on Austin Peay State University's campus is Governor's Stadium getting a renovation.

The completion of the football field is scheduled to be unveiled Sept. 18 which is the first home game against UT Martin. Physical Plant Director Ben Pratt said, "... we are on track for a Sept. 18 completion. We are just waiting for some materials. Unless something unforeseen happens it will be completed on time."

Head football Coach Carroll McCray is optimistic about the renovations made to the football field. McCray said, "We are projected to play the first home game on the new turf. I refuse to think that it will not be done."

The Physical Plant is in charge of the project, which includes fresh paint on concrete walls surrounding the seats, along the exterior walls and in the tunnels. The old turf and track have been removed and the replacement of the turf is scheduled to start Sept. 2.

Effects seem to be minimal towards all the athletes who use the stadium during its facelift, especially in the past summer months.

"It was not a problem during the summer. We have been on the grass fields between the Tennis Center and the Softball Field. Everyone is really excited about the new renovations. You have to give a little to get something this great for our school," said McCray.

Along with making the improvements, it will be made fan-friendly. The student body will be able to use the stadium more readily. The increase of usage by the student body is the hope for the director of the Physical Plant. Pratt said, "It is a plus. We are making improvements to athletics as a whole."

Many students are excited about the improvements to the field. "The



THOMAS VANHOOSER/STAFF



renovations of the football stadium will give Austin Peay State University the new

look it has needed for many years. The stadium will be better equipped and user

Above: Workers demolish the track to prepare for resurfacing. In order to make way for a new track, the old track must be torn away.

Left: The football field is prepped for replacement of turf. The improvements to the field are scheduled to be ready for the first home game Sept. 18.

friendly," said Kathleen Hunt, senior Sociology Major. ♦

Smoking ban update

Robert Butler
Staff Writer

A recommendation to the current smoking policy will prohibit smoking within 30 feet of the building.

Steven Hamilton, chairman of the Campus Safety Grounds Committee, said, "The new policy will be like the non-smoking signs; therefore fines will not be issued." The decals will be placed on the inside of glass doors of each building. Hamilton said the reason for changing the current policy is that the smoke enters the building through the ventilation system.

According to Vice-President of Finance Mitch Robinson, the current policy will be voted on to include the recommendation of being 30 feet from the building. "It is my understanding that what they're looking to do is submit recommendations to the change the policy," he said.

Austin Peay students' opinions vary on this policy. William Overstreet, freshman Sociology major, said, "It does not bother me either way." Because Kenny Dobson freshman Economics major will not stand 30 feet from any building if it is raining outside," he said. "People can get second-hand smoke from walking down the street, and what if it is raining outside?"

The current Smoking and Clean Air Policy was passed in 1996 and prohibits smoking and use of tobacco products in University buildings. ♦

Fraternity house fire kills three

By HOLBROOK MOHR
Associated Press Writer

OXFORD, Miss. - A fire swept through a fraternity house at the University of Mississippi early Friday, killing three students during the first week of classes, school officials said.

Twenty other students and a house mother escaped the two-story, brick- and wood-frame Alpha Tau Omega house, school spokesman Mitchell Diggs said. There were no reports of injuries. The cause was not immediately known.

Firefighters needed about two hours to bring the blaze under control, chapter adviser Al Bell said. Hours later, smoke billowed out of where the roof had been, and much of the upper floor was in ruins.

A fraternity member who was not at the house when the fire occurred said fellow members told him they woke up coughing and found smoke "everywhere."

"They said they just ran out as fast as they could, to get out of that building as fast as possible," said Sean Weidlein, of Middleburg, Va. Fred Cummings, 19, a member of the Ole Miss cross country team who was out running at 6 a.m., said the smoke was so thick "it would choke you up" a mile away.

"When we saw it, the flames were about two stories above the building," he said.

University spokesman Jeff Alford identified two victims as William Townsend, 19, of Clarksdale, and Jordan Williams, 20, of Atlanta, both sophomores majoring in accounting.

Alford said the body of the third victim had not been identified. He said the last missing student was Howard Stone, 19, of Martinsville, Va., a sophomore political science major.

Among the survivors, "things are pretty rough right now," Weidlein said.

Alford said authorities believed the fire started in the fraternity house's living area. Alford said the fraternity house had undergone a routine fire inspection Aug. 17, before students moved in for the fall semester. Alford did not know of any citation issued to the fraternity. ♦

Hoppe hopes statement inspires

Melinda Simmons
Editor in Chief

In a two-day seminar Austin Peay State University President Sherry Hoppe and 30 APSU faculty members envisioned the future of APSU, according to Hoppe at a faculty, administration and staff wide meeting on Monday, August 16.

The Tennessee Board of Regents requires its universities to have a five-year planning cycle. APSU would be looking at goals for the years 2010 to 2015.

"We asked ourselves who we are, where we are, where we want to go and where we might be," Hoppe said at a theatre in the Music Mass Communication building filled with faculty, administration and staff. "The vision must be the direction of APSU and the university we aspire to be."

At the Lake Barkley seminar a guest panel of successful business leaders, three being APSU alumni, spoke on what skills they believed were most important to learn before going out into the workplace. Hoppe commented that all of the panelists seemed to agree that critical thinking skills as well as effective communication skills were important. One of the panelists, who went on to attend law school, said that he/she could have been better prepared in those areas.

The previous vision statement for APSU was as follows: APSU, as a community of learners focusing on the academics, aesthetic and personal development of its students, aspires to become nationally recognized as an excellent comprehensive liberal arts university that contributes significantly to the intellectual, economic, social and cultural life of the region.

In this vision statement the section stating that APSU aspired to become nationally recognized as a liberal arts university has not been fulfilled, according to Hoppe. She also commented that APSU needs to become more competitive. "If we don't become more competitive our students will go elsewhere."

Hoppe also addressed at the meeting the major increase in enrollment due to lottery scholarships and the amount of high-risk students it may bring to the campus. "Students who might normally go to community college first are going straight to college now with the lottery scholarships," she said.

The new vision, proposed at the meeting, stated APSU as "a distinctive learning community, preparing students to live productively in a global society." The language that was excluded was "liberal arts" due to the

fact that the new statement contains words that describe the term "liberal arts." The term "nationally recognized" was also left out. According to Hoppe the new statement requires the following competencies: critical thinking, effective communication, global awareness, technical proficiency, workforce skills, problem solving skills and creativity.

After departmental meetings on August 18, the new vision was revised to say, "APSU's vision is to create a collaborative, integrative learning community, instilling in students habits of critical inquiry as they gain knowledge, skills and values for life and work in a global society." According to Hoppe the statement was expanded to incorporate definitions and to add components of the concepts presented by the Liberal Arts Integration Committee. ♦

APSU improves over summer with more to come

Major campus improvements have been added to the Austin Peay State University this summer. Some new things around campus include:

- The addition of six new campus maps, as well as ground signs and bigger lettering on

buildings will help direct students and visitors.

- The old tablet armchairs have been replaced by tables and chairs in 33 classrooms across campus.
- A Jumbotron large-display video system has been added to the Dunn Center.

- The turf on the football field is being replaced and the track will be resurfaced by Sept. 18, the first home football game.
- A new 50's style diner, Austin's, opened.

Several other projects will be completed in the near future. Be on the lookout for:

- Replacement of bleachers on the main level of the Dunn Center with cushioned stadium-style seating in the north, south and east seating areas.
- The opening of a soccer field in fall 2005.
- The demolition of the Armory and the

construction of the new Student Recreation Center.

- The renovation of the McCord Building, which will house the School of Agriculture, Geosciences, the School of Nursing and the Geographic Information Center.

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Gay / Straight Alliance Meeting

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APSU Fun Day

Student organizations needed, APSU Fun Day is Saturday, Sept. 11 on campus. We need organizations to set up tables and provide fun things for the kids! Contact Stacey Francis at sfrancis14@apmail.apsu.edu or call 221-7421.

SGA Fall 2004 Elections

All students interested in serving on SGA as a senator or executive committee member can print off an application packet on the SGA Website at www.apsu.edu/sga. The deadline for applications is Sept. 13 by 4:30 p.m. in Career Services UC 208. Elections will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 21 through Wednesday, Sept. 22. For more info contact Tamira Cole, chief justice at 221-7262 or e-mail at sgacj@apsu.edu.

NAA Cheatham County Alumni Chapter Golf Tournament

The Cheatham County Alumni Chapter of the NAA will sponsor its first Scholarship Golf Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 2 at Through-the-Green-Highland Rim Golf Course in Joelton. Four-person scramble, shotgun start at 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit Dorris Weakley Memorial Scholarship fund. Cost - \$75 per player, \$280 for team of four. For more information contact Carolyn Britton at 221-7979 or e-mail brittonc@apsu.edu

New Phone Number for Office of the Registrar

The new number for faculty and staff to reach the Office of the Registrar or Joyce Roberts 221-7150. Students may still call 221-7121 and receive the option to speak to the information clerk or hear information on requesting a transcript.

Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom

Stop by the office of SLL in UC-211 to pick up discounted tickets to Six Flags KY Kingdom while supplies last. For more information contact Trish Halstead at 221-7431 or e-mail halsteadt@apsu.edu.

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Campus Crime

Date	Time	Location	Offense
7/11	8:43 p.m.	Summer/Marion	Liquor Law Violation
7/19	8:27 p.m.	Emerald Hill	Simple Assault
7/20	1:33 p.m.	Emerald Hill	Drug/Narcotic Violation, Drug Equipment
7/22	8:10 a.m.	Library	Simple Assault
8/6	11:54 a.m.	Meacham Lot	Theft of Vehicle Parts
8/9	10:04 a.m.	MMC	Burglary

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OUR TAKE

Voting apathy may harm democracy

The most important democratic election in the United States is fast approaching and with it are the fears of low voter turnout. According to the Federal Election Commission's Website, only 51 percent of American citizens that were eligible to vote actually participated in the 2000 elections.

Apathy for the voting process is a very real concern for us. Tennessee's statistics on the FEC's website were even lower than the national numbers, with only 49 percent of the state's eligible voters participating in the election.

Organizations like Rock the Vote and the nonpartisan registration effort Smackdown Your Vote are actively working to improve voter awareness. Our take on this issue of low voter turnout is that we, as Austin Peay State University students, should utilize our organizations in order to encourage voter registration and participation on our campus.

There are two organizations that we believe to be ideal for the task of motivating political activity at APSU: College Democrats and College Republicans. The two organizations are very active in their respective local parties and both groups, as a result, have a finger on the pulse of local politics, not to mention the national political situation.

President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry have very different ideas for the direction of our nation, including the United States' future involvement in Iraq; a major issue for our community. David Kanervo, sponsor of College Republicans, elaborated on the importance of student participation. "Elections

are important for college students because they have a lot of years ahead of them to experience the policies of officials elected this year," he said.

Vernon Warren, sponsor of College Democrats, expressed his view on not voting. "If you do not vote, you are the ostrich that hides his head in the sand. The issues are still there," he said.

Warren also commented on the activity of both groups this semester. "The College Republicans and College Democrats will be acting to encourage awareness and participation in both the registration and voting process."

Many people choose not to vote because they believe their vote will not really matter, but that is simply not the case. The difference in the popular vote in the 2000 election was less than 600,000 votes. Of the approximately 156.4 million people registered to vote, only about 105.6 million people actually voted in the election. That's more than 50 million people that could have voted and didn't, not to mention the 49 million people that were eligible to vote and chose not to even register.

For APSU students who have yet to register to vote, Vicki Coleman, the Election Registrar, will be conducting voter registration in the University Center's plaza on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 11 a.m. The event is being sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha, an APSU political science honor society. Furthermore, any students who have an interest in participating in either College Democrats or College Republicans can call 221-7515.

New Editor in Chief welcomes challenges

Fall semester is here and not only is it my last semester here at Austin Peay State

University but I am lucky enough to spend it as the Editor in Chief of *The All State*.

This being my last semester and *The All State* being very dear to my heart, I intend to take on every challenge I am faced with in making your student newspaper just that: yours.

My goal is to produce an informative, completely unbiased and diverse student newspaper that APSU students as well as faculty, staff and administration can turn to for reliable information that will affect them directly. I encourage letters to the editor and any suggestions or feedback. I, along with the new webmaster, Kristin Crandall, also intend to have *The All State Online* edition up and running within the first weeks of school to better serve APSU community. This will provide us with another way of receiving

feedback from the community.

I have served as News Editor at the paper for the past year and have gladly given up that position to a very talented new editor, Katie Bell.

With an almost entirely new staff, I am excited to bring fresh new faces, talent and ideas to the publication along with the new section editors and managers.

With Lauren Mabon thrilled to take over as Features editor and a new and enthusiastic Sports editor, Mandy White, we intend to not only put out a great paper but also have a lot of fun doing it.

This semester we will also be employing the help of assistant editors to help the turn around process become much smoother.

Eric Miller on Opinions has stepped right up to his position as an assistant editor. This week the new staff has not only checked into their dorms and basically started attending class a week before it actually started, they have taken in an overwhelming amount of information and put it to work.

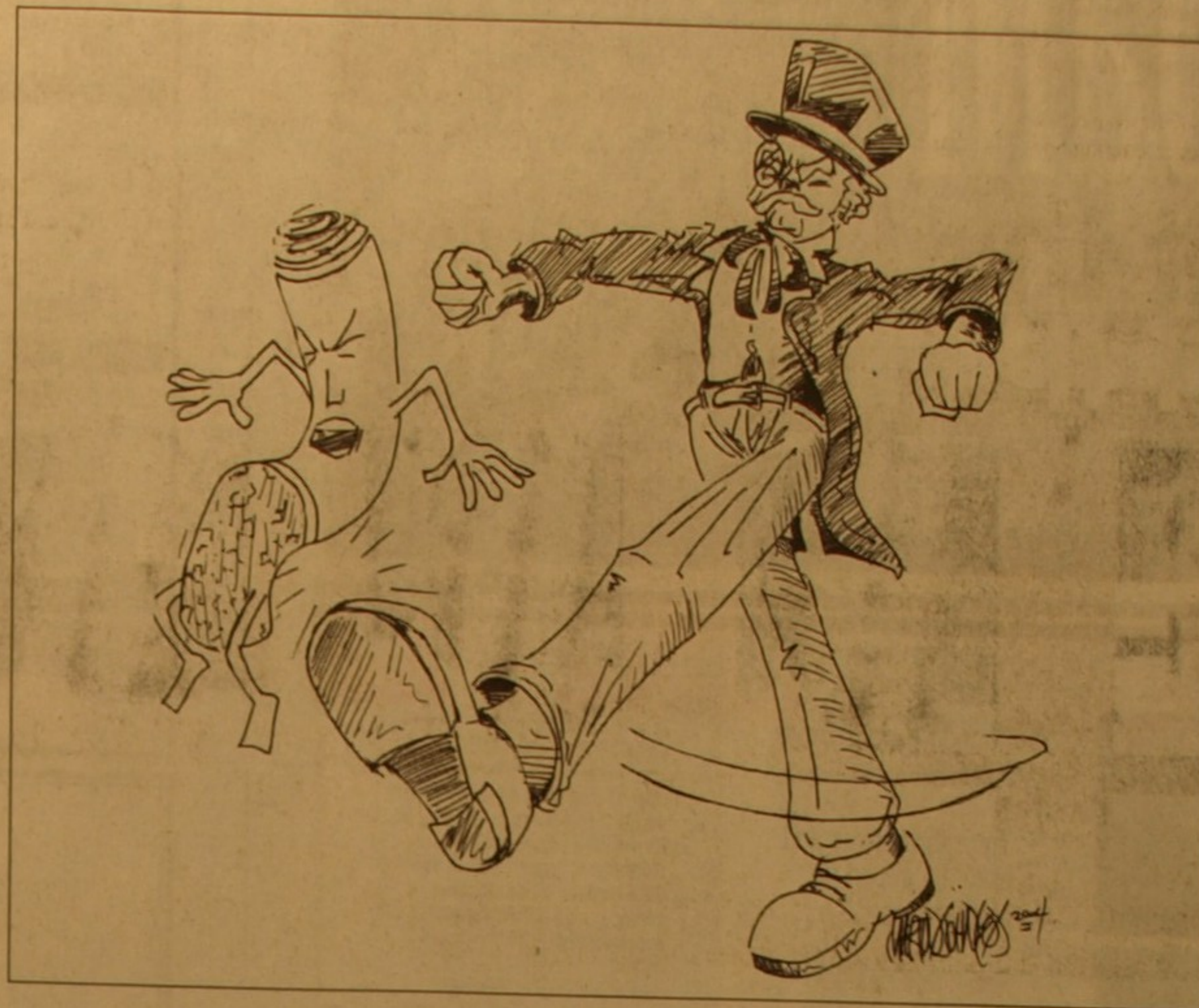
I am so proud of the new staff and can't believe the massive amount of helpers who were willing to stay in the office with us late at night after their job was 'technically' done. With a staff this amazing my job is easy. Thanks guys.

New art director/webmaster offers insight into the college experience

It is for yourself. These are the last four years of your life entering the work force, unless you choose to attend grad school, which, by the way, is the most expensive button on the alarm clock of your life. So, for yourself, do what you want to do. Do not do what all your friends are doing, or what your parents want you to. You want to change your major the middle of your junior year? Go for it, these years are yours, you get to really define yourself and what you're going to do, who you're going to be, and who you're going to be known as. Do get involved. Hang out in the University Center, look into the Greek

world, go to burner advertised parties, join an organization related to your field of study, or just hang out for the day's events. Even if you think your campus event is going to be lame, get your friends together and go. Make it fun. I've been in Clarksville nearly all my life and have never had as much fun in the last year, which was when I moved here and got involved, than I have in the last year before it.

Take advantage of Austin Peay State's resources. We may not be a bigger university, but we do have great things. We have a new fitness facility, a new computer lab, a new fitness facility, a new University Center, new pool tables and game rooms. Use them. Not convincing enough? Well, you'll help pay for your tuition. Well, you'll help pay for your tuition. Well, you'll help pay for your tuition.



By MARTY FOX

Bits of info for freshmen, out-of-towners, and non trads

As I walk down a stretch of the baffling configuration that is the streets of Clarksville, I am observing several points of interest that might be helpful to freshmen trying to adjust and ease into the overall experience of beginning college in a new town. Clarksville is a widespread town,

population of 100,000 plus and the bulk of it consists of three main roads: Wilma Rudolph Blvd., (where the mall is located) Fort Campbell Blvd and Madison St. I could not possibly explain everything about Clarksville but just some key information about where to go around the general vicinity of campus and in town. The most ridiculous fact about these streets is that each one contains a Wal-mart.

So starts the journey, walking up College St. where I stop in at Johnny's Big Burger. You haven't eaten a good burger until you pay a visit to this place. Johnny is there

with his wife, cooking quite often and his business has offered a welcoming environment to the Austin Peay State University community for 35 years. If you haven't noticed it already, it's almost directly across from Drane St., where the dorms are located. I make my way across College St. and down, hanging a right onto Second St., finally reaching that sometimes toxic smelling street on the riverside. I pass McDonald's and make a left. This street is home to Clarksville's night club the Warehouse.

If you survive the smell of Clarksville's waste and the gauntlet of fast food restaurants and make it to the far south end of Riverside Dr. There are actually a couple more decent places to grab a quick non-corporate sponsored meal: Chi-Town Hot Dogs and the Super Giant burger and shake place (be prepared to spend a good several bucks here to get your fill). On that note, we thank those who were responsible for the opening of Austin's new burger joint on campus this semester. Be aware that it is sort of hidden is located on the side of the current bookstore across from the University Center.

As the first few drops of rain start to fall I consider something else that would be worthwhile to mention. If you

are living on campus, you should probably get an umbrella seeing as how the dorms are positioned at a fair distance from many of the classroom buildings and you will have to walk to class. By the time I make it across campus a monsoon has ensued.

Upon entering the UC, I glance over to the information desk. Everyone must go here to get a GOVS card. This card will buy your meals if you live on campus and allow you to check out books from the library. It will also allow you to purchase coffee from Java City which is right next to the information desk. After drying off, I make my way around the inside of the UC and leave through the opposite doors across from the food court. To my left is the bookstore where I would go to get my books until I reconsider and head back to the corner of College and Second St. where cheaper books reside: Study Master.

So I guess my walk has ended and I am ready to relax before the first day begins. Now, I am going to head downtown to the Taproom which is right above the Blackhorse Brewery for a satisfying end to the night. Hopefully these hints will help navigate those of you who are new to the college experience.

Still to consider, what about the non-traditional students? They may be freshmen as well but they make up a large portion of our campus community. Many have families and other concerns which limit the time that they can actually be on campus. While the downtown nightlife is always fun at places like the Taproom and Front Page Deli pubs, it is not always practical.

Some may need more family centered activities, the campus is offering an event called Family Fun Day which will allow the whole family to participate and also features a car show. This will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 11-2 in the UC plaza and bowl area. If you are interested in similar events, just visit www.apsu.edu and click on the Welcome Week header at the top. This will provide you with a good idea of what is going on in the upcoming couple of weeks.

For what this advice has been worth, I've tried to provide you with a clear picture of our surrounding area. I almost forgot... hey kids! Want to get that tattoo mom and dad would never let you have? Check out the Dancing Dragon Tattoo Studio on Ft. Campbell Blvd. I'm sure they would love to have your business. Good luck this semester and I'll see you on next week's pages.

Good advice offers some ways for students to adjust to the new fall 2004 semester

This isn't the first semester of college for most of you, but a few, a lucky few, are just starting out. The campus is a wondrous place and the buildings have an invigorating musty smell that compares to the giddiness that comes from inhaling that new-car smell.

Incoming freshmen often feel on top of the world with the exception of those whose parents are making them attend school and said students feel like they are going to high school redux, but we'll disregard those because Eric Miller is not about pessimism. He is all about filling page space, abusing the third person and telling you freshman what you shouldn't be doing in your first semester of college.

First of all, try not to immediately declare your major. As cool as it might be to tell people that you are a biology/chemistry/pre-med

student, many students' perceptions are changed by the college experience, as are their plans for the future. By leaving your major undeclared and beginning your college career with a healthy schedule of core classes, it buys valuable time that will allow you to come to a decision naturally.

Perhaps I should digress long enough to explain the core system for any who are still getting used to the concept. Core classes are a wide variety of classes that all students at Austin Peay State University are required to take. They serve not only to provide a more well-rounded education, but also allows each student to sample classes from different departments with the possibility of finding something in which a student may wish to pursue a degree.

Whether you take core classes or plan to pursue your prefabricated plans, do not delay in getting textbooks for each class as soon as the syllabus for each is passed out. In

both semesters of my first year, I dragged my feet in buying my books, choosing to get them a few at a time as if a slower descent in my bank account also meant I was saving money. The truth was that delaying my purchases gave every other student enough time to buy all of the best books, not those shiny, new and sometimes shrink-wrapped books, but the wonderfully worn, dog-eared, and cheaper used textbooks that are sold back to the bookstores at the end of every semester. If you have to be frugal with your money this semester, textbooks are obviously not the place to start cutting.

All the things I have listed are good things to know and carry with you, but I believe that the most important thing that freshmen should not do is allowing themselves to be afraid of asking questions about anything. I'm not just talking about a classroom lecture.

A college student has to manage an incredible number of things, from keeping track of classes left to take before earning a degree to hunting down the paperwork that you accumulate as a student. For example, I discovered that finally declaring a double major in my third year resulted in my bulletin being changed to a more recent year, which can be a big problem.

A bulletin is a set of requirements to which a student adheres when working to complete degree requirements. They are updated and changed each year and students can move to a more recent bulletin, which may or may not change some of the credits a student needs to graduate. Students, however, cannot change to an older bulletin. As a result, having your bulletin changed without your knowledge can cause a lot of heartaches and headaches, so don't be afraid to keep track of your records.

The truth about the college experience is that there is no guidebook to make every day smooth and easy for you. Adjusting to campus life is something you have to do on your own, including learning how to govern yourself and make the best use of time management, so that you can be a good student that also happens to get out and about sometimes. Welcome, freshmen; I look forward to seeing all of you around the campus this semester.

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11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
6 p.m.
7 p.m.

*Sigma Phi Epsilon & Chi Omega Cookout (UC Plaza)
Baptist Collegiate Ministries Cookout & games (Intramural Field)
Kappa Sigma "My Brother's Keeper" (Clement Auditorium)

Tuesday, August 31

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
6 p.m.
7 p.m.

"Taste of Clarksville" Campus organizations and area businesses set up to offer you information, freebies and discounts. (UC Plaza)
Sigma Gamma Rho "Ice Cream Social" with DJ (UC Plaza)
Wesley Foundation Open House

Wednesday, September 1

11:45 a.m.
12:15-12:50 p.m.
3:30 p.m.
6 p.m.
7 p.m.
8 p.m.

Red Parade
"Mid Day Refresher" (UC Plaza) sponsored by SGA
"Raw Dawgs and Hot Dogs" (Rawlings Hall)
Baptist Collegiate Ministries "Slip N' Slide" (Intramural Field)
Church of Christ Peak of the Week (Church of Christ Student Center)
Underground (UC Plaza) Christian concert/worship event sponsored by the Baptist Collegiate Ministries and First Baptist Church

Thursday, September 2

2:30 p.m.
5 p.m.

"Ultimate Road Trip" (Clement Auditorium)
"Mudbowl" (Intramural Field) sponsored by SGA
"How far do your balls go?" (Intramural Field)
Peay Pride Cookout (Intramural Field) sponsored by the Peay Pride Committee
Alpha Delta Pi games (Intramural Field)

Tuesday, September 7

3 - 7 p.m.
6 - 8 p.m.
8 p.m.

Greek Olympics
"Black Men Emerging Block Party" (outside Clement Building)
PeaSoup in the African American Cultural Center Open mic, poetry, dance and song.

Student Organization Training

Wednesday, Sept. 8

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UC 307

Monday, Sept. 9

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Barnes named as the new AACC director

By LAUREN MABON
Features Editor

Valerie Barnes is tired of having her picture taken. For the past two weeks, her hectic schedule has been filled with long interviews and photo shoots. Barnes barely has time to finish decorating her new office.

She was appointed this summer as the director of the W.N. Daniel African-American Cultural Center at Austin Peay State University. "I haven't really settled in yet," Barnes said. "This week has been extremely busy." But a demanding schedule doesn't stop Barnes from focusing on her main goal - students.

"I would like to impact the retention of African-American students...national statistics show that after six years, less than 30 percent of those students have actually obtained a degree," Barnes said.

Barnes taught liberal studies at Tree of Life Community Development Corp.-Youthbuild/Americorps USA, a community based organization in Gary, Ind., while earning her doctoral degree in higher education at National-Louis University.

"The organization is designed for students who have dropped out of high school. It prepares students to take the GED test and teaches them construction skills," Barnes said.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English at Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, Ind. and later obtained a master's degree at

National-Louis University.

From 1996-98, she served as an admissions counselor at Calumet College of St. Joseph. In 1998, she became director of the Merrillville campus at the college.

While completing her doctoral degree, Barnes wrote several scholarly publications. One is titled "Sistahs in College: Making a Way Out of No Way." It was published 2002 in "Adult Learning Magazine."

Barnes plans to apply her teaching expertise and rich knowledge of Black history to the new cultural center position.

"My dissertation is the historical study of African-American women," Barnes said.

Barnes also hopes to promote a global outlook at the cultural center.

"Hopefully, this year the center will become more racially inclusive. All students are welcome and I encourage them to visit the center and explore what it has to offer," she said.

Next month, the cultural center has several events planned, including Pea Soup open mic night on Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is co hosting another open mic night on Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. Pea Soup involves student and faculty performances of poetry and song.

The W.N. Daniel African-American Cultural Center is located in the Clement building across from the University Center. ♦



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Valerie Barnes was appointed director of the W.N. Daniel African-American Cultural Center this summer.

Guide to maximizing your APSU experience

By LAUREN MABON
Features Editor

First-time freshmen can often have a hard time adjusting to the hectic challenges of college life, unsure what to expect when they arrive. Here are several tips that first-time APSU freshmen may find helpful:

- Get to know your advisors and professors. If you are having difficulties in a class, don't be afraid to visit during office hours. It's beneficial to get to know professors now, rather than later. (You never know, one day you may need a recommendation letter for graduate school.)
- If you have unresolved financial aid issues, schedule an appointment to meet with a financial aid counselor.
- Read the APSU Undergraduate Bulletin, Student Handbook and Calendar, and the Code of Student Conduct and stay informed about events, news and issues.
- If you commute to campus, obtain a parking decal in the Shasteen building and always follow parking regulations to avoid a fee.
- Speak with dining services about meal plans options.
- Take advantage of the Learning Center and the Academic Support Center. Tutors are always available. Seminars on time management and choosing a major are held throughout the semester.
- Join a club or organization. It's an excellent way to become involved on campus and in the surrounding community.
- Run for a student organization office, play intramural sports or attend a leadership seminar.
- Keep up. Try not to fall behind in reading assignments. It's not the professors' responsibility to constantly remind you about assignments.
- Go to class. You would be surprised how many professors take attendance seriously. In some classes, your grade is based merely on you showing up. Also, many professors use their class discussions and lectures as test material. So while it's important to read your text

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Top tips and helpful hints for freshmen in dorm room decor

By LAUREN MABON
Features Editor

Whether you are a first time freshmen or a second time senior, your dorm or apartment room should be a comfy oasis where you can relax, study and avoid unwanted stress. Most dorm rooms and apartments are cramped and small, but limited space should not stop you from creating the perfect sanctuary - a home away from home.

The first step to decorating your living space is to pick a theme. If you are interested in astronomy, horses, skiing, sports, dancing, cars or movies, start there. There are many options to explore. Just make sure you pick something

that reflects your personality and interests.

Tiffany Minger, a freshmen business management major, plans to decorate using a blue and silver color scheme.

"I bought a great comforter with blue squares on it. I have been eyeing it for three years," said Minger.

Many college students are on a tight budget, so shopping at thrift shops or department stores like Target, Bed Bath and Beyond, Linens N Things and Wal-Mart is a great solution. If



MINGER

you have a roommate, it might be a good idea to shop together. Not only will it bring you closer, it will allow you to agree on a color scheme or a fun poster. You both should feel comfortable expressing your individual style, so don't feel obligated to purchase matching Spongebob Squarepants comforter sets.

Minger recommends purchasing neutral patterned bedding and curtains.

"Neutral colored items will blend well with a roommate's opposite color scheme. Using animal print fabric might throw things off a bit," she said.

In most college dorm rooms, the bed functions as a couch, study area and sometimes

a kitchen table. Therefore, choosing a casual comforter that shows less dirt is key. Usually the comforter is the main focal point of the room, so pick one that compliments your theme. When purchasing bedding, keep in mind that most colleges have extra long beds. If necessary, shop for extra long twin sheets.

Maximizing storage is a plus since dorm room space is limited.

"I have cute silver corner units for extra space and a trunk that sits at the foot of the bed for clothing and my laptop. Plus, I purchased blue roller cases for under bed storage," said Minger.

To gain more space, purchase closet

organizers for shoes and use plastic crates or storage boxes under your bed or in your closet. It may also be a good idea to raise the bed with cement blocks to make extra space for seasonal clothing or luggage. Pop-up hampers are available at stores for great prices. These are the perfect solution to creating more space as well.

Decorating the walls can be a great way to liven up a small space. Hanging posters is a cheap and effective way to decorate. It is wise to purchase special poster adhesive that will

see tips, page 8

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Love Hunter: Long distance relationships can work despite obstacles

I have spent the last little while of my life single. I knew it wouldn't be too much longer before I found the girl that was right (at least right now) for me. I want to start off by saying that my girlfriend is awesome. I've never been one to do things by the "typical" method. For instance, my girlfriend, after a 12-hour discussion, decided to take a big risk and date me. That was great, except that we decided to date exactly one week before school let out for

the summer. She happens to be from Seattle, which kind of put a wrench in things. My summer started off with a girlfriend that lived 2,500 miles away. I found having a girlfriend on the other side of the country made it enticing for other girls to feel they could attempt some sort of move.

There were several girls that I had run-ins with this summer. The first of which, I met in a restaurant. Let's call her girl number one. For

future reference. She didn't pester me like some of the others did. Instead of her pestering me, her friends did. Everywhere I went I heard one of her friends tell me how much this girl liked me and wanted to date me.

Then there was girl number two who was a little more active in trying to date me. She lives about an hour away, which it helped tremendously that she wasn't very close. However, she was little more pestering than the

last girl. She would call me at least every night, and also many times during the day.

My girlfriend and I are great now, but over the summer we had broken up for a period of roughly four days. In an instant, both of these girls felt this was their opportunity. Girl number one told me she was going to break up with her boyfriend for me. Girl number two did break up with her boyfriend for me. Girls one and two weren't too hard to get rid of and I

managed fine. Soon I received a phone call from my recent ex-girlfriend. We later got back together. I then had a problem, because this other girl probably wasn't going to be too happy about this.

Things are better now. My girlfriend is in town for school. Hopefully next time, I will be able to answer a question for someone who is confused about his or her love life. E-mail: theapsulovehunter@yahoo.com. Love, Hunter



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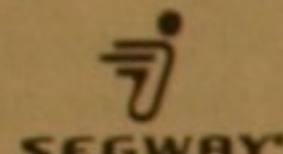
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Experience: More advice for incoming freshmen

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book, it's also vital to go to class and pay attention.

- Budget your time wisely. Finish what you can but don't overload. It may help if you make a list of what you need to accomplish. It's important to prioritize.
- Try to buy used textbooks. You can save a great deal of money by purchasing a used book from the bookstore or from online.
- Buy a phone card. By purchasing a phone card from a local store, you avoid paying the school's long distance rates.
- Make sure your cell phone has nationwide coverage and a free minutes plan that includes nights and weekends.
- Keep in touch with your family members by phone, e-mail or written correspondence.

- Visit the University Center. Many exciting activities occur daily at the U.C. It's a great way to meet new people and have fun.
- Go to the library. Finding a quiet place to study is crucial. You may even want to find a quiet lounge area or coffee house.
- Branch out to meet people. Knock on dorm room doors and introduce yourself or leave your door open so when you're not busy someone can come in and strike up a conversation.
- Be yourself. Remember that college isn't a popularity contest. Ultimately, friends will find you.
- If you are undecided about a major, don't freak out. Many students don't know what they want to do until sophomore year.
- Take core classes first and visit with your advisors and the Career Resource Center to help define your interests and select a major.
- Have fun, but not too much. ♦

Tips: Dorm room decor

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not chip wall paint. You avoid paying an extra housing fee. Posters are not the only wall decor available. French memo boards can hold pictures of friends or memorable ticket stubs.

Placing a dry erase board outside of your dorm room is great for meeting new friends in the residence halls and for keeping track of your busy schedule.

Use colorful fabric as curtains for windows and a vibrant shower curtain to hide dirty laundry if you have an open closet space. ♦

New features editor brings new style



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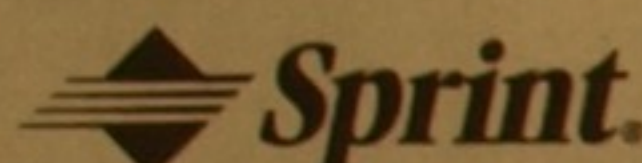
Aaaaah! It's fall once again, a time when the mall becomes deserted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. as students begin to roam college campuses in search of some philosophical purpose...or maybe just credits for early graduation.

Regardless of how much we are dreading the first week of classes, we should be optimistic about the new school year. Think of all the great social activities and sporting events coming up. And not to mention our reunion with all of our long lost friends that disappeared over the summer.

I am thrilled to be a part of *The All State* staff again this semester and excited about my new position as features editor! My name is Lauren Mabon. I am a junior communications major and Spanish minor.

This fall's feature section is going to be phenomenal! I am so anxious to entertain readers and give them exclusive news about events on campus. From fashion and theater to music and fitness - I plan to cover it all. My lovely assistant editor, Natalie Gilmore, and my writers hope to take a new approach by giving students exactly what they want. So contact us at *The All State* and tell us what you would like to read.

Have fun and have a fantastic semester! ♦



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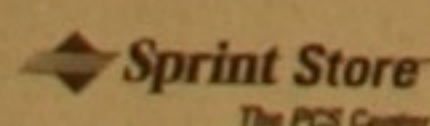
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"Do hang out in the University Center. It's the best place to meet new people. Don't judge others by the first impression."
Heather Denney



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"Do participate in Welcome Week activities. It's so much fun. Don't spend all of your plus dollars in the first month of school."
Krystal Rutter



BAKER
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"Do your homework. Don't skip class."
Daniel Baker



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"Do prioritize and use your time wisely. Don't party too hard."
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APSU athletics begins new era, hires two new coaches

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

Austin Peay State University welcomes new head softball coach Jim Perrin and head tennis coach Ed Dickson to its roster this fall. Perrin, who coached four Kentucky State High School championships while at Christian County High School, is making the leap into collegiate athletics after more than 30 years in the secondary school system. He worked as a volunteer assistant to Tara McCoy at APSU this past spring. Before resigning in June, McCoy posted a 93-219 record in six seasons with the Lady Gobs.



Perrin

Perrin leaves no doubts about whether or not he is qualified to take the helm at the collegiate level. He owns a 632-147 record in 20 seasons at Christian County, including four state runner-up and one third-place finish, 19 district titles and 11 regional championships in addition to the four state crowns.

first taste of the college game this past spring and, although it will be a tremendous challenge, the knowledge and fundamentals of the game are the same.

He was inducted into the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association Victory Club (600 wins) in 2002, and produced 32 all-state players while at Christian County, including several who went on to play in college.

"I don't think there is any question about Jim Perrin's ability to coach," APSU Athletics Director Dave Loos said. "His high school softball coaching record in Kentucky is unparalleled."

Because of his experience with APSU's program last spring, Perrin believes he is ahead of the game.

"All fourteen players are returning," Perrin said. "I know them, and they know me. We're already comfortable with each other and get along well."

"In his one year working with our program, he earned a great deal of respect from our players in his knowledge of the game and his sincere interest in working with them," Loos said.

Dickson, on the other hand, owns 20 years experience as a Division I head tennis coach. He is replacing Brian Surface, who resigned in June.

The Ohio native comes to APSU from West Virginia University, where during his eight-season tenure he coached the Mountaineers to two top-four Big East finishes before the tennis program was terminated in 2003.

"The first thing that impressed me was his wealth of experience," Loos said. "He has coached both men and

women, has managed tennis clubs and tennis centers and has teaching experience in the private sector. He has all the things we've been looking for."

Before moving to West Virginia, Dickson guided Purdue's men's program for 11 seasons, including seven first-team All-Big 10 selections. He coached the women's team for



Dickson

eight years, producing a Big 10 Player of the Year and another four-time All-Big 10 selection.

"I feel so lucky coming to Austin Peay to continue my

career," Dickson said. "My goal as a coach has always been a three part thing: helping the student athlete develop as a tennis player, be one of the many monitors helping each person stay on a positive academic track and help get these men and women ready for the real world?"

In addition to coaching the men's and women's tennis programs, Dickson will be involved with the local tennis community and monitoring the use of APSU's indoor tennis facility.

"I think we got really lucky here," Loos said. "He will hit the ground running, getting our programs going while also working well in the community." ♦

George to face old teammates

A team reunited: same field, different sidelines

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Eddie George thought his NFL career would end when he retired as the Tennessee Titans' all-time leading rusher in four or five years. A parade might have been a nice touch.

He still may get a parade someday, and the Titans may even retire his No. 27. But he said Wednesday that he is too busy playing with his new team — the Dallas Cowboys — to think about what he calls a business decision.

"I have no animosity toward the organization," he said in a conference call with reporters in Tennessee.

"It's something that happened. It's a business. I understand that. I had some great years there. I have some great memories," George said. "That's how I choose to think about the situation rather than be bitter about it, and I'm not going to put forth the energy to thinking bad thoughts or be negative toward anybody. It is what it is, and I'm moving on to another situation."

Ironically, George will be playing his ex-teammates Monday night when the Titans visit the Cowboys. The otherwise meaningless game offers George a chance to say good-byes missed in his shocking release on July 21.

The Titans had talked with George for months about a pay cut to help them with the salary cap. He refused and was released a week before teams headed to training camp.

Hasty departures aren't unusual in the NFL, and George immediately landed a deal with the Cowboys. If George had been released in March, his departure wouldn't be an issue now.

"The timing of it wasn't ideal," George said. "It had to be done. I had to take the cards that were given to me and play the hand."

It was so quick that George had to have some of his

belongings shipped to him in Oxnard, Calif., where Dallas held training camp. He had little time for talk.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher said they spoke as friends after the release.

"We wished each other well. We didn't have to go back and rehash what happened. Everybody knew what happened," Fisher said. "We were just kind of shocked at the fact that it happened and went on from there. We told him we'd be crossing paths four to six weeks from when we released him."

George did call a couple of Tennessee's offensive linemen. He told them he didn't make the comments criticizing the Titans for not investing in better linemen. He said Wednesday he hopes to visit with them at the team hotel before the game.

Right guard Benji Olson left George a message but hasn't heard back from him. Olson jokingly dabbed at his eyes with a T-shirt and said he guessed the two weren't as close as he thought.

"I think people are starting to come to the fact that's just the way the business is," Olson said.

George has found time in recent weeks to talk with close friends like Titans cornerback Samari Rolle, the best man at his wedding. The topic of conversation usually involves family and how

George is settling in with the Cowboys.

"We don't talk about whether it was right or wrong what the Titans did," left tackle Brad Hopkins said.

"We don't talk about whether he's going to get us back being a Cowboy." ♦



Austin Peay close to filling two head coaching positions

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

Austin Peay State University has hired two new coaches this summer, for the golf and cross country teams, but has yet to secure their head coaching positions.

However, both positions are reportedly close to being filled.

APSU has offered the golf coaching position, and it has been accepted, but because a contract has not been signed, no names have been released.

"All I can say right now is that he is a quality person from a successful program," APSU Athletics Director Dave Loos said.

The candidate's name will be released early this week.

He will be replacing Mark Leroux, who in his eight-year tenure led APSU's men's team to three consecutive NCAA Regional Tournament appearances and built the women's program from scratch. APSU is still in the midst of

conducting a search for a cross country and track head coach.

"We are in the process of interviewing four candidates," Loos said, "and a decision will be reached sometime during the next week."

The new coach will be replacing Yvonne Lowe, who came to APSU after an assistant coaching position at Southeast Missouri.

Lowe coached two seasons at APSU before resigning over the summer. ♦

As Olympics wrap up, U.S. racks up

By DEANNA MILLER
Staff Writer

The USA Women's Olympic Soccer team win Thursday brought the U.S. to a total of 28 gold medals.

The game against Brazil was deadlocked at 0-0 until Lindsay Tarpley, a junior from University of North Carolina, scored a goal in the thirty-eighth minute of the game. One of only two college players on the Olympic Team, Tarpley's goal helped boost the confidence of the U.S. team in their abilities.

At half time, the score remained 1-0 and the U.S. felt assured of their victory. But in the second half, Brazil tied it up with a goal scored against the U.S. The score remained tied for the rest of the game, prolonging the intensity into overtime.

U.S. goalkeeper Briana Scurry delivered an exhausting performance of defending the U.S. goal.

Throughout the game Brazil had more shots at goal, but the U.S. had more solid shots at goal. The Brazilian team was physical, hoping to intimidate the U.S. with brute force. Mia Hamm, arguably the best female player for the U.S., was even knocked to the ground several times by Brazil.

With the winning of the gold for the U.S. comes the retirement of some



U.S. swimmer and gold medalist Michael Phelps poses with the U.S. Soccer team after the women beat Brazil for the gold medal.

of women's soccer's greatest players. Hamm, Julie Foudy and Joy Fawcett are all retiring from the national team. It is reported that they may play some farewell exhibitions this fall.

Scurry has been rumored to be thinking about her own retirement, although she has not given an official statement. This leaves Kristine Lilly and Brandi Chastain as the only members of the original 1991 World Cup Championship Team to continue to play, although they are considering retiring from the national team as well.

Abby Wambach scored the winning goal in overtime on minute 112. Wambach scored with a powerful header off a corner kick from Kristine Lilly, as reported by MSNBC.msn.com.

Wambach is predicted to beat Hamm's record one day, and this was her fourth goal of the Athens Games and her eighteenth in the last 20 games.

Winning the gold medal was a extraordinary way for some extraordinary players to end extraordinary careers. ♦

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Lady Gobs soccer perform well in preseason despite young athletes

By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

After falling just short of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament last year, the Austin Peay State University soccer team knows it has nothing to lose and everything to prove, and with 12 freshmen, they will have to work hard. After the preseason coaches meeting, the Lady Gobs were picked to finish dead last.

"We were surprised, but we are still young," said junior co-captain Kaylee Yago. "But it makes me mad, and it just kind of gives us something to push toward."

In an exhibition game on Aug. 20, in Huntsville, Ala., the Gobs slammed West Georgia, 6-0.

"We played like we knew what we were doing for once," said head coach Kelley Poole Guth.

"There is a little bit of experience behind our belts this year, and we are very pleased with the way the freshmen contributed."

In their third year as a program the Lady Gobs are still struggling to build the program.

This year the Lady Gobs have increased their roster from 21 to 27 players, which has allowed Poole Guth the freedom to move people around.

Her biggest move was pulling Yago from the defense position and putting her into attack mode in the forward position.

The move has seemed to work for Yago, as she scored two goals for the Lady Gobs against West Georgia.

"It is exciting," Yago said. "Coach has wanted to put me in the attacking mode for a long time, and with the depth we have this year, I guess she decided to try it out." ♦

Note from new editor



By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

Hey, all you sports fans! Are you ready for some football? Or are you looking for an update on one of your other favorite Austin Peay teams?

Whatever you're after, my awesome staff writers are sure to hit a grand slam. As your new sports editor, I'm looking forward to a perfect season, bringing home the gold and racking up W's for that win column every edition.

If there is ever something you'd like to see more of, or even if you want to say you like the way we're doing things, just drop me a line at theallstate@apsu.edu. I'd love you hear from you, and until next week, let's go Peay! ♦

Governors football prepare to open season Saturday

By MATTHEW HEISS
Staff Writer

Entering his second year as head coach of the Austin Peay State University Governors, Coach Carroll McCray and his staff know the bar has been raised and new goals must be met.

With the incoming talent and the veteran experience he has returning, McCray just has to put the pieces of the puzzle together and right now that is what he has: pieces.

With just a week until the Gobs open their season at Campbellsville, they are still trying to work out positions and injuries are not helping.

After being sidelined for a few days with a hamstring injury,

cornerback Teddy Carruthers wanted to show coaches and teammates he was ready to play and after a hit on running back Quera Williams there was nothing more for Williams to say.

"You know I am impressed," said Williams. "A little-bitty guy like Teddy (5-foot-10, 160 pounds) hit me like that. I am going to give him his props."

It did not take long for freshman running back Chris Fletcher to fill the gap left by Williams.

After the injury, the Clarksville High graduate, stepped into the spotlight and showed what his former high school coach, who is now in his second season as an APSU assistant coach, Bob Ateca taught him.



THOMAS VAN HOOZEN
Freshman quarterback Brandon Clifton executes a fake hand-off during a practice session last week.

"I expect him to come here and do big things for us," said Ateca. "He has picked up the offense very well."

There is still a question of who will play receiver for the Gobs because senior Joe Carlini is sidelined with a groin pull and junior Dustin Fleenor is limited because of an offseason surgery.

"I think right now with our dings and dungs at receiver, every young man out there who can catch has got an opportunity," said McCray.

On the other side of the ball, the experience of the Gobs' frontline is expected to spearhead their drive to the Pioneer League Championship game.

With a good rotation between Jordan Richardson, Justin Meyer and Steve Young at the defensive end position, McCray feels his roster has some depth. The quality depth at the tackle position for the Gobs will include a rotation between Matt Williams, Marcus Tucker, Drew Wilson and Ivory Grey.

"We have a little more depth there," said McCray. "Some of them don't have playing experience, but there's a little more depth there than we have had."

The Gobs open their season on the road with two games away before they get the chance to defend their new astro turf field. Their first home game is against Tennessee-Martin at 6 p.m. ♦

Volleyball boasts productive preseason

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

"This is one of the best preseasons we've ever had," Austin Peay State University head volleyball coach Cheryl Holt said. "We've got more parity and team chemistry than in recent seasons and a lot of talent."

After two weeks of preseason, Holt has a good idea of what each of the Lady Gobs will bring to the table. Eight varsity players drive the 12-person roster, each with substantial game experience, and four freshmen are hoping to secure a position in the lineup.

Players are coming with more knowledge than in the past, Holt said.

"Each of our freshmen

have good volleyball sense," Holt said. "They played for good clubs and have good training. I am confident that they will contribute to our program, and the sooner they are ready to play, the better our team will be."

Although Holt is excited about this recruiting class, she knows that her upperclassmen are responsible for getting everyone geared up for this season.

"My seniors are showing good leadership," Holt said, "and instead of just going through the motions, they are making a conscious decision to give it all they've got. They're tired of not being successful."

The recent Olympics have

been a source of inspiration to the APSU volleyball team.

"Every day we talk about how much hard work goes into a successful volleyball program," Holt said. "Those players in the Olympics did not make it there in one day. It took dedication and diligence."

The Lady Gobs begin play with four games in the Arkansas State Tournament, Friday and Saturday, in Jonesboro, Ark. Opposing teams include Stephen F. Austin, Arkansas-Little Rock, Louisiana State and Arkansas Tech.

During the tournament, Holt says she will let everyone see some game time, even if it is minimal, to go ahead and "get the jitters out." ♦

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