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Off the stage

Get to know the lives of a couple of your favorite Austin Peay State University actors.

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Senior Ashley Haynes' double-double performance led the Lady Gov's to victory over APOsport Herzogenburg in an exhibition. The Lady Gov's open their season this Friday at Troy.

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Shooting, robberies worry campus students

BY ROBERT BUTLER
Staff Writer

Over the weekend Austin Peay State University Campus Police responded to a shooting and attempted robbery in two separate and unrelated incidents.

Friday, 3:40 a.m.

On Friday night campus police received calls that shots had been fired in the parking lots of Cross and Rawlins halls.

The incident is still currently under investigation; however police said the suspects are not APSU students. No one was injured in this incident.

Around 3:40 a.m., a group of unidentified males were standing in the area of Cross Hall, "when an unidentified, dark colored vehicle, drove by slowly and fired a single shot," according to a bulletin released by campus police on Friday afternoon.

The vehicle then stopped in front of Rawlins Hall

and fired another shot.

According to campus police, the shooting stemmed from a fight between two males which occurred at an off-campus party earlier that night. The subjects were removed from the party but then had another altercation in the parking lot.

According to reports, one of the subjects said he was going to retrieve a weapon and go to the other subject's residence.

Police would not release the names of the parties involved.

According to campus police, they do not know if the two parties knew each other before the incident originally occurred.

Saturday, 9:34 p.m.

Then, Saturday night campus police responded to a call of an attempted robbery at gunpoint.

Campus police stopped two suspects, who were

identified by the victim, in the vicinity of Sevier and Blount halls.

A pellet gun was confiscated from one of the suspects.

While police were questioning the two suspects, police received a second call of an attempted robbery.

As the officer was answering the dispatch, one of the suspects fled from the scene on foot, according to campus police.

One suspect, a juvenile, was arrested and charged with aggravated robbery. He was transported to a juvenile facility in Columbia, Tenn.

Police, at press time, were still searching for Tyrone Eugene Gordon who is wanted for aggravated robbery and evading arrest. Gordon is an 18-year-old black male, 5 feet 5 inches tall with brown eyes and black hair.

Charles Struckel, APSU's crime prevention officer, says that Gordon and the juvenile are suspects in both

attempted robberies.

The penalty for an aggravated robbery is a class E felony in Tennessee, said Struckel.

The evading arrest charge could be a felony or a misdemeanor. "I can't give any specifics or details on that at this time," he said.

APSU residents are shocked over the recent events.

Ramson Marcus, a freshman computer science major, lives in Rawlins Hall said he had just gotten home from work after the shooting occurred early Friday morning.

"At first I felt really comfortable living here, but now it makes me think about my safety," said Marcus.

Meredith Reda, a sophomore, majoring in business marketing, lives in Cross Hall and said she was not on

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Bigger and better residency planned

BY ROBERT BUTLER

Director of housing Joe Mills indicates that Austin Peay State University will implement new housing renovations, along with the idea of adding new restaurants and classrooms closer to dormitories.

The project will cost about \$15 to \$20 million. Joe Mills says that the president and vice president of the university have estimated future enrollment to be up to about 10,000 students, which is 2,500 more than current enrollment.

Mills said that the university has estimated that about 25 percent of the student population lives on campus.

The project will take about three to five years to complete.

The new housing complexes will be similar to Hand Village but bigger. Hand Village was built about two and a half years ago and the project cost \$11 million to build.

The new housing projects will be built within the same area between Rawlins and Hand village apartments.

The enrollment increased 13 percent last year because of the lottery scholarship. The final numbers have not come out this year but the enrollment is said to be up again this fall according to university president Sherry Hoppe. Mills says that there simply are more people graduating high school as of the last few years.

Other ideas are being discussed such as adding classrooms to the new dormitories. Mills says that traditionally students who live in the same facility within each other and take the same classes together are more likely to become successful in their college experience.

"I think that we would like to add some food areas and some retail space in there and maybe bookstore options and possibly some fast food options like a Subway, that kind of stuff," said Mills.

The retail projects and fast food projects will be secondary at this point to the new dormitory space. Mills also says that no ideas have been made to tear down the older dorms at this time but has not ruled out the possibility. "It is about 3 to 5 years down the line," said Mills. ♦

Chatt fishing for funds but expect less

Associated Press

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga school officials say they expect to get less money than they requested from the state for next year because other programs will likely take precedence.

State Sen. David Fowler, a Republican who represents Signal Mountain, said what new state money becomes available likely will go to TennCare, the state's health care program for the poor, and funding for K-12 education.

Administrators have said UTC needs \$5.8 million, or \$756 more per student, in new money next year to be average among its peer institutions, which are similar in size, mission and academic program.

Those peer schools include Western Carolina University, Murray State University and Appalachian State University.

UT President John Petersen has said the five-campus UT system needs at least \$142 million to boost its academic and research programs. But he only expects to get about \$20 million next year.

UTC's tuition and fees increased 9.9 percent this year, bumping annual tuition to \$4,500. UT's tuition and fees increased 11.4 percent to \$5,290 for the year.

The system's budget requests go before the Tennessee Higher Education Commission Thursday. ♦

Veterans day brings road closings

Parade honored heroes as citizens piled the streets of Clarksville on Friday for the annual ceremony for saluting those who have served the country



GREG WILLIAMSON/AP PHOTO

Austin Peay State University ROTC members march downtown past the Montgomery County Courthouse during the annual Veterans Day Parade Friday. The ceremony featured floats and bands. This year's theme was "Welcome Home and Godspeed: A Special Tribute to Vietnam Veterans." Another observance of this holiday was the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library unveiling of the Veterans' Quilt on Saturday, Nov. 12. APSU's Goldsmith Press and Rare Type Collection and Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library sponsored the Clarksville Veterans' Quilt, a 12 foot by 12 foot quilt containing the names of more than 250 veterans.

Hoppe and others to see five percent raise in salary

Associated Press

Presidents of the Board of Regents universities will get healthy pay increases because of changes in the pay scale.

Presidents at Austin Peay State University, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee State, East Tennessee State and Middle Tennessee State will see increases of at least 5 percent annually through 2007.

President Shirley Raines at the University of Memphis will get an average 9 percent more per year through 2007.

Regents officials say when the last pay bump has been made, the Tennessee presidents will still be underpaid by 10 percent when salaries at similar schools nationwide are averaged.

Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning says the system doesn't want to lose its university heads over salaries.

Raines, at Memphis, is in line to make \$26,000 a year.

Memphis is considered the Regents' main research university. ♦



FILE PHOTO

Austin Peay State University president, Sherry Hoppe along with other presidents in Tennessee are expected to see an increase in pay until 2007. Hoppe was nominated as APSU's chancellor in 2001.

Private Universities (fiscal 2004) School Compensation

1. Donald E. Ross
Lynn University \$5,042,315
2. Audrey K. Doberstein
Wilmington College \$1,370,973
3. E. Gordon Gee
Vanderbilt University \$1,326,786
4. John R. Silber
Boston University \$1,253,352
5. John M. McCardell
Middlebury College \$1,213,141

Note: Figures for all five presidents include some deferred compensation. Doberstein, Silber and McCardell have all retired or taken other jobs.

Public Universities (2005-2006) School Compensation

1. Mary Sue Coleman
University of Michigan \$724,604
2. David P. Roselle
University of Delaware \$720,522
3. Mark G. Yudof
University of Texas \$693,677
4. Carl Patton
Georgia State University \$688,406
5. John T. Casteen
University of Virginia \$659,670

Most recently available figures are for 2003-2004 calendar 2005.

Source: The Chronicle of Higher Education

Louisiana escapees make friends at UT campus posing as displaced Katrina victims

Associated Press

Two escaped prison inmates from Louisiana took advantage of sympathy for Hurricane Katrina evacuees to pass themselves off to University of Tennessee students as refugee fraternity brothers, police said.

Steven Ridge, 31, and Zachary Arabie, 22, were arrested in Knoxville last week after Ridge tried to pass a counterfeit bill at a convenience store while a Knoxville police officer was inside.

As authorities have pieced together what the two did in Knoxville, they found the fugitives easily ingratiated themselves on the 25,000-student campus, partying on Fraternity Row, dating coeds and renting an apartment in the favorite off-campus neighborhood.

"We believe they were in the process of creating new identities to disappear again and possibly do an abduction," police Sgt. Sean Hejna said. "We got these two just in time."

Ridge, serving time for forgery and theft, and Arabie, in prison for armed robbery, escaped Sept. 13 from River Correctional Facility in Ferriday, La.,

after they converted a Popsicle stick into a key, Hejna said.

According to Knoxville police, Ridge and Arabie stole a car and drove to Birmingham, then stole another car to drive to Knoxville.

They showed up using fake names at the UT Lambda Chi fraternity house a few days after escaping.

Ridge claimed to be a Louisiana State University graduate and a Lambda Chi displaced by Katrina from a graduate program at Tulane University in New Orleans.

He even had a Tulane ID card. It's genius, their plan, it was really genius," said fraternity president Sam Seyler, a fifth-year senior studying English.

"Who is going to deny the fact that someone is a refugee? We took them at their word." The men were polite, with Ridge doing most of the talking, Seyler said. "I never felt threatened by them. And that's the scary part," he said.

The two sometimes dated female students before their identities were known.

"One girl is really broken up by it," Seyler said. "She is obviously shocked."

The two were so gracious and "overly generous" that Seyler said he became suspicious.

He arranged a meeting with a UT official to discuss the situation on Nov. 7, the same day Ridge was arrested with a stack of fake \$10 bills.

It took some time to identify Ridge after his arrest because he deliberately injured his fingers, even gnawing on them to obscure his fingerprints, Hejna said.

Authorities also began searching for Arabie. He was sited at a campus library before he was arrested Thursday while walking on campus.

Besides facing counterfeiting charges, Ridge and Arabie are under investigation for fraudulently obtaining \$4,000 from the Red Cross by posing as Katrina refugees.

Local police think an abduction was being planned by the pair, but they won't provide details. "Were we duped? I guess," Seyler said.

"We were trying to be good Southern gentlemen and show some hospitality in a tough time. We thought it was the right thing to do."

Crimes: Safest campus reputation challenged

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campus the night of the shooting, but she heard about the shooting in front of her dorm.

Reda said she initially did not want to come back to campus. "I did not want to come back but my parents made me," said Reda.

When she first enrolled at APSU, Reda said she was told by a student worker at her student orientation that APSU is one of the top 10 safest college campuses in Tennessee.

"I just hope they do more patrols around here now," said Reda.

Struckel said police will increase patrols especially in the area around Cross Hall. "We have had previous altercations, previous fights that always seem to come from Cross Hall or in the general vicinity of it," said Struckel.

If any student has information on either case they can contact APSU police at 931-221-7786 or visit the crime prevention website section at www.apsu.edu/police.

Good Morning APSU

Campus Community

Notice to all housing residents

If you don't plan to enroll for any class's spring 2006, you are required to complete a "Contract Release Appeal Form." Completion of this appeal form, and subsequent approval will release you from your academic year license agreement, and ensure no spring housing and meal plan charges will be posted to your student account. Deadline to submit form is Nov. 15. For more information please contact Housing and Residence Life at housing@apsu.edu or at 7444.

Greek 101

Are you interested in joining a NPHC social Greek organization? You must attend a Greek 101 session in order to be eligible. The last session will be Monday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 pm in UC 308. For more information please contact Trish Halstead at halsteadt@apsu.edu or 7431.

"My Sister's Keeper" Book Club Discussion

The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will be hosting a book discussion for the "If All AP Read The Same Book" book club Wed. Nov. 16 at 5pm in UC-303. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please contact Trish Halstead at halsteadt@apsu.edu or 7431.

Study Abroad Program in Spain

There will be an informational meeting for students interested in the Study Abroad Program in Spain on Saturday, November, 19th at 1:00 p.m. in Harned Hall 231. All students interested in studying abroad are welcome. For more information please contact Miguel R. Ruiz-Avilés at ruizavilesm@apsu.edu or at 7855.

Phonathon Set for Spring 2006

Alumni and Annual Giving's annual Phonathon will be held in February 2006. Faculty are encouraged to participate to help raise money for their department and/or departmental scholarship(s). For more information please contact Carolyn Britton at brittonc@apsu.edu 7979.

Don't Be a Turkey!

Mark your calendars to get tips from our registered dietician to help keep your healthy habits alive through the upcoming holidays - Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7 am in Memorial Health fitness studio. For more information contact Jenn Puhl at puhljl@apsu.edu or 221-7564

State seeks to reverse enrollment drop at community colleges

Associated Press

The number of students enrolled in the state's community colleges has fallen by 10,400 during the past decade and state officials are looking for solutions to turn the trend around.

The largest drop has been among students 25 and older. There are 20 percent fewer of those students on the 13 community college campuses than in 1995.

The trend is puzzling to Brian Noland, associate executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

"We have a recession, enrollment goes down; we go out of the recession, enrollment still continues to decline, which flies in the face of what's happening in other states," Noland said. "It doesn't make any sense to me."

Adding to the mystery is the fact the state's population continues to grow, rising by 600,000 since 1995.

Gov. Phil Bredesen said recently it is important for more Tennessee residents to take advantage of higher education opportunities.

"As we talk about recruiting corporate headquarters, the most important thing of all is going to be having a pool of people with the skills it takes for these jobs,"

Bredesen said.

Houston Davis, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, and others said they believe cost and convenience may be contributing to the drop in enrollment of older students.

Tuition and fees at Tennessee's public colleges has risen dramatically in recent years as state financial support has waned.

"Classes at community colleges aren't always scheduled at convenient times for

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— Bredesen, on colleges

people who work full-time," Davis said.

Finally, the community colleges are facing competition from private institutions like the University of Phoenix that aggressively recruit older students and offer classes that can be completed in less time.

Davis said the state may offer enrollment

to students who never completed high school on a trial basis to attract more older students.

And to target more traditional students, the state could also begin to offer remedial courses to high school students to get them ready for college work, he said.

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education reported last week that the percentage of Americans with a college education will decline by 2020, with a corresponding drop in personal income unless states do a better job in higher education.

Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor Charles Manning said the challenge is to get more students to decide they want a college education.

"More could be done for students who are already going," he said. "But we're really saying, 'How can we get the next 10 percent?'"



Davis

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE \$1500.00 BY TALKING ON THE PHONE?

The APSU Office of Admissions will have positions open this Spring in our **Student Telecounseling Admissions Representatives (STARS) program**. This is a \$1500.00 per semester scholarship program where **YOU** become a part of a prospective student's admissions process.

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Year in School
Campus Attending
GPA
Contact phone number and address

You will need to come by Ellington 117 to pick up an application to complete and have back to us by November 21, 2005.

Please do not contact our main office with phone inquiries. All contact and inquiries should be made to the following email address:

Makeba Webb- webbm@apsu.edu

**GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FINAL EXAMS FROM THE
APSU ADMISSIONS OFFICE!**

OUR TAKE

Guard the group's representation well

Our editorial staff is comprised of a diverse assortment of students who are equally involved in other campus organizations.

If you read The All State, you want to believe that this publication is representing itself in the best manner possible. Similarly, other groups should consider more closely monitoring their own collective behavior within a given group.

Considering the multiple organizations represented, it is only fair to expect a sense of fair reporting and detachment from other campus interests. For a very simple example, writing a story about another organization that we are involved in, would not be representing our position at this publication very well.

Conflicts of interest are very serious issues in journalism and something that we have had experience with to some degree.

If we valued our position in a given group, we certainly wouldn't be inclined to write negatively inspired articles about that group. Now suppose something that reflected poorly on our group happened within one of our groups and we didn't report on it. We would not be representing our organizations in a professional manner

at all. We would be showing favoritism by only running the stories that portray our organizations in a negative light. It's an issue that extends even to the highest levels of professional journalism, asking questions like, "Are you an American first or a journalist in times of war coverage and similarly important situations?" People like Geraldo Rivera decide that they don't care much about being either one. May this serve as a reminder to all other organizations on campus. People identify you much more easily if you are active in a student organization.

This lends itself to condemning the actions of not one person but all associated with that group if negative behaviors occur. This should not be. If the organization wants to be portrayed in a positive light, there should be some course of action in order to distinguish the group apart from the individual who has not complied. This is why groups have governing principles. This applies to even the most ragtag bands of rebels out there.

Maybe there is a way still to maintain the integrity of the individual and the group. The solution is simple. Represent your group well and behave in a manner that will preserve group unity. ♦

Defending the rights of the sad state of affairs

As we used to say in the military (borrowed second-hand from the corporate world): "put the bottom line up-front." Well, here it is.

Smoking is stupid, really stupid. In fact we ought to take a page from the vindictive Middle Ages and do to tobacco's patron saint, Sir Walter Raleigh, what they did back then as the ultimate act of historical revisionism: disinter him and stick his skull up on a pole and plant it over a festering landfill. What was he thinking anyway?

It's a little late for that, however, despite the warm and fuzzy feeling that comes over us when contemplating America's real national pastime: revenge. We're stuck with a bad habit that kills and employs hundreds of thousands of people simultaneously. Thus, smokers are just sucking it up for the economy, although we do it more and more for other people's economies.

Plus, we do society a favor by kicking off rather earlier than most groups, the truth being that by doing so we spare society the expense of the biggest cost health care-wise, which is old age. If you nanny-state advocates are really worried about the collapse of the health care system, then stop trying to get everybody to live to the age of 120. In fact, you should be subsidizing McDonalds and thanking R.J. Williamson, both of whom deserve a round of applause from the Voluntary Human Extinction Project for their efforts to rid the world of humans and make the future safe for truly useful species, such as Elves.

There's a point here coming up any second now. While it works its way through my synapses, the toll-booths of the human nerve system, let's just grab the first thought off the exit ramp. Hey, here's one now; I'm sure that most of you that have attended a class on American History remember reading something about a guy named Alexis de Toqueville... I'm feeling blank stares here. Come on; tell me you've been reading something besides the back of cereal boxes.

Jeez, OK, Toqueville was a French guy that came over here in the 1830's and started telling all of us in America how to live - in other words, he was a typical Frenchman. Anyway, after traveling around some pretty rough places, getting his head shoved through a couple of barroom jukeboxes, getting chucked out of a couple of windows, having a couple of pool-sticks broken over his head - the usual thing - he

figured he had gathered enough information and he decided to write a book about his experiences.

Now, amazingly, despite the handicap of being French, he was actually pretty observant and he made a couple of good points about this country while recuperating from his wounds. The one that most people focus on in particular is his worry that America might degenerate into a "tyranny of the majority."

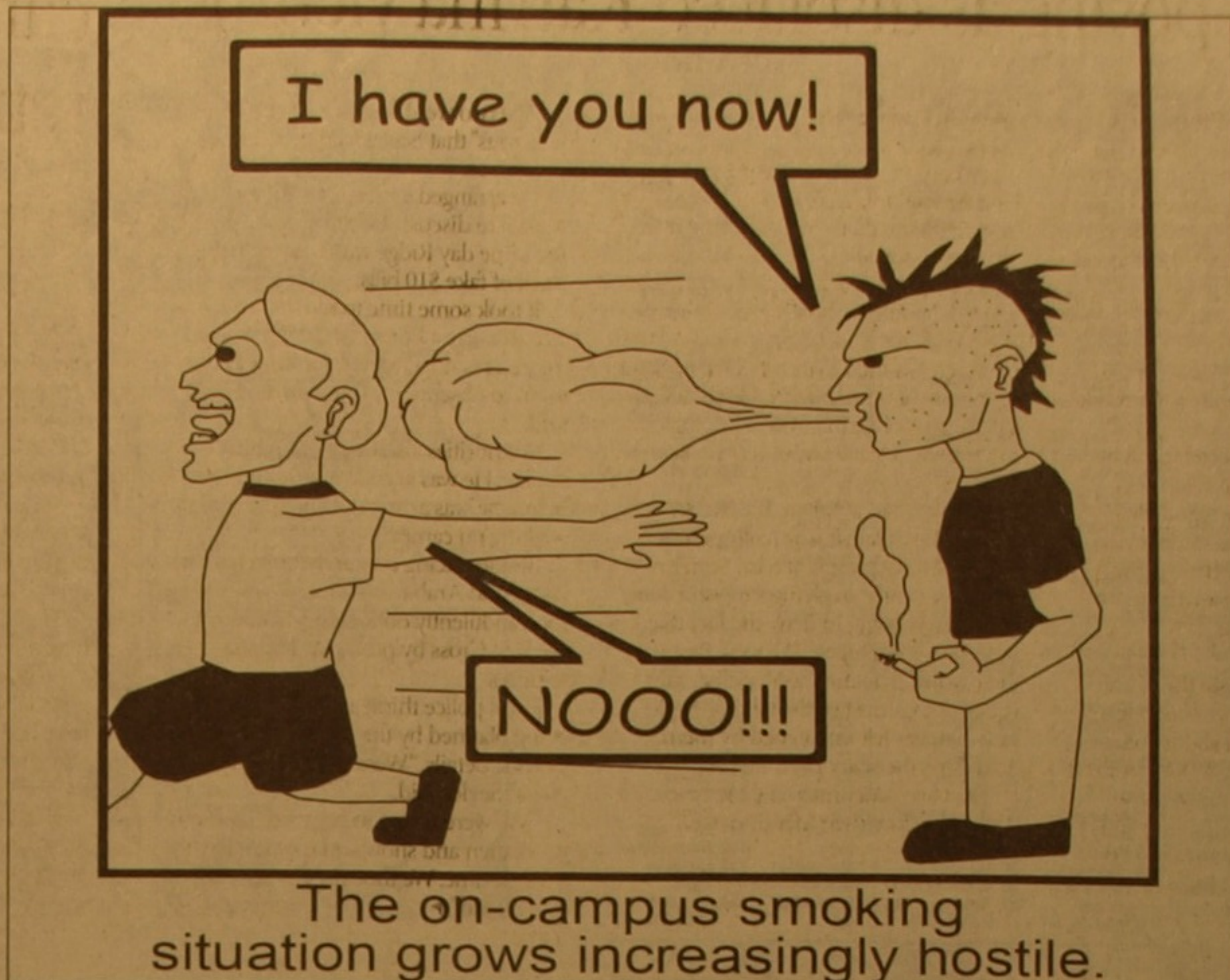
The thought probably occurred to him when he was in a bar during "Monday Night Football." He wanted to watch something on PBS and felt that the rights of the minority should be considered and said so. Then he tried to change the channel. When he woke up naked in a drainage ditch twenty miles out of town it occurred to him that, if unrestrained, the majority would just lord it over the minority as much as any king or aristocracy ever did. In order for democracy to work for everybody, the minority had to be protected - not just from thugs with pipe-wrenches and bats but also from the tyranny of opinion as expressed by nice, normal, regular people who just happened to think that they knew what was best for everybody.

De Toqueville knew that the tyranny of opinion was as dangerous as the kind that allowed for no opinion, the end result being a type of uniformity that represented anything but freedom. Under the tyranny of opinion, the desire to fit in and not be hated and scorned and gazed at suspiciously by the smug, self-righteous (yet well-meaning) majority makes even large groups of people give up their freedoms in trade for things like jobs and acceptance. They give in a little at a time and hope that the majority is satisfied with the spoils of their latest raid on freedom, which raids are usually directed against weak points that are not easily defended, like smoking for instance.

It is hard to defend that one, isn't it? It's just stupid, kind of like riding motorcycles, eating fried foods, skateboarding, and a hundred other things that make people say things like, "they shouldn't be allowed to do that," because they themselves, of course, do not ever engage in behavior that is not approved, except maybe for one or two things, but that's different; "we're talking about you, so don't change the subject to whatever it is I do that you don't approve of." Okay, right.

You might want to take some time and try to find the last time the anti-freedom crowd was ever satisfied with controlling just a little bit of behavior. Find out just when exactly it was that they gave it a rest and let groups like the ACLU go on extended vacation. Just for your own amusement and edification, go ahead and look that up for me.

I'll just move my coffee cup over to the plant-stand in order to make some space on my desk for all the examples you come up with. ♦



By Dustin Kramer

SGA needs you to work with them in order to work for you

It has come to my attention that students are unaware of the role the Student Government Association plays at Austin Peay State University. Most students know of SGA, but I wonder how many have actually ever gone to a meeting or checked the minutes posted on the SGA website. Blindly, most students allow SGA to govern without question or suggestion. That is until lately.

Recently, a proposal was initiated by Senator Parker Goolsby to restrict smoking to parking lots. The reason for this proposal stemmed from students approaching him about smokers not abiding by the "30 feet from the building" smoking policy.

Goolsby stated: "I'm a smoker (I'm trying to quit) and from a smoker's point of view, 30 feet is too general. So I brought this proposal before the senate to say where you can smoke and where you can't smoke, instead of just a general 30 feet."

By students talking to Goolsby, the plan was put into action. I'm going to give you a little information about SGA. Senate meetings are every Wednesday at

12:20 p.m. and executive committee meetings are Mondays and Fridays at 12:20 p.m. In order to stay up to date on what is going on with SGA, students may attend meetings or read the minutes posted on the SGA website.

SGA President Kevin Kennedy said, "We try to encourage senators to go out and talk to students, tell them what's going on and receive feedback on things we can do better and ways to improve to make their representation at this level better."

Kennedy believes the best form of communication at APSU is "through word of mouth." While I like the fact that senators are out there talking to students, I think there are other ways to keep the student body informed as well.

I have attended APSU since summer semester 2003 and have never been approached by a senator on any topic.

SGA could make students more aware by posting a bulletin board outside of their office in the University Center.

A lot of students walk by that office every day and if there were announcements displayed for all to see, then students would have no question with (or reason for not knowing) what SGA is focusing on week to week.

I know that SGA has a website, but I have heard too many people say that they never go to APSU's website or check their AP mail address.

Well, this is the students' fault. If you want to know what's going on at APSU, you need to take initiative to check into it yourself.

Waiting for information to fall in your lap and then complaining when you didn't know that information because you haven't checked your email all semester, well that's just idiotic. (I'm not referring to the limited smoking proposal; the news on this was gathered by word of mouth.) This is your school; take control and find out what's going on around you.

"It's hard for a group of 30 or 40 senators to know of every issue that goes on, on campus," Kennedy said.

When students come to us with issues, then we can ask questions and do research to find out where the derivation of that problem has come and how we can handle that and represent the students in that manner."

He also said SGA is always open to email from students.

If SGA and the students of this campus combine their efforts, SGA could do what it was meant to do: represent the student body.

Student involvement is what SGA wants. They are thrilled students are finally standing up and taking notice.

The referendum that begins today speaks for SGA. The senators don't get a voice this time the students will have their say on whether or not APSU should be a limited smoking campus.

The final vote comes from APSU's President Sherry Hoppe's cabinet, but the students will be heard when SGA delivers the tallied votes.

That is what SGA is here for. They are not the enemy; they are representatives for each of us. SGA and the student body must keep each other equally informed in order for the system to work. ♦



OPINION
Phil Grey



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OPINION
Micheal Weakley

that I am proud to have written. After several incidents this past few weeks that involved religion, family and people on campus, I felt inclined to write a piece on character.

The personality trait referred to as "character" is one of the most valuable ways that we can determine whether we will or will not fall in love with someone, decide to befriend someone and/or our overall concept of how individuals relate to the world.

Some shine because of their character while others are shadowed by theirs. I have witnessed a well-dressed man behind a pulpit completely disrespect an entire congregation by speaking of "the only

way to heaven" and other rhetoric. Disturbingly, I have seen fellow classmates fabricate stories and rally against policies that I know they did not support and ultimately create a mild media frenzy in an effort to further their own personal ambitions.

But more rewardingly, I spent time with an amazing woman who turned 70 this weekend and who possesses an undeniable trait of character. The gift that she had was honesty, and honesty is an impeccable trait.

The dark-dressed man behind the counter spoke of how salvation through Christ is the only way to heaven.

His statements included "if you don't believe in God through Jesus, then hell is the only option."

Character is generally defined as "moral or ethical strength." I neither agree with his ethics nor his morals in this case.

Resolving that one way is the only way limits a lot of incredible God-loving and fearing people as well as millions of others that worship God or a god in some form.

Jesus spoke of love; he was known for it; he created an entire following based on the principals of love. He wanted people to live right, society has placed these limitations on how one gets in to heaven and who gets in.

Communication and understanding is a remarkable ability and those who have openly accepted others regardless of how they label themselves religiously are sources of good character, for those who judge others based on their beliefs have missed the message of love.

I stated in an article previously "you have to stand for something," and I have and always will defend anyone that stands up and is heard, as long as they are being honest with their protests.

Recently on this campus there have been opinions expressed ranging from the arrival of the new university center to a campus-wide ban on smoking. Some have taken a view professing their hatred for campus smoking and how it hurts the campus' image.

My grandmother always used this phrase "that's the pot calling the kettle black." Basically, if you advertise yourself as a person in various media outlets as someone who is against smoking and wants it banned on campus, but you are also known as an avid smoker, then your purpose is lost and your character is bruised. Efforts to promote oneself based on fabrications and deceit negates anything said that might have helped your cause.

Live and believe in what you say; it's a sign of good character.

Lastly I just wanted to share my opinion on greatness and trust. No matter what the situation is or what the consequences may be the one thing I learned from an amazing mentor was the value of honesty.

It can only lead the soul along the right path, regardless of religious preference; it will only help you to shine among your peers, and most of all, it's the heart and soul of this life and one that enables us all to be creative and productive people. Honesty is the character we should all look for in others and ourselves. ♦

WE WANT YOUR OPINION

Send your letters to the editor in a Word document to theallstate@apsu.edu by noon on Friday. Please include your name, classification and major or job title.

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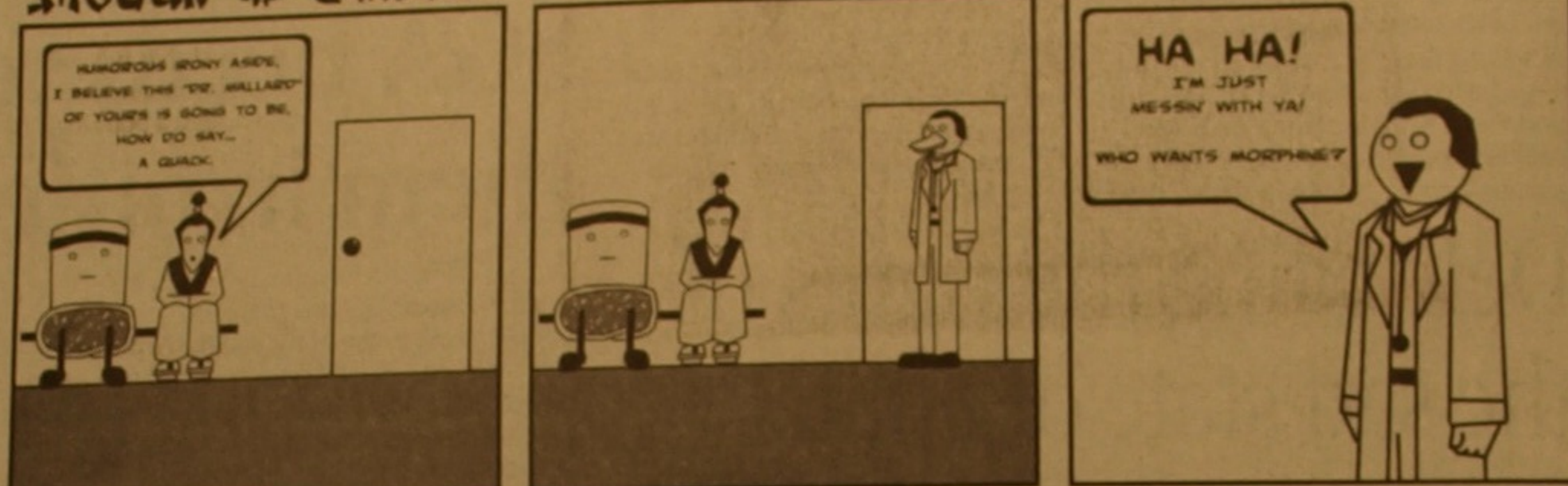
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Idol champ aims for southern success



AP PHOTO/LOUIS LANZANO
American Idol winner Carrie Underwood arrives for the "Broadway Meets Country" benefit concert in New York.

By JOHN GEROME
Associated Press Writer

The most anticipated country album this fall might not be by Kenny Chesney or Big & Rich, but by a shy 22-year-old Oklahoma woman who says she's terrified of public speaking and kind of a dud at parties.

Carrie Underwood, who in May became the fourth winner of the American Idol TV series, will release her debut album "Some Hearts" on Nov. 15.

"Obviously all eyes are on Kenny Chesney, but I'm very curious about Carrie Underwood," said Ben Kline, senior vice president of sales and marketing for Universal Music Group Nashville.

Along with fall releases by Chesney and Big & Rich, Underwood is considered the last chance to reverse a 10 percent slide in country music sales this year. Insiders hope her popularity with the show's nearly 30 million viewers will translate to sales.

"Look at all the exposure she's had. You'd expect it to be a lot like Kelly Clarkson," said Bill Kennedy, vice president of sales for Capitol Records Nashville.

Clarkson, the first American Idol winner, has had six top 10 singles and two albums in the top five. Her first album, "Thankful," debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's album chart in 2003.

Underwood, who has a big, full voice like one of her country music heroes, Martina McBride, released a pop single in June, "Inside Your Heaven," that was chosen for her or for whomever won for that matter by American Idol producers.

The song reached No. 1 on Billboard's singles sales chart, but didn't fly on country radio.

Her new album on the Arista label is closer to what viewers heard from her on the TV show, where she performed songs

by McBride, Rascal Flatts, Faith Hill, the Dixie Chicks and Jo Dee Messina.

She co-wrote the tune "I Ain't in Checotah Anymore," an ode to her small town roots, and added a disclaimer to "Before He Cheats" a dark song about a woman so angry with her boyfriend that she takes a baseball bat to his four-wheel drive.

"It's something I would never do, but everybody likes to think about doing those things," Underwood said during a recent interview.

The first single, the ballad "Jesus Take the Wheel," cracked the top 25 after only two weeks on the chart. Underwood will perform it during the Country Music Association awards Tuesday, the same day as the album release.

"Jesus Take the Wheel" and a lot of the other stuff on the album is more representative of what I want to do," Underwood said.

Born and raised on a farm in Checotah, Okla., Underwood, the youngest of three girls, began singing in church and later in school musicals and talent shows. After high school, she all but gave up on the idea of singing professionally.

"It was kind of like a stupid dream to me," she recalled. "I thought it was never going to happen so why waste my time trying to do only that?"

Underwood attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., where she studied journalism.

Underwood never quit singing, though. During summers she performed in a Branson-style country show that included singing, dancing and comedy. After seeing a TV report about people sleeping outside for an American Idol audition in Cleveland, she and her mother drove

through the night to the one in St. Louis. "Everyone always told me I needed to try out for it, but I was too chicken," she said.

A striking blonde, Underwood isn't shy about her shyness. She readily describes herself as quiet and says she gets nervous speaking to large groups. During the interview she was reserved, answering questions but seldom volunteering more.

"A lot of people get the impression that I might not be nice," Underwood said. "I'm just a quiet person. If I got to a party or something, I'm the one sitting on the couch watching everybody else."

Once on the show, her expectations grew. At first she just wanted to see how far she could go. Then she wanted to make the top 12 because it meant a shot at a recording contract. Then the top 10 because it would get her on the American Idol tour.

"After 10, it was like icing on the cake," she said. "At about four, I thought, 'Hey, I've got a one in four chance of winning.'"

Since her win, she's traveled nonstop. Besides performing on the CMA awards, she'll be on Larry King Live, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Grand Ole Opry, The Today Show, The View, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Dr. Phil and TN's Christmas In Washington Special.

She's discovering that being a famous singer isn't as glamorous as she thought.

"I always envisioned that I'd get up and have someone do my hair and makeup and go out and sing that night and it would be great," she said.

"But we try to pack the days as full as we can to try to maximize the time. I consider youth to be a very important asset right now." ♦

Behind the Costume

The spotlight illuminates two theatre stars

By REBECCA BEASLEY
Guest Writer

The house lights are down. Bright white light from the spotlight floods the stage. A deep breath, the show begins.

Jamie Farmer, a junior theatre education major, has quickly become a hot item in the APSU theatre department and for good reason.

Farmer, who is also the current president of AP Playhouse, is overflowing with creative energy and enthusiasm.

"To me, theatre is art," Farmer said. To many, she is an artist.

Farmer has participated in many productions here on Trahern's stage.

She presented her artistic talents beginning with "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "A Heartbeat to Baghdad," "A Christmas Carol," "Naomi in the Living Room" and finally "The Misanthrope" and "Punch and Judy."

Her most recent performance is scheduled to begin this Wednesday, Nov. 16, where she showcases as Judy in "Punch and Judy."

Farmer has described herself as "overwhelming" at times.

"I say what I think; I say it loud," Farmer said.

When asked who inspires her she talked of her high school theatre teacher.

"I was her clay; she molded me into a form," Farmer said.

While attending APSU, Farmer hopes to obtain a B.S. in Theatre Education.

She eventually hopes to teach theatre in a small town school helping to develop a theatre program.

"I don't want to be famous," she said. "I don't want to do Broadway."

Often seen next to Farmer on the stage is her male counterpart, Elijah Dies.

Dies, a graduate student and a General Communications major, is explosive on the stage.

A former student of Cumberland University, Dies holds a B.A. with an emphasis in theatre. He is also a member of AP Playhouse and of Alpha

Psi Omega.

Quite an experienced student, Dies has a knack for theatre and an amazing talent.

Of the many things he has done, he performed as stage manager for "A Heartbeat to Baghdad." Likewise, he starred in "A Christmas Carol," "Words, Words, Words," "The Misanthrope," and most recently, "Punch and Judy," where he stars as the infamous Mr. Punch.

He also directed "All About Al," which won him Best One Act in a group of student-directed one acts.

Dies is a very 'in the moment' person. When asked what theatre was to him, not only did he describe it as an art form but also as a tool.

"It's a way to understand society and people in general," Dies said. "It can really move people."

As involved as he is, he feels that the theatre should somehow reflect the world of reality.

"When it's [theatre] used as a tool it's a very wonderful way of teaching people...you can motivate anyone," Dies said.

Of his long term goals, acting and writing seemed to be the most important. Eventually he would like one of his own plays to be produced.

"Not necessarily having a name, but just for the love of doing it," Dies said.

Dies has said his inspirations include his parents. Professionally, however, he looks up to Morgan Freeman and Jim Carey.

"As far as physical comedy, which is something that I really enjoy, I've always respected Jim Carey doing that."

Farmer and Dies are both amazing performers.

When it comes to motivation, they both possess qualities which make them stand out: Passion, drive and a love for the arts. ♦



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Farmer, junior theatre education major, is current president of AP Playhouse and frequent lead in the theatre's productions.



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF
Elijah Dies, graduate student and general communications major, manages and directs many of the theatre productions.

Campus brings new flavor with Izzi's

For those fed up with the standard pizza, burger, and chicken combos, a new addition to the food court will compensate

By A.J. DUGGER
Staff Writer

Izzi's is one of the newest places in the Food Court. Launched in the middle of September, Izzi's sprung up seemingly overnight and granted immediate satisfaction.

"It definitely fills you up," said Brandon McKnight, a junior political science major. Izzi's specializes in Southwestern (Tex-Mex) food. The range of choices is indeed a broad one. Students can pick from burritos, soft and hard shell tacos, taco salads and nachos.

"Izzi's is an Aramark idea that first came from another university by one of our regional chefs," said Jeff Richardson, the food service director of Campus Dining

Services.

Izzi's got its name from a regional chef. Most students have responded positively to the newest addition to the food court.

"As a Spanish major, I've had a lot of Mexican food. This (Izzi's) comes close to authentic. I like it," said Erin Herbison, a sophomore Spanish major.

"The taco salads with the chicken, the rice and the cheese are the best. And you have to dip the shell in the cheese sauce," added Diana Whitson, a junior mathematics major.

The most popular and requested food item offered at Izzi's comes down to one word: the burrito.

"The burritos here are a lot different than Taco Bell. At Taco Bell, the burritos

have a certain taste. It's an interesting taste, but here, the burritos are made of more of the essential characteristics...it doesn't have a bunch of funny sauce you don't know anything about," said Derek Williams, a senior music education major.

"It's all laid out there. You get what you want. You make your own thing."

Indeed, students are able to get their food made exactly as they like it, even right down to the choosing of the sauces.

"You can choose your own flavor of burrito. I think that makes it different from other burrito joints," said Williams.

Izzi's has become an overnight smash with APSU students, and it's no secret why. The place serves up delicious food that shouldn't be missed. ♦



STEVEN BUTLER/STAFF

Newly launched Izzi's, located in the University Center food court, offers variety of Southwestern (Tex-Mex) foods.

Compassion for religion motivates artist

By REBECCA YEATTS
Staff Writer

There is a certain type of artistic beauty that is unique to the church. Figures of the Virgin Mary, statuesque icons of Jesus and graceful images of Saints.

Miriam Gergis recognizes that beauty, specifically the beauty of the Coptic Church.

In fact, she is dedicating her senior art exhibit to it.

Gergis has always loved art but has a special passion for Coptic Orthodox art. Raised in the church from a young age, Gergis was awestruck as a child by the majestic icons within the church walls. Gergis' show, "Coptics," which opened this past Monday, depicts icons of the Coptic Orthodox Church, much like the ones that she revered growing up.

It is one of Gergis' goals to, through her collection, educate and inform others about the Copts and the Coptic Church.

She succeeded because the collection is powerful, full of rich colors and thought provoking images that will have viewers asking questions and learning.

"Coptics" is on display in the Trahern Gallery 108.

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Left: Gergis, creator of "Coptics," stands by a piece of her artwork. Her love for the Orthodox Coptic Church was a major inspiration and she hopes that people will be enlightened by her work. Top: A crowd of people observe the collection of Gergis' show.

Roofies making rounds on party circuit

Partying students should be wary about the menagerie of date rape drugs and their dangerous effects

By TIFFANI CARVER
Staff Writer

Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate, or GHB, is among the many date rape drugs out on the market. GHB, along with other drugs like Rohypnol, also known as roofies, are being smuggled into the United States, primarily by way of Canada. Because of its physical make up, being that it is colorless and odorless, it is very easy to transport. Investigators are finding that the drug is being sold on Canadian websites in liter sized plastic bottles.

When someone spikes a drink with this substance, their intent is usually to harm or violate the person who is consuming it. The consequences of consuming GHB vary among people but have been known to

cause seizures, hallucinations, difficulty breathing, comas and even death. The slightly bitter substance makes those who use it feel sleepy and sluggish. Like any other drug, GHB is also consumed voluntarily. In an interview done by USA Today in 2002, twenty two year old Kevin Newell used the GHB drug for over a year because he liked the mellow feeling he got from it.

GHB and its derivatives were being used in health supplements in the mid-1990's. Supplements such as "Enliven" and "Blue Nitro" contained some form of GHB.

The distributors of these drugs were promoting them as formulas that encourage sleep and claimed that they retarded the natural aging process and

helped build muscles.

Although scientist suggest that GHB does not have a direct effect when building muscle and slowing down the process of aging, bodybuilders in 1990 were not discouraged from taking these drugs. With a string of overdose cases among bodybuilders, it made authorities question the effects of the drug.

There is a small amount of GHB that naturally occurs in the human body, but increasing it with the illegal form of GHB makes the brain's chemical makeup become unbalanced. "This can cause the euphoria of being sleepy," said Alan Leshner, a former executive director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse in Bethesda, MD, in an interview with USA

Today in 2002. Mixing GHB with caffeine or alcohol only makes the drug react faster and deadlier.

In early 2005, the DEA made a huge bust on a very well-known and successful ecstasy supplier out of Canada. Ze Wai Wong is the alleged leader of this international ecstasy cartel. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Wong's business helped supply about 15 percent of the United States ecstasy supply. Wong is now facing charges in the U.S. for drug trafficking. Ecstasy is another drug that has been used in date rape scenarios. Though mainly known as a drug that people willingly abuse, ecstasy, or MDMA, has been reported in many date rape cases. Ecstasy, like GHB, causes the user to

hallucinate and can also cause death.

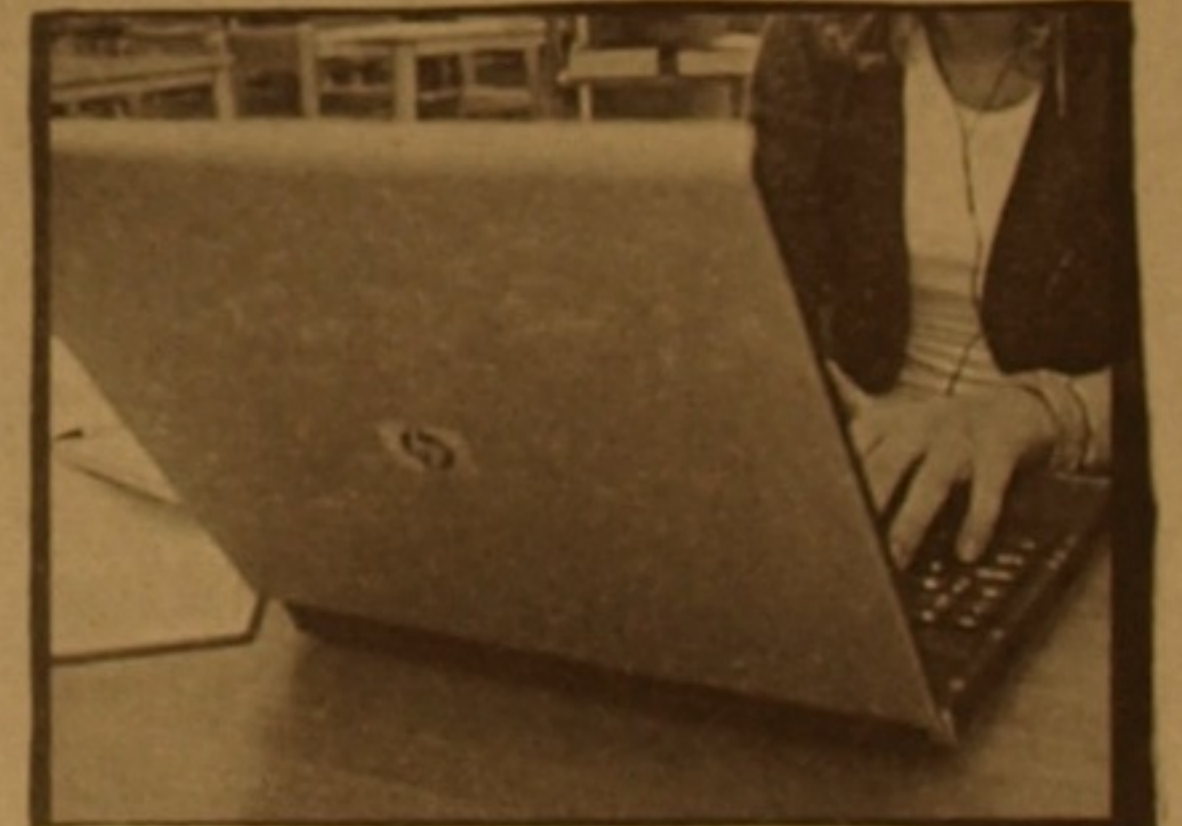
"Don't be a victim," states Coolnurse.com. The website provides the public with information on certain drugs and how they affect the body. They also provide a few tips on preventing people from becoming victims of date rape, such as never going to a party alone, not accepting open drinks from people you don't know and never leaving your drink unattended. They also encourage those who have been raped to report it immediately.

The most important issue at hand is maintaining safety and keeping conscience of the environment in which you are in. It's alright to have fun, but being safe while doing it offers an even better time out.

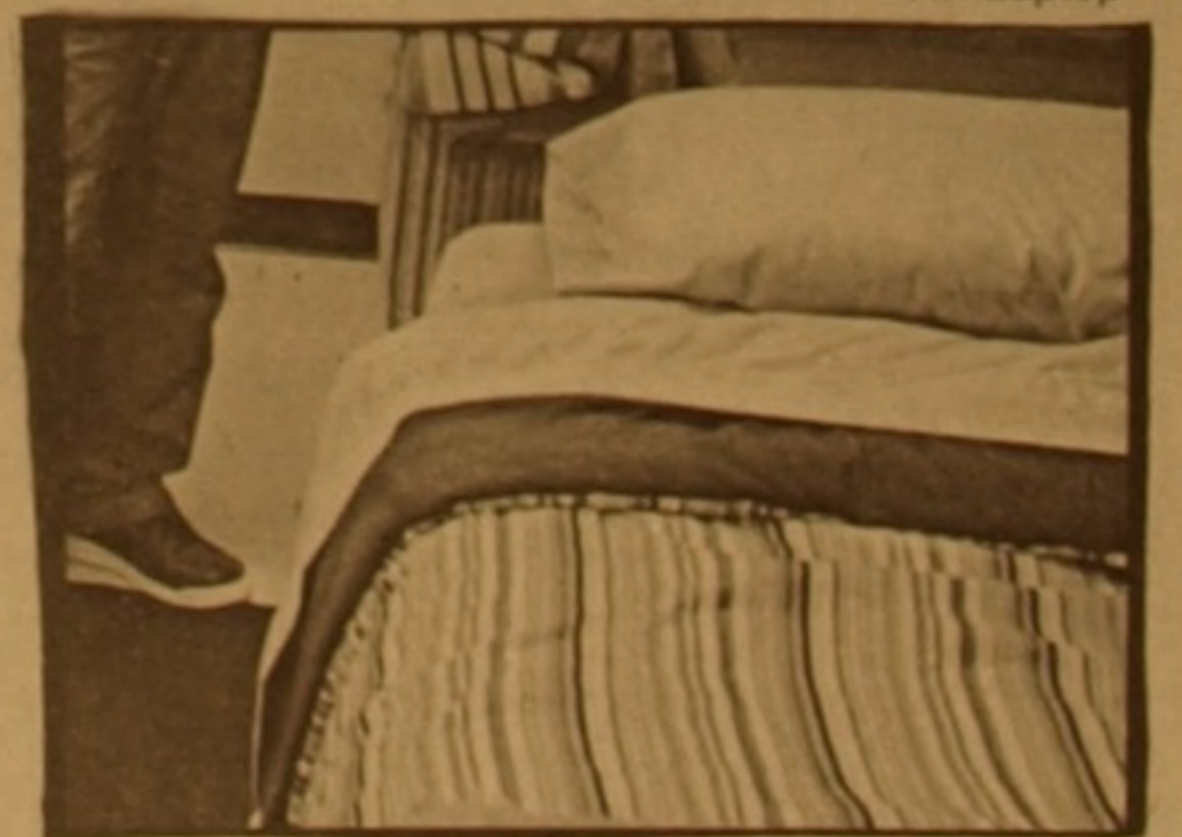
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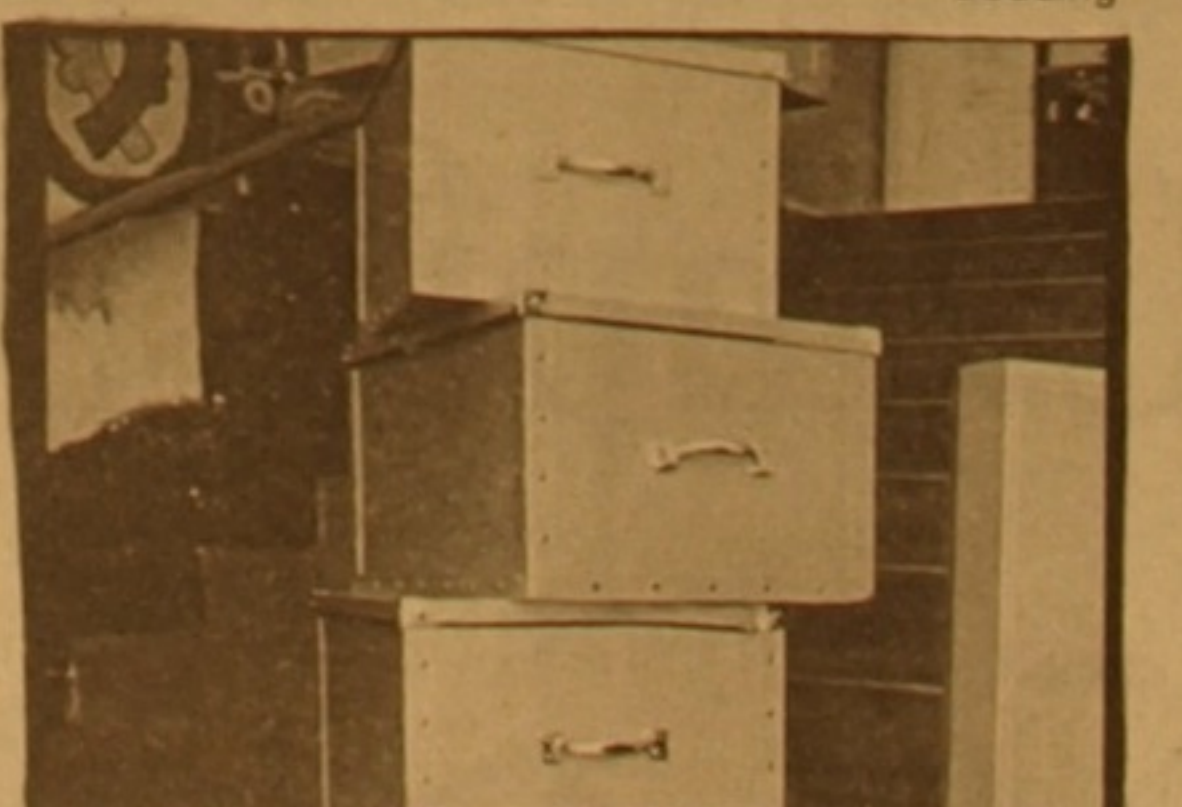
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Govs end season 0-for-the-road

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Assistant Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University football team got their first taste of competition in the Ohio Valley Conference this past Saturday as Murray State ran their way to victory, 42-6.

"It was good to go there and see where we stand in the OVC right now and see how we compare with that kind of competition," senior linebacker Charlie Forte said. "It is hard to go out with a loss, especially to an OVC team, but it looks good for us in the next few years."

The Govs end the 2005 season with a 13-game losing streak on the road including a three-game losing streak in Govs Stadium.

Despite early troubles offensively, the Govs' defense got APSU on the board first as freshman linebacker David Haskins recovered a fumble by Racers' running back Stevie Chaney and returned it 42-yards for a touchdown. Kicker Bradley Wilson's PAT attempt was no good as the Govs took an early 6-0 lead.

However, the Racers answered right back as quarterback Ryne Salyer connected with receiver Mauri Marchman on their ensuing drive for a 57-yard touchdown pass to give Murray State a one-point lead.

The Racers went on the offensive once again on their first play of the second drive as a Salyer pass found Rod Harper for 30-yards to put Murray State at the APSU 25-yard line. Four consecutive rushes by Chaney, including a seven-yard touchdown run, gave the Racers another touchdown, extending their lead to eight.

With just under five minutes left in the half, senior cornerback R.J. Haskins intercepted a Salyer pass and returned it 32 yards to the Murray State eight-yard line.

However, after the first two rush plays ended in the ball carrier falling down short of the end zone, the Racers' defense stiffened and stopped the Govs' offense for two more plays to turn the ball over on the one-yard line.

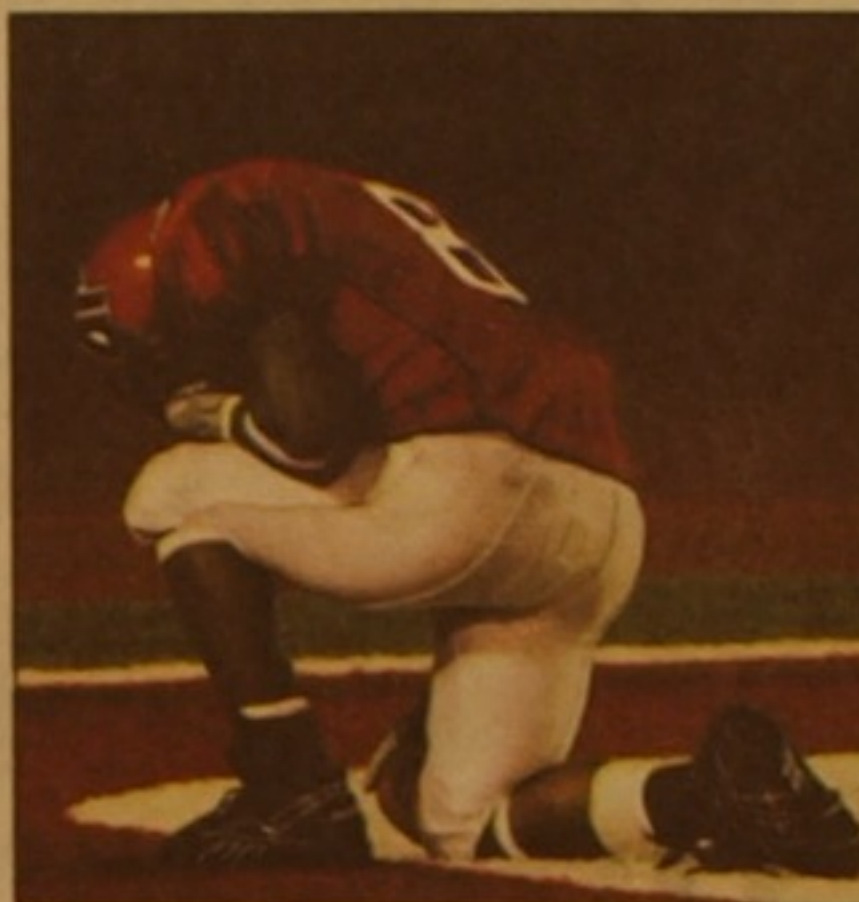
"On the first two plays we had a



JAROD LEONARD/STAFF

Above: APSU fans will have to wait another season to see how the Govs will fare when scholarship football is implemented in 2006.

Right: Sophomore Chris Fletcher will return as one of the Govs' experienced rushers. The two-year starter rushed for 970 yards on 201 carries and seven touchdowns during the 2005 campaign.



receiver that slipped and then I slipped on the two," sophomore running back Chris Fletcher said. "That was two opportunities that we missed. On the last two plays they just did a good job of stuffing us."

The Racers took advantage of the Govs' missed opportunity as Chaney scored his second touchdown of the day on a backbreaking 97-yard run. The run tied Murray State's record for longest run as the Racers took a 21-6 lead into halftime.

The second half was all Murray State as the Racers posted another 21 points to

hand APSU their sixth straight loss of the 2005 season.

"We just got tired," APSU head coach Carroll McCray said. "They were a strong, physical team, and they wore on us a little bit. We had to play a lot of snaps. We still made some stops and got some first downs but they got some big plays on us."

For the Racers, Chaney set an OVC record for most rushing yards in a single game by one player, posting 310. Overall, Murray State's offense netted 558 total yards to APSU's 187.



FILE PHOTO

Head coach Carroll McCray will be APSU's first scholarship coach since Roy Gregory in 1996.

APSU running back Chris Fletcher led the Govs' running attack with 84 yards on 24 carries. Fletcher finished just 26 yards shy of the 1,000-yard mark with 974 on the season.

The Govs fall to 2-9 on the season for the second straight year while the Racers improve to 2-8. The game was the Govs last as a non-scholarship program as they move to a 30-scholarship Division I-AA Independent team in 2006.

With the move, there are several aspects the Govs' coaching staff knows the team needs to improve upon.

"One thing we need to do is get stronger in the weight room," McCray said. "We need to gain more body mass so the off-season is going to be important. Our younger guys saw the difference when they tried to arm-tackle the Murray State backs and even block some of their big guys up front." ♦

Govs football for better or for worse

By MICHAEL YOUNG
Assistant Sports Editor

The 2005 season for the Govs' football team definitely had its ups and downs. For most of the season,



YOUNG

though, it was downhill.

After getting off to a 2-4 start, the Govs lost five straight games to finish with the same 2-9 record as last season.

One can easily sum up the Govs' season as one of streaks. After

extending their home winning streak to four, with a win over Valparaiso, the Govs lost three straight at home as well as extending their road losing streak to 13.

If asked to describe the season in one word, many different words come to mind. However, many of them cannot be published in this article but in a lighter tone there is only one that comes to mind - disappointment.

At the start of the season, the Govs fielded a young but promising set of players with their strongest area lying in their offensive line and running game.

However, with a quarterback that connected seven more passes to the opposing team than to his own players in the end zone, opposing teams did not have a problem stopping the running game and forcing our passing game to show its ugly face.

The Govs' latest 42-6 loss to the Murray State Racers shines an even darker light on APSU's football future. The Racers are winless (0-6) in OVC play and only 2-8 on the season and yet, the Govs found a way to lose by 36 points.

With the Govs headed into scholarship football next season and their eventual re-entrance into the OVC two years from now, I don't think a blowout loss to the last placed OVC team is exactly what contributors to the Govs' program were looking for.

Despite the troubles in 2005, the Govs still have some things to look forward to in the 2006 season. The 60 underclassmen on the Govs' roster will return with another year of experience including running back Chris Fletcher whose 1,944 rushing yards is easily on pace to shatter Jay Bailey's record for most career rushing yards (2,992) at APSU.

The Govs' offensive line, who proved to be the anchor of the offense this season, will return five of its six starters. The men up front will be blocking for quarterback Mark Cunningham, who more than compensates for the loss of Jesse Kellogg at the quarterback position.

In his random appearances throughout the season, Cunningham connected 21 of his 35 passes for 217 yards and one touchdown. He also netted a 121.51 efficiency rating to Kellogg's 79.92.

One thing is certain about the Govs in 2006 - they can't get any worse. ♦

Austin Peay Player Profile

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

An extra season to play for any athlete would be a dream come true. Austin Peay State University sophomore Fernandez Lockett got that dream, but it came with a cost. After only three games into last season, Lockett suffered a right foot stress fracture ending his 2004 basketball season prematurely.

Lockett said coming back from the injury was a tough job, but he never thought about not coming back.

"It was definitely a hard thing to go through that early in the season," Lockett said. "I knew getting medically red-shirted was in my best interest."

Though Lockett didn't get much playing time last year because of his injury, he says he took advantage of his injury by learning new things about basketball.

"I started learning little things that you don't really see while you're on the court,"

he said. "So gaining that extra year is definitely a good thing."

As a freshman, Lockett shot 61 percent on 14-23 shooting. He averaged 10 minutes a game in the first 10 games of the season, and scored seven points off the bench at MTSU. Lockett had at least one offensive rebound in each of his first six games, including five against Louisville and MTSU. Before falling to injury last year, Lockett had an 11-point performance against Eastern Michigan. Going into this season Lockett is ready to get back out there and play.

"It's going to feel like my first time playing again," he said. "I just can't wait to get back out there."

Lockett says he just has one goal for the season, and it's the same as all of his teammates.

"We just want to get out there and have a winning season," he said. "We want our fans to keep coming and supporting us this whole season." ♦



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Fernandez Lockett, who was medically red-shirted after an injury early last season, is shooting 52.9 percent from the floor and goes hard to the glass, totaling 38 rebounds in his young career.

Vital Stats

Name: Fernandez Lockett

Class: Sophomore

Major: Business

Hometown: Madison, Ala.

Favorite Sports team: Los Angeles Lakers

Sports Idol: Michael Jordan

What's your favorite thing to do in Clarksville?

"I like to chill with my teammates and go to the movies."

What gets you pumped up before a game?

"I listen to music"

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Recipients of the holiday gifts will be children of APSU students who meet the income requirements and are enrolled in 12 hours or more. This program is limited to students who are not participating in any other on-or off-campus holiday gift programs.

The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday, November 18, 2005.**

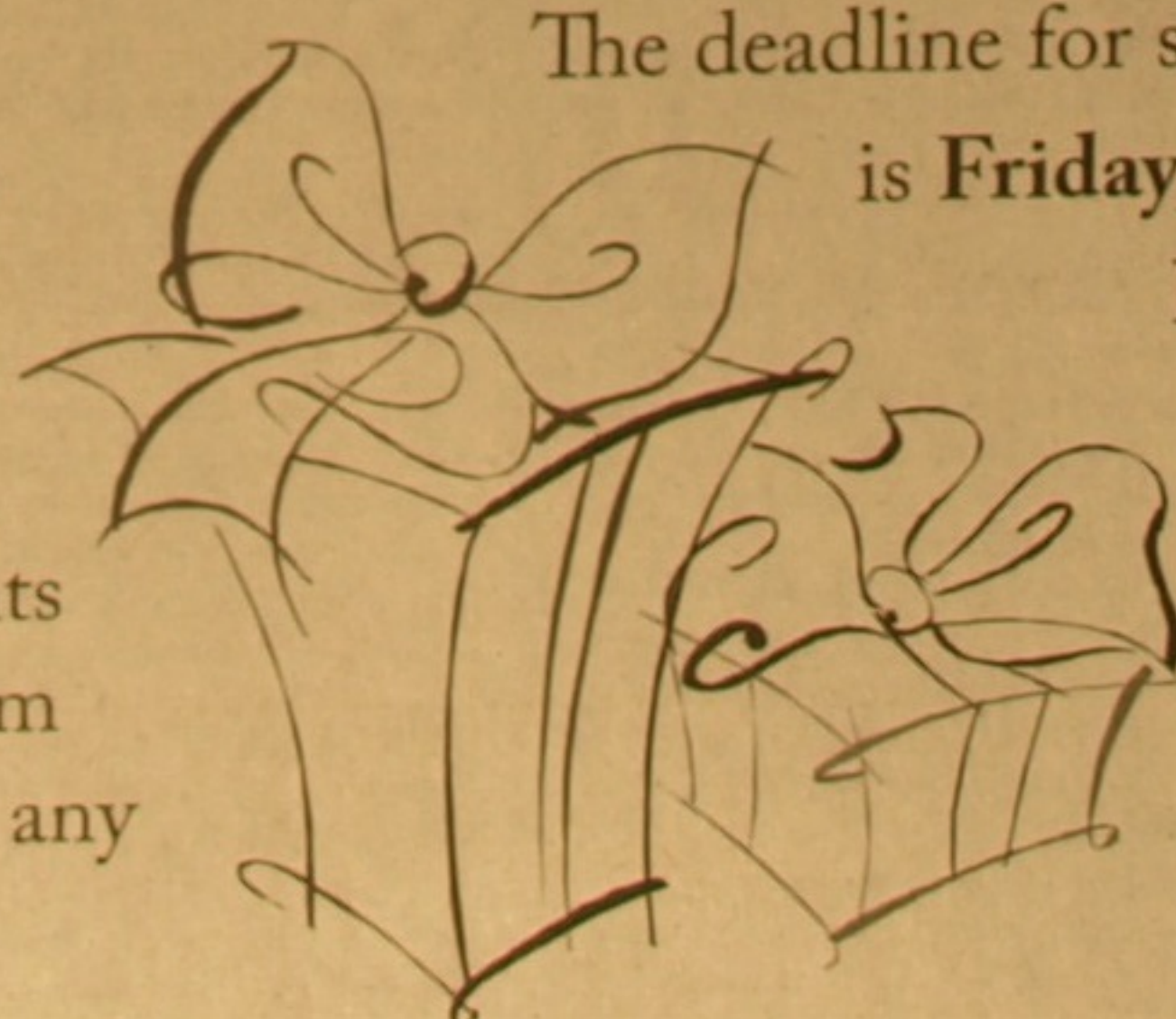
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Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs located in the University Center, room 206.

All applications are confidential. Priority will be given to first-time participants of this program.

SPORTS
SCHEDULE
AT A GLANCE

Friday

Men's Basketball
at Western
Kentucky,
7 p.m.,
Bowling Green, Ky.

Volleyball
vs. Jacksonville
State,
4 p.m.,
Charleston, Ill.

Women's
Basketball
at Troy,
7 p.m.,
Troy, Ala.

Saturday

Women's Rifle
at Birmingham-
Southern
Invitational,
1 p.m.,
Birmingham, Ala.

Sunday

Men's Basketball
at Rutgers,
1 p.m.,
Piscataway, N.J.

Women's Rifle
at Jacksonville State
Invitational,
TBA,
Jacksonville, Ala.

Next Week

Nov. 22
Men's Basketball
at Kent State,
6 p.m.,
Kent, Ohio

Nov. 25
Men's Basketball
vs. Delaware State,
6 p.m.,
South Padre Island,
Texas

Women's
Basketball
at Memphis,
6 p.m.,
Memphis, Tenn.

Volleyball makes 20th straight tourney



Senior Amber Stein goes up for a kill opposite two Murray State blockers Saturday afternoon in her last career match at the Dunn Center. Stein recorded 18 kills in the contest.

Barely making the OVC tournament, APSU prepares for a first-round fight

By MANDY WHITE
Sports Editor

After five grueling games of volleyball, the Austin Peay State University Lady Gavs secured their place in the 2005 O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Tournament for the 20th consecutive time, the longest all-time streak in the league.

APSU defeated Murray State, 3-2 (30-25, 33-31, 23-30, 23-30, 15-5) Saturday afternoon for the sixth and final-place seed for the tournament.

"We knew going in to the Murray State match that it was going to be a good rivalry," head coach Corey Carlin said. "Any time you're fighting for playoff life, there's intensity and emotion. Now, going into the postseason, the records are wiped clean, but with one elimination you're season is over."

The Lady Gavs will face No. 3 seed Jacksonville State, 4 p.m., Friday, in Charleston, Ill. in the second quarterfinal match of the day. Preceding that contest, fourth-seeded Eastern Illinois will face No. 5 Southeast Missouri in the first quarterfinal match at 1:30 p.m. Regular season co-champions Eastern Illinois, also the tournament host, and Tennessee State both get first-round byes.

APSU will finish its regular season with a 10-20 overall record and a 6-10 mark in the OVC. Despite struggling early in the season, the Lady Gavs pulled it together and won two critical matches, a 3-0 sweep of Morehead

State and the 3-2 win against Murray State, to storm their way into the tournament.

"This season, we had a lot of challenges in more ways than one," Carlin said. "But despite those challenges and adversities we were able to keep the OVC appearance streak alive, which made it all the more sweeter when we won Saturday. The girls have worked hard, and they appreciate this very much."

"Amber (Stein) and I felt a weight on our shoulders during the Murray State match because we weren't ready for it to be our last game," senior setter Kelsey McNally said. "After winning the first two games and losing the next two, we were getting pretty nervous, but during the last game, our emotions were high and we had unbelievable energy. If we play that way against Jacksonville State, we will beat them."

The Lady Gavs will continue to focus on the fundamentals they've been working on all season, such as passing and blocking, but they'll have to keep an eye on Jacksonville State as well. The Gamecocks' middle hitter Abbey Breit averages 4.67 kills per game, hitting at a .271 pace. She has 27 service aces on the year and leads her team in blocking with 70.

"We've got to do what we need to do on our side, but Breit will be a key player for Jacksonville State," McNally said. "She's a smart athlete, and we want to try and shut her down early in the match."

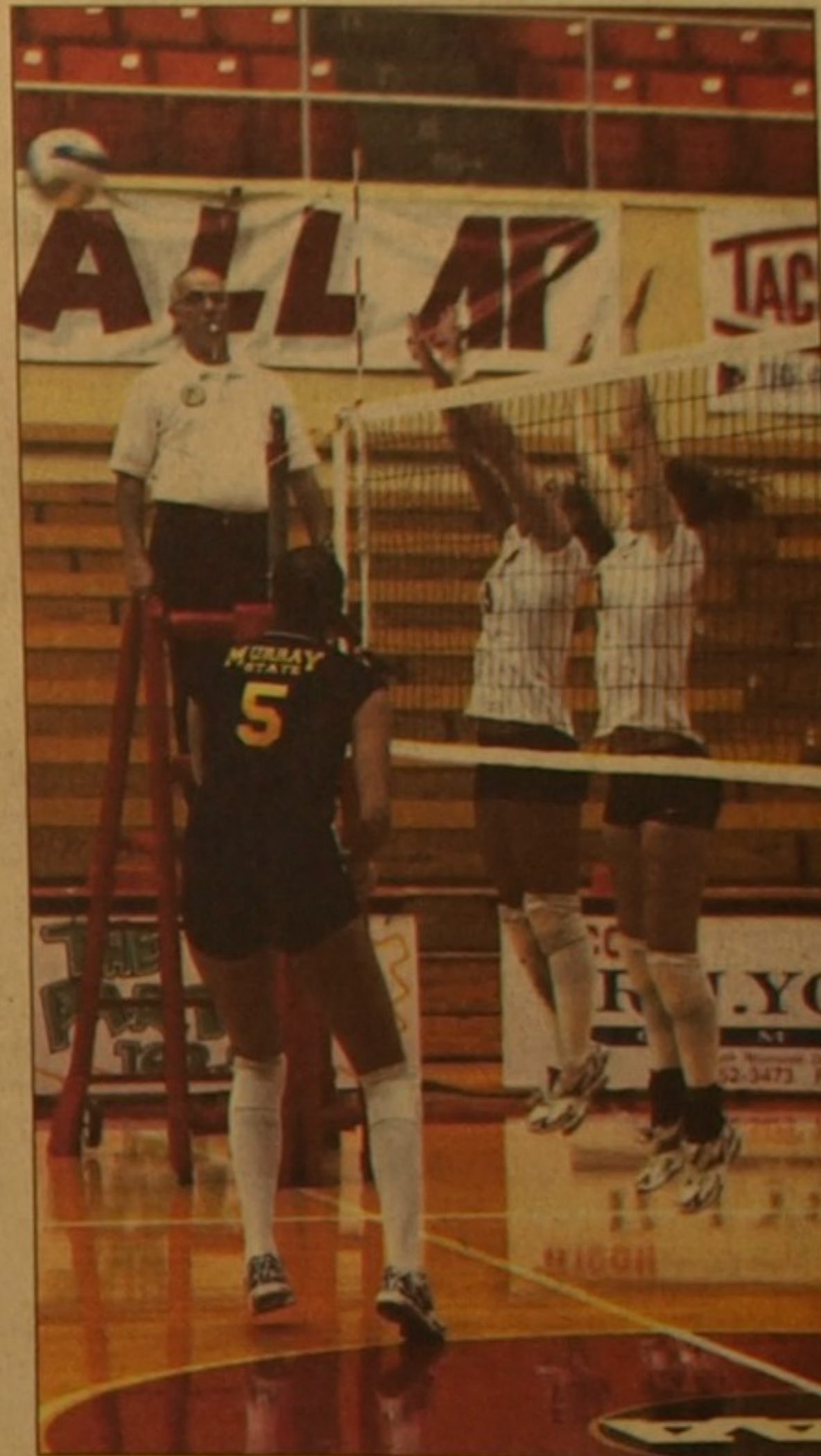
"JSU is an experienced team that didn't

lose any starters," Carlin said. "To be in a position to win, we've got to play technically well in all facets, primarily passing and blocking. If we don't pass well, we've struggled, but if we do, we're tough to stop."

APSU has played Jacksonville State twice during the regular season. The first time, the Lady Gavs lost in a 3-0 sweep in Jacksonville, Ala. The last time, APSU was able to take a game off the Gamecocks, losing 3-1.

"The conference is really up for grabs," senior outside hitter Amber Stein said. "If our team shows up and everyone does their job and plays together as a team, we'll be able to go all the way."

"Because we're seeded sixth, teams will probably overlook us," McNally said. "We're starting over with a clean slate, and we've got nothing to lose. We're going to play our hearts out."



Senior Kelsey McNally (left) and junior Laura Wussow (right) attempt a block. APSU dominated the blocking game, netting 16 to the Racers' nine.

FIRST ROUND	SEMIFINALS	CHAMPIONSHIP
<p>#1 EASTERN KENTUCKY</p> <p>MATCH 1 Friday, Nov. 18 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>#4 EASTERN ILLINOIS</p> <p>MATCH 2 Friday, Nov. 18 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>#5 SOUTHEAST MISSOURI</p> <p>MATCH 3 Saturday, Nov. 19 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>#3 JACKSONVILLE STATE</p> <p>MATCH 4 Saturday, Nov. 19 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>#6 AUSTIN PEAY</p>	<p>MATCH 3 Saturday, Nov. 19 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>MATCH 4 Saturday, Nov. 19 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>MATCH 5 Sunday, Nov. 20 12:00 p.m. (ESPN)</p> <p>OVC CHAMPION</p>

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

Lady Gavs basketball proves itself in preseason win

By MICHAEL KELLUM
Staff Writer

The Lady Gavs, who have seven new additions to this season's team, fared pretty well in their first action on the court Saturday night, beating the UBBC APOsport Herzogenburg, 86-77, in exhibition play.

APSU attacked first with back to back three pointers by Sandra Hale, and Breana Link. The Lady Gavs took an 18-9 lead with 14:28 to play before APOsport came roaring back. With 6:46 left in the first half APOsport took their first lead of the game 32-31. Both teams went back to back with the lead changing on almost every possession. APOsport got their lead up to six before a three pointer by Ashley Haynes cut it to three at the end of the first half. APOsport's shooting percentage outshined APSU's in the first half, 68 percent to 32 percent.

The Lady Gavs came out ready to go in the second half, going on a 6-2 scoring run, and retaking the lead, 50-49. The Lady Gavs took the momentum of that run and never looked back, scoring 10 straight points and building an 11-point advantage, 64-53, with 12 minutes left in the game. APOsport fought back and cut the lead to four, 74-70, but couldn't get any closer. The Lady Gavs hit 32 of 82 shots, but head women's basketball coach Andy Blackston said rebounding was a key factor in their win.

"I liked that we out-rebounded them, 51-34," Blackston said. "One of our goals is that we are better on the offensive and defensive glass."

APSU had an offensive rebound advantage of 23-3. The Lady Gavs boasted a better free throw percentage than APOsport, 69 percent to 60 percent, but had a lower three-point percentage, 17 percent to 55 percent.

"Another of our goals this season is to shoot 75 percent at the free throw line, and we almost reached that," Blackston said. "I think this team has a lot of room for



APSU's Breana Link (24) comes down with the rebound, as APOsport's Sophie Geilberger (10) grabs onto her jersey. Link scored five points and grabbed five rebounds.

improvement, but we are going to be fun to watch."

APOsport committed 28 turnovers with APSU converting those turnovers into 28 points. Blackston said the Lady Gavs press helped them speed up the game and change the momentum while also helping to contribute to 13 steals.

Senior Ohio Valley Conference preseason first-team selection Ashley Haynes had a double-double performance with 27 points and 13 rebounds in 36 minutes of action. She also added five assists and four steals.

"(Haynes) does it all," Blackston said. "She can really beat you in different ways. We need to have her playing at a high level for this team."

Haynes, who is the only player left from her freshman class of seven, said her performance was attributed to a team effort.

"We played alright together," Haynes

said. "I think we need to have more energy towards the end of the game and work on our transition, but as long as we do that we will be fine."

Sophomore Kellea Reeves scored 15 points, and junior Sandra Hale added 12 points and seven rebounds off of the bench. Four players from APOsport scored in double figures, with Nashville Native Hollye Davis getting a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Gabi Szoke led the team with 20 points, followed by 18 from Inga Orekhova, and 15 from Edit Szoke. Austin Peay was out-shot by APOsport 52 percent to 39 percent. With the Lady Gavs regular season starting Friday at Troy, Blackston said defense will be an important factor.

"We have to do better defensively, especially in transition and clean some things up in our press," he said. "Overall I think its going to take a little time, but we are getting there."



Senior Ashley Haynes, a guard/forward, crashes the offensive board, snatching the ball away from an APOsport defender. Haynes led all players in both points (27) and rebounds (13).