

## Student Government Association



STEPHANIE MARTIN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Peay Pickup was initiated in August 2008 after a referendum was passed by the Student Government Association.

# Resolution eight to renegotiate trolley route

By JENELLE GREWELL  
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The Student Government Association passed Senate Resolution No. 8, during the Wednesday, Nov. 12 Senate meeting, which would explore the possibility of extending the route of APSU Peay Pickup trolley system.

## Resolution No. 8

Sen. Will Hendricks submitted the resolution which would, “investigate the plausibility of extending the route of the Peay Pickup Trolley System, to include the section of Eighth Street crossing College Street, section of Commerce Street and turning right on University

Avenue linking with the original route along College Street.”

Gregory Singleton, SGA adviser, said the extension is to include students who live in University Landing or who park in remote parking areas.

SGA President Chris Drew said, “The Peay Pickup is currently serving mostly on campus students. Off campus students also pay the [Peay Pickup student] fee.”

Antonina LaRocca, a freshman theater major, said she does not think the trolley should extend.

“Even if you park further away, it wouldn’t kill [students] to get to campus early and just walk to class,” LaRocca said.

## CTS renegotiation

Singleton said the contract with Clarksville Transit System (CTS) must be renegotiated to include this resolution. “If this [resolution] signs off then we can renegotiate the contract,” Singleton said.

Drew said the change, if passed, would not take effect until Fall 2009. Singleton said the current contract with CTS does not expire until June 2009 and APSU will renegotiate the contract with CTS in the spring of 2009.

“Students may want [the extension of the trolley] but the city may not,” Singleton said.

Arthur Bing, Deputy Transit Director of CTS,

said the resolution to extend the trolley appears to be very possible.

## The costs

Drew said the cost to operate the trolley would rise. The estimated time for the trolley to travel around the campus is seven to 15 minutes. “Costs always go up,” Drew said. “And since this venture supports a trolley that runs off diesel, the cost to operate the trolley will rise.”

Bing said the cost of the trolley system is based on an hourly rate.

According to the resolution, APSU students currently pay a service

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## Office of Financial Aid

# Holiday debt empties students’ pockets

Donna Price, director of the office of financial aid, gives holiday consumer advice to students

By TINEÁ PAYNE  
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Joseph Henderson, a freshman chemistry major, plans on saving his earnings in lieu of the holiday season. Henderson describes himself as “self-sustained,” and doesn’t have student loans or credit cards.

He said he does not consider himself an avid shopper. He said he works and spends money as he needs it. “I make enough money to live off of in college, not to go buy a bunch of stuff,” Henderson said. He said he doesn’t expect much from his family either. “Hopefully a thoughtful card would be a good present,” Henderson said. “Or a nice pair of socks.”

Donna Price, director of the office of financial aid, said credit cards and loans give consumers additional money whenever necessary, but creating more loans and additional credit card accounts can pose a problem for student consumers, especially during the holiday season.

## Credit cards

Price said credit card abuse is a national problem, and not just a problem with students. She added that impulse purchasing, like ordering pizza or shopping sprees, can exacerbate an already growing problem when it comes to credit card debt. “You have to separate out your

needs and your wants,” Price said.

Henderson said he would only get a credit card for a medical emergency. Price also said that emergencies are the recommended reason for using credit cards.

She said students should look at cardholder terms and read the fine print. Price said some rates start with a lower rate, but increase upon one late payment. “Be knowledgeable. Read what the rates are,” Price said.

She also said having one credit card and using it responsibly is recommended over having multiple cards with multiple charges.

## Student loans

According to the FinAid Web site ([www.finaid.org/loans](http://www.finaid.org/loans)), the national average student loan debt among graduating seniors is \$19,237, excluding PLUS loans, and that the average cumulative debt increases by three percent (approximately \$550) per year.

Price said that APSU processes

**\$19,237 average debt among graduating seniors.**

SOURCE: WWW.FINAID.ORG

about \$51 million per year in student loans and the number continues to increase annually.

She said she talks a lot with high school students about student loans, which she said are also abused.

She said some students borrow

to receive a larger refund, which could cause students to max out on the amount they can borrow for college sooner than expected. “Only borrow what you need,” Price said. “Remember, you will have to repay that debt.”

She said loan check refunds are

**Two-thirds of 4-year undergraduate students graduate with some sort of debt.**

SOURCE: WWW.FINAID.ORG

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often used for personal expenses but the borrowing process is often abused. “Students are getting larger loans to get a larger refund.”

## Financial literacy

Price said the office of financial aid is “committed to make it a part of our annual process to provide debt management and financial literacy to students.” Price said debt problems are not exclusive to students and some people don’t understand the implications of debt.

“We’re not required to, but I feel kind of obligated,” Price said.

Henderson said he would advise other students to avoid the credit card and loan route. “I say don’t. You’ll end up putting yourself in a hole you’ll have to buy your way out of,” Henderson said. ♦

## Administration

# Campus positions safe from hiring freeze

Denton says increased enrollment may be key factor in budget problems

By NICOLE JUNE  
Senior Staff Writer

APSU is likely to face budget cuts for upcoming semesters. As a result, the institution has established a hiring freeze to prepare itself.

## Budget cuts

Schools under the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Board of Regents receive funding from state sales taxes rather than personal income taxes, and these schools are strained under the weight of the struggling economy.

Ted Heidloff, director of Human Resources, said few people foresaw the slowdown in manufacturing, the issues with credit and the banks the country is currently facing.

“I am guessing that Gov. Bredesen will probably have to dip into a ‘rainy day’ fund,” Heidloff said. “There is very little [evidence] to suggest that the economy will be getting better in the next six to eight months,” he said.

“No one is expecting a cataclysmic downward spiral or a disaster,” said David Denton, vice president of Academic Affairs. “We are anticipating a decline and we are planning for that,” he said.

President Timothy Hall said it is hard to predict what will happen in the coming months. “The governor has been talking ominously about the situation,” he said.

Both Denton and Hall said the budget for next year will not be determined by the state legislature until May or June of 2009, making it difficult to determine exactly what will happen.

## Current positions

The 33 faculty members recently hired for tenure-track positions remain secure at this time. Heidloff said these members are up for review, but are not at risk of losing their jobs. “These views are teaching evaluations that are mandatory for all new tenure-track hires. The reviews are not tied to money issues in any way,” Heidloff said.

Denton and Hall said these reviews are part of the normal hiring process.

All other currently filled faculty and staff positions are safe for now, according to Hall. “Like the governor said, I do not know how bad it will get, but we are doing everything we can to avoid laying people off. I cannot say for certain that there will never be any lay-offs in the future, but we are doing everything we can to prevent that,” Hall said.

## Vacant positions

Hall said the plan for now is to put a freeze on positions that have been “vacant for awhile; positions that the university has been surviving without for a time.”

Denton said once the budget is officially determined in May or June, it will be too late to run the typical national search required to find candidates for tenure-track positions at the university.

He said there are three possible scenarios that could occur. In the first scenario it will be too late to hire tenure-track faculty, but temporary full-time faculty members may be hired for the fall semester.

The second option, according to Denton, may be temporary full-time faculty members will not be renewed for next year.

“These faculty members are hired under a year by contract. They knew upon hiring that they were temporary and that the university had no commitment to them beyond one year,” Denton said.

Denton said the worst-case scenario would mean no currently vacant positions will be filled next year if the budget cannot be offset by a possible tuition increase. “We are hoping to be able to take some money to at least hire adjunct faculty members,” he said.

Hall said positions the university has been doing without will remain vacant. Positions that are currently going through an interview or hiring process will be permitted to move forward.

“If a position becomes vacant that the university relies on, we will look at each case-by-case to determine whether it needs to be filled right away,” Hall said.

Denton said no particular department is suffering more than others. However, he said that each department will be offered the opportunity to make a case for why they are in need of one certain position, and in the event there is an availability, one may be chosen for hire depending on the amount of need.

“What we are doing right now with the freeze is dragging our feet to avoid making a decision before we know what the budget looks like,” Denton said. “We are doing everything humanly possible to avoid laying-off permanent jobs.”

## Student impact

Heidloff said he feels the situation will most likely be transparent to students for now. “The emphasis will always

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Student Government Association

SR 5 fails, SR 10 passes; others presented

By STEPHANIE WALKER  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association discussed the the SGA Campus Talk, passed one resolution and presented Senate Resolutions Nos. 11 through 14.

EC report

The Executive Council discussed the the SGA Campus Talk held on Nov. 19. SGA Secretary Hykeem Craft reported the Unity Dinner will be held on Tuesday Nov. 25 and the first 250 people will be served.

SGA Vice President Steven Biter announced Senate seat openings are still available, and the Presidential Inauguration watch in January will be held in the University Center Ballroom.



Steven Biter

SGA President Chris Drew talked about his experience at the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL), Sen. Elle Smith also briefly discussed her TISL experience. Drew announced APSU now has a new provost, Tristian Denley.

Committee report

Sen. Brandy Segraves reported the Technology Committee considered limiting the amount of paper a student could use in computer labs and the library. After that limit is reached, a fee would be charged for additional papers.

Old business

Sen. Emmanuel Romanus motioned to rescind Senate Resolution 6.

Sen. Eric Patton discussed SR 5. The resolution would explore installing cameras on residential floors, and deadbolt locks on dorm room doors, to promote safety for students who live

on campus.

There were many concerns on SR5. Sen. Rylan Kean reported in a conversation he had with campus police, that majority of theft in dorm rooms are because students do not lock or close their rooms correctly. Drew and Sen. Yousef Behbahani both brought up the concern of the cost of installing cameras and deadbolts and how that would affect both the school and students. SR 5 failed.

Sen. Justine Paul discussed SR 10, which called for the placement of more trash cans around campus.

Drew read an e-mail he had received from APSU groundskeepers that stated they have moved some trash cans to areas specified in the resolution, and will continue to monitor to see if additional purchases of trashcans will be needed. SR 10 passed.

New business

Sen. Heather Sayles presented SR 11, which calls for the encouragement of

campus police to provide traffic enforcement at the corner of College Streets and streets around the university particularly during peak times for students arriving and departing campus grounds.

Sen. Jordan Reid presented SR 12, which would allow the library to operate 24 hours. This would alleviate congestion in the library and give students more access to computers to finish papers and other school-related work.

Sen. Eric Patton presented SR 13, which would promote the campus radio station WAPX-FM, also known as Magic 91.9, by allowing it to play in the Morgan University Center Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Sen. Emmanuel Romanus presented SR 14, which would encourage campus police to issue a formal warning to students for first-time parking violations.

The next SGA meeting will be held at 12:20 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 26 in UC room 307. ♦

Community Calendar

11/26/08 -12/01/08

All Campus ‘Pi Auction’

Alpha Delta Pi Sorority is auctioning baked goods to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 1 in Clement Auditorium. The auction is open to students, staff and faculty. A table will be set up in the University Center at 10 a.m. through 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 26 through Monday, Dec. 1 to take donations. Contact Kelsey Johnson at kjohnson31@apsu.edu or Casey Green at cgreen14@apsu.edu.

Geosciences Holiday Banquet for Graduating Seniors

Alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of the geosciences department are invited to attend the annual fall luncheon and reception for graduating seniors rom 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 1, in McCord room 104. All food and drinks will be provided.

Student Tribunal Justice seat available

Student Government Association has one student tribunal justice seat available for the 2009 Spring semester. Students interested in holding the position can contact Chief Justice Will Moore. Applications are currently available online and must be turned in to the Student Affairs in UC room 206 by 11 a.m., Monday, Dec.1. Interviews will be held on Friday, Dec. 4th, on a first come, first serve basis.

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Young Women’s MS Support Group

The Nashville-Area Young Women’s MS Support Group is in progress and currently looking for members. The group provides laid-back social interaction and support for young, professional and positive-thinking women who have been recently diagnosed or have been living with MS. The group will meet 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7 at Cabana Restaurant in Nashville, Tenn. RSVP to Colleen at colleenmc1339@hotmail.com or call (615) 497-7086 for more information.

Department of Music, Center of Excellence Back-to-Back Concerts

The APSU department of music and Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts usher in the holiday season with back-to-back concerts. The first concert will take place at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7 in the Music/Mass Communication Building Concert Hall. The concert is free and open to the public including the University Choir, Chamber Singers and the vocal jazz group, VocalEase. The event is no charge for students and faculty. The second venue, “Do You Hear What I Hear,” will take place at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8 in the Music/ Mass Communication Building Concert Hall. Admission to “Do You Hear What I Hear” is free for APSU students with a valid Govs I.D. General admission tickets will cost \$5. For more information contact the APSU music department at (931) 221-7818.

Trolley: Students give voice on route change

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fee for the trolley system, since utilization of the trolley comes mostly from campus students. Ashlie Talley, a freshman undecided major, said she would not want the extension of the trolley system if it would increase her student fees. However, Talley said she would prefer student fees rather than using the university’s funding.

“I think the increase of student fees should go towards students who actually use the trolley system,” Talley said.

“College funding could be used for more important things.”

LaRocca said she would not want extension if it would require increase of funding.

“The city bus system is wonderful, but the trolley seems pointless and I would not want to fund something nobody uses,” LaRocca said.

Drew said the university will not need to raise student fees or use the university funds to make up the difference in the rise of cost for a while.

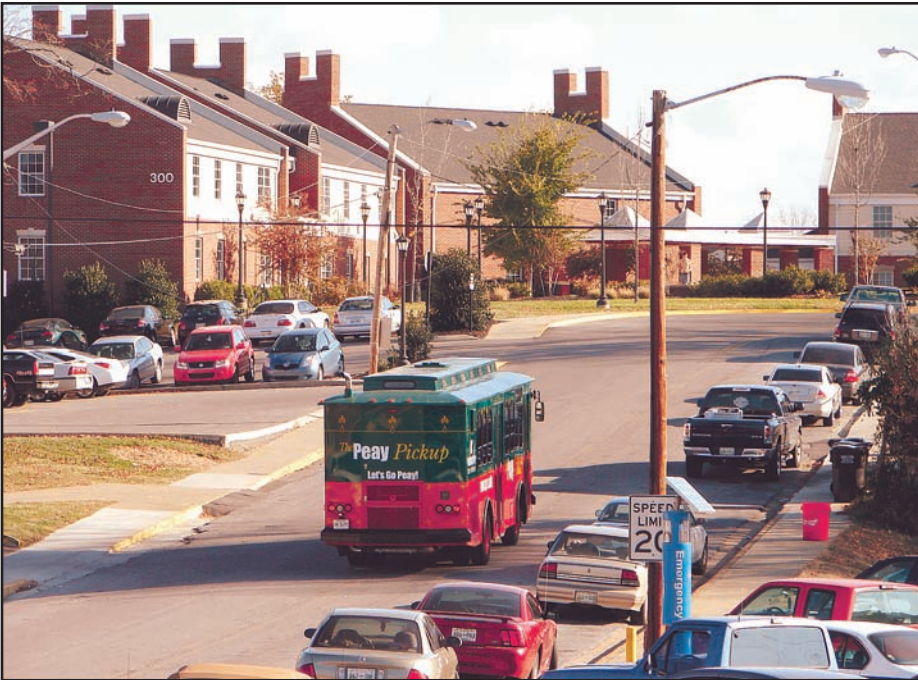
“The current \$8 per semester assessed to students will cover the increased contract price for the next contract year,” Drew said.

Singleton said the student fee to cover the trolley cost can only go up by referendum.

“We are hoping the new contract will have more money [to cover the cost],” Singleton said.

Effects of extension

“If we extend the route, we hope more students, faculty and staff would take the



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trolley,” Singleton said.

The resolution states, “With extension of the trolley route SGA would in turn increase the daily number of students using the trolley service, especially in cases of inclement weather.”

Drew said the Peay Pickup trolley has been a very popular program for APSU.

Drew said Clarksville Transit System reported, over 12,000 uses of the trolley from Aug. 25 through Nov. 8.

Bing said quite a few students are using CTS fixed systems. He said he thinks the extension of the trolley would help students.

LaRocca said she rides the city bus home from APSU every other day. “It helps me a lot, since I am unable to drive yet,” LaRocca said.

“I am sure there are other students who are in the same predicament, and I am sure

that they take advantage of [the city bus sytem].” However, LaRocca said she never sees anyone use the Peay Pickup.

“Everyone usually walks anyway, since buildings aren’t really very far away from each other.”

Talley said she thinks the trolley extension would help increase the amount of students who use the Peay Pickup.

“There would be more students made available to the trolley system [with the extension].”

Drew said SGA welcomes feedback from students about their Peay Pick-Up system experience.

“[SGA has] received many recommendations,” Drew said, “and [has] shared them with the CTS nearly on a weekly basis.

He said he would like for students to continue to

provide feedback on how we can improve our trolley and bus system.” ♦

Freeze: should not affect students

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be on student support. The focus is on student retention, and rightly so. Most students are here because they want a better life for themselves,” Heidloff said. “We try to provide a means for this. It hurts all of us when an increase in tuition or a budget cut limits their opportunities.”

“If budget cuts occur and less faculty is hired, the truth of the matter is that classes get larger, and we are trying to shield students as much as possible. We are trying to do what we can to keep the burden off of students,” Hall said. “We are committed to keeping students, and we are doing

everything we can to offer the courses students need to continue making progress,” Denton said.

Heidloff, Denton and Hall said a tuition increase is definitely possible, but may help the situation some.

Alternatives

Few alternatives to the freeze exist, according to Hall. “About 70 percent of the budget is invested in people: salaries and benefits. Not much money is left elsewhere to make significant cuts from, but we are exploring other areas aggressively,” Hall said.

Hall said he does not foresee any cuts in

programs or services in any significant sense.

Enrollment

Increased enrollment may be a key factor in budget problems, according to Denton. “We are the fastest growing school in TBR, and possibly in the state. This means that compared to other schools, we may be better able to deal with this situation,” Denton said.

Heidloff said he thinks the amount of soldiers returning from overseas will significantly increase enrollment as well.

“Increased enrollment does put us in a better place, but it is also hard to predict,” Hall said. ♦

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OUR TAKE

TAS is thankful for Thanksgiving break, food

We at *The All State* are looking forward to the Thanksgiving break. We’ve survived the semester so far, and we all need some time off. The trials of college test us every semester, but they only make us more thankful for the time we have to relax, spend time with our families and overeat.

Thanksgiving break itself is worth being thankful for, but the holiday is a time to express the more personal things we all enjoy. We seldom acknowledge the good things in our lives. It is easier to complain about essays, tests, work and all the negative. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, however, we will put that aside.

We are thankful for our families. We all devote countless hours to class and our work at *TAS*, but as of Nov. 27, all of that will be put on hold for a few days. We are thankful for the time to go home and see Mom and Dad and other loved ones. It is easy to become disassociated with family life during the transitional years of college, but the holidays are a time to catch up with our families.

We are thankful for our friends. As we are all very “professional” here at *TAS*, we seldom take time to acknowledge that our production days inevitably lead to friendships among our staff members. We like each other, and in the spirit of Thanksgiving, we’ll be honest about it for once and admit we will miss *TAS* while away on break ... maybe

not the work, but certainly the people. College is an opportune time to meet people and expose yourself to new perspectives. We are thankful to have worked together with one another and with the rest of the campus community.

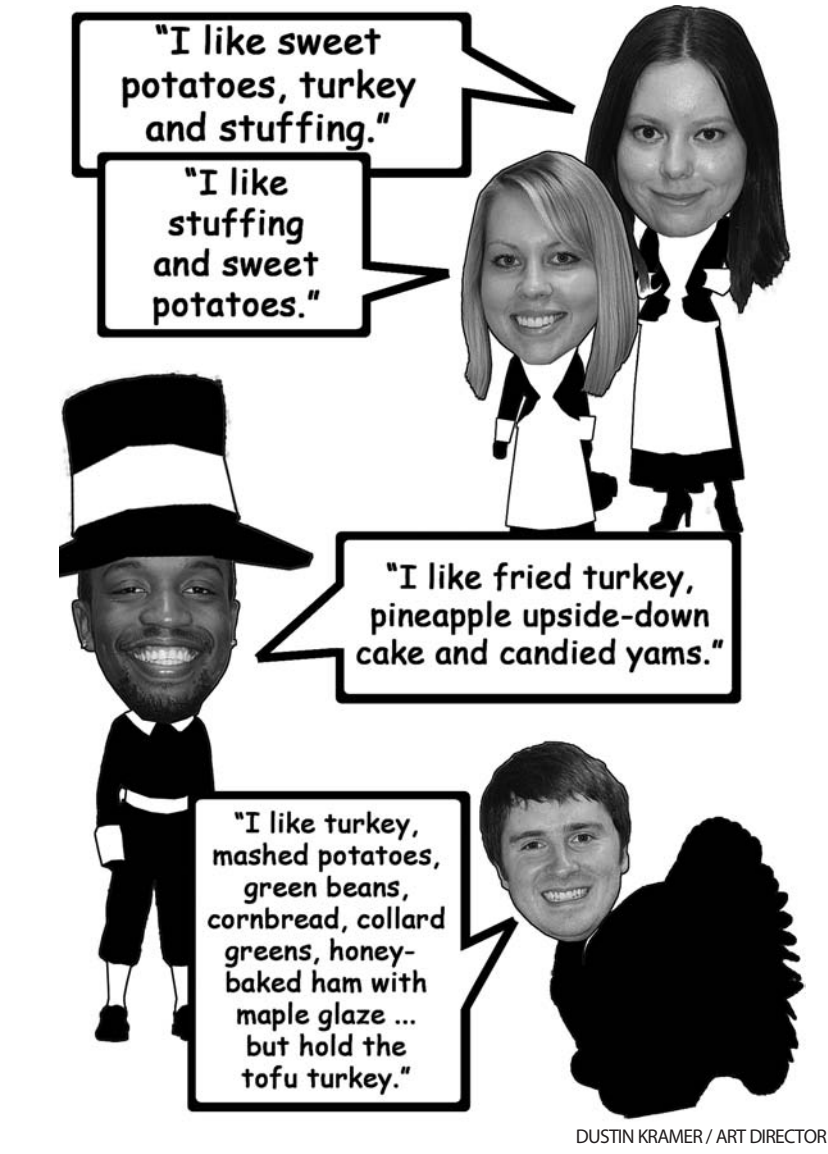
It can sometimes be hard to find anything to be thankful for outside of our own lives and relationships. It’s true; the economy is bad, but there are positive changes to be thankful for in America today. We just elected our first ever African-American president. We are thankful to live in a time when such a feat is possible. As for the economy, at least gas prices are down, so it will be a bit cheaper to get home for the long weekend.

We are also thankful for food — lots of food. True, we want to see our families because we love them, but it doesn’t hurt that our families will be feeding us. We look forward to turkey, ham, green bean casseroles, mashed potatoes, stuffing and all the fixin’s. We’re all going to eat too much, but that’s OK because we deserve it. It’s hard not to be thankful for a holiday that gives us an excuse to eat.

We have many things to be thankful for, and like many college students, occasionally we need some time off to reflect on what we appreciate.

We look forward to our much needed rest, and to coming back strong Dec. 1 to finish off the semester. ♦

What Thanksgiving foods do you like?



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Many associate Islam with terror, Obama with Islam

Thomas Jefferson once said, “I never will, by any word or act, bow to the shrine of intolerance or admit a right of inquiry into the religious opinions of others.” I have been thinking a lot about this quote



Joseph Wojtkiewicz

recently. This past election, and most of the last decade, has been a test of tolerance in our nation. I am sad to say, from what I have seen, we have failed this test. It was an issue during the election. Many of the 24-hour news sources were running “breaking stories” about how President-elect Obama went to school at a Muslim madrassa as a child. This then fed into the fear he was a closet Muslim. I don’t know what disappointed me more; the fact they made such a big deal about it, or the fact a lot of people believed it and refused to vote for Sen. Obama because of it.

I am truly pained by what this says about a large portion of our society. We have become so filled with fear that we don’t think twice about labeling every Muslim we see as a terrorist. In a survey conducted by Cornell University, 46 percent of Americans had a negative view of Muslims and supported limiting their rights. This same study showed people who watch a lot of television news are more likely to fear terrorist attacks and limit rights. As much as I hate to admit it, I have done it myself. So I feel it is my duty as a writer to do what I can to speak out against this intolerance.

I am a Christian. I wanted to say that first, because I am going to be speaking about a religion I know very little about. What I do know is based on my personal research and interaction with Muslims. What I have to say can be found at [www.twf.org](http://www.twf.org), The Wisdom Fund. This text has been reprinted in *Foreign Affairs*, *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*, *Washington Report On Middle East Affairs*, *Teacher Magazine* and *The Washington Times*. I found it to be an excellent representation of the faith and what it actually stands for.

Islam means “submission to the Will of God.” Muslim is derived from the Arabic word for peace, and the common greeting in the Arab world means, “peace be unto you.” If any of this sounds similar to the message that Christians proclaim, its because they are similar. Islam is basically a division of the Jewish faith, much

like Christianity. They worship the same God that Christians and Jews do. They believe Jesus, Abraham and Moses are all prophets of God.

The main teachings of Islam focus on living a life devoted to God. They pray five times a day to recognize that devotion. They believe strongly in charity and helping those that are being persecuted. I was fortunate enough to have a lot of contact with Muslims when I was deployed in Iraq at the beginning of the war. It was in those experiences I met some of the most generous and caring people I have ever met. They would bring us food and refuse any sort of compensation. I know a lot of Christians that could learn a few things about charity and giving from this faith. Their devotion to faith is something anyone who claims to praise God should strive to match.

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Am I defending the actions of Muslim terrorists? No, and neither do the majority of Muslims. Anyone of any sort of intellect would condemn the acts committed by any terrorist. In fact intellect is one of the chief teachings of Islam, as a quote from the teachings of Islam, “One learned man is harder on the Devil than a thousand ignorant worshippers.” This is one teaching I can get behind fully. And to anyone who wants to say all Muslims are terrorists. I know I can’t change your mind if you don’t want to change it. I only ask that you think about this quote from author Richard Bulliet, “Jim Jones, David Koresh and Meir Kahane do not typify Christianity and Judaism in the eyes of the civilized West, but those same eyes are prone to see Osama bin Laden and Mullah Muhammad Omar as typifying Islam.” See the world for what it is, see people for who they are and don’t judge an entire group based on the actions of a few individuals. Make up your own mind. ♦

Technology connects modern military families

Our campus has many students from many walks of life from all over the country, so it is not surprising when I tell you Fort Campbell has also provided us with many



Sunny Peterson

students, bringing diversity and their experiences to the classroom and campus. They are spouses, soldiers and their children.

As an Army spouse, I can tell you we have come a long way, baby. For those of you who are tender

and young, that is the tag line for a cigarette campaign. It is also the truth.

Technology, whether you major in it or use it on a daily basis to do your work, has made amazing strides. I wanted to use a personal experience as an example.

When my husband’s uncle went to Vietnam, the family was lucky to get word every six months, and the mail was neither reliable nor dependable. They worried, waited and hoped.

Many soldiers and their families will tell you stories of their wives being pregnant and their child walking to them later on, not ever having laid eyes on them before.

Forget phone calls, those were a precious privilege reserved for serious situations, such as death. As hard as that is to imagine, any military family will tell you, “It’s just what we do.” I am among those ranks and consider myself and my fellow military family members extremely fortunate to have technology.

Today, families still worry, wait and hope, but there are ways to bring pieces of life the soldier misses to them and the ability to see the face of loved ones.

Thirty years ago there were no computers for IM or Web cam, now my husband and I use my Web cam on a daily basis. He can send messages from his computer to my

phone. I can send digital photos and video of our children. Even though we sometimes complain and a package or two have been misplaced, the mail is reliable.

Technology has improved morale for service members and the family. We sometimes get so caught up in our daily lives and take technology for granted; we forget how lucky we are and fail to appreciate the foresight of genius’ like Tim Berners-Lee. By the way, thank you Tim for the World Wide Web. Oh and Cambridge University, thank you for the Web cam. Can you do something about the nine chins it makes me look like I have? Then I would truly be in awe.

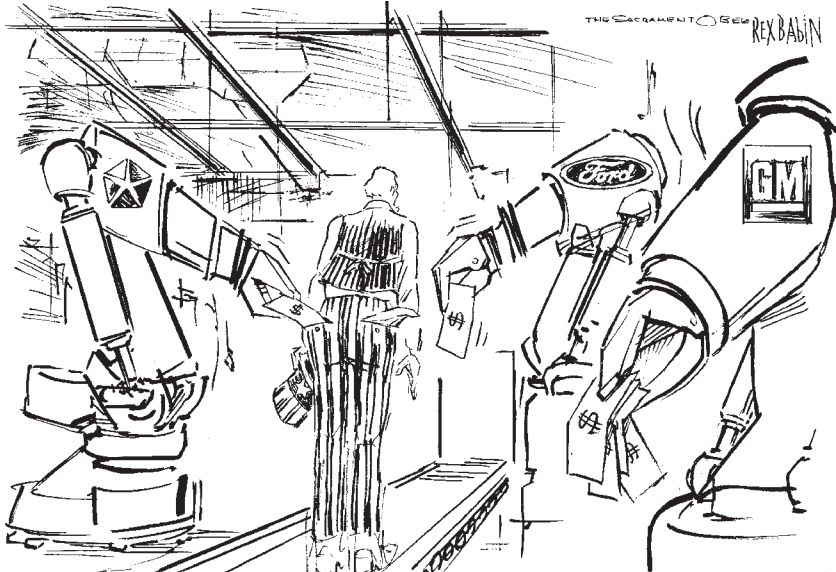
There is something touching about my children holding up their school pictures and report cards to the camera to show their dad.

I also get perverse satisfaction when they fight on the cam. Why should he be immune to the bickering? When he “sees” home whether it’s that shirt you always wear or the coffee mug you usually drink from on the desk, these small rituals make them feel connected. It’s also my hope he won’t notice the new furniture I bought until I can break it to him gently. It’s something incredibly amazing we take for granted on a daily basis, including me, until it hits home.

I guess we lose our wonderment of technology because it keeps coming hard and fast. We are jaded and demanding in our expectations of the next big think. But sometimes its the little things like the moment that need to be savored.

So the next time you are texting, “Web-caming,” IMing, sending documents or reading an e-mail you got from across the country, stop and think about just how far we have come.

Last but not least, computer programming and technology majors, if you could do something about the chin thing, I know I would not be the only person in gratitude. ♦



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# Happy turkey day

## Newlyweds' Thanksgiving bound to be an adventure

**By AIMEE T. REYES**  
*Features Editor*  
My husband and I will be sharing our first Thanksgiving together as a married couple. Of course, in order to do this, I have to travel across the country to see him. It's no bother, I've flown quite a few times and this time won't be any different.  
At least, that's what I keep telling myself. The fact remains we get to celebrate this Thanksgiving in our own, military-issued house. However, a first Thanksgiving is bound to have several holiday mishaps.  
Take for example the

fact that we have absolutely no furniture in our house. Don't take this as me being modest. When I say no furniture, I mean we don't own a table, chairs, a couch, not even a bean bag (though that's first on our list of purchases when I get there.)  
So the day before Thanksgiving (when this article comes out in print) I will probably be perusing the aisles at Target or Wal-Mart or a flea market, trying to get a table and chairs in order to support a proper Thanksgiving dinner.  
But what is a "proper" Thanksgiving dinner? To me it means rolls, turkey, stuffing and gravy. I'm not

quite sure what it means to my husband. It doesn't help that we have different racial and cultural backgrounds.  
He asked me the other day if we could have beef for Thanksgiving. I almost went into shock.  
"Oh no," I said. "We'll probably buy one of those chickens that have already been roasted. And we've got to have stuffing and sweet potatoes and rolls."  
The thought of preparing all that food stopped me short. All the presents we got from the wedding are still at my parent's house, and like I said, our house is empty.  
The question remains: How am I going to cook

a miniature Thanksgiving dinner when we have no pots or pans? Add to that the fact that my husband has maybe two or three plates and only a couple of forks and spoons in the cabinets.  
I have somewhat of a solution to the problem. I have stuffed my biggest suitcase with as many kitchen-related objects as possible and plan on carrying my clothes and other essentials in a carry-on bag. I can just imagine the reaction my bag is going to get when it goes through the X-ray machine at the airport.  
"What the heck is that?" the TSA agent will say.

"Mixing bowls? Spatulas? Stirring spoons? Is Betty Crocker on board this flight?"  
It's not like I haven't done this before. Last time I packed a giant red George Foreman grill in my suitcase. The box was a little banged up when I arrived, but in the end it was worth it. I saved quite a bit on postage.  
At least I've got the logistics side of Thanksgiving planned out. I'll go to the Post Exchange and buy cookie sheets to make rolls, I'll get the boxed stuffing and a small can of sweet potatoes. I'll probably also buy a cheap set of white dishes to serve the food on.

The only thing remaining is how to be diplomatic to my husband's culture. He loves rice and other Filipino food, and probably won't want to eat potatoes, so what should I do? I'm thinking maybe a Thanksgiving version of fried rice. Throw some turkey, carrots, peas, eggs and rice into a skillet and there you go, a fried rice even the Pilgrims would've eaten.  
No matter what happens, I'm thankful I get to spend such a great holiday with the man I love. I hope everyone comes back to school after the break thankful for the time they got to spend with their loved ones. ♦

### DOUBLE LAYER PUMPKIN PIE

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| 4 oz. cream cheese, softened                | 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin                  |
| 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon. milk, divided      | 2 packages vanilla flavor instant pudding |
| 1 tablespoon sugar                          | 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon                |
| 1 (8 ounce) tub of whipped topping, divided | 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger                |
| 1 graham cracker pie crust (6 ounce)        | 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves                |

#### DIRECTIONS:

Mix cream cheese, 1 tablespoon milk and sugar in large bowl with beater until well blended. Gently stir in half of the whipped topping. Spread into crust. Pour 1 cup of milk into large bowl. Add pumkin, pudding mixes and spices. Beat 2 minutes or until well blended. (Mixture will be thick.) Spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate 4 hours overnight. Garnish with remaining whipped topping. Store leftover pie in refrigerator.



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Rather than buying pre-packaged food, make it at home with these recipes.

### MICRO WAVE APPLE CRISP

- 6 Granny Smith apples (about 8 cups)  
8 graham crackers, coarsely chopped  
3/4 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup quick oats  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted

#### DIRECTIONS:

Peel, core and slice apples. Cut in half and place in microwavable glass dish. Coarsely chop graham crackers and place in separate bowl. Add brown sugar, flour, oats and cinnamon; mix well. Sprinkle crumb mixture evenly over apples. Microwave on high 14-16 minutes or until apples are tender. Cool slightly. Serve warm topped with ice cream, if desired.

### NO KNEAD YEAST ROLLS

- 1 package dry yeast  
1 cup warm water  
2 tablespoon sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 egg  
2 tablespoon vegetable oil  
2 1/4 cup flour

#### DIRECTIONS:

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Add sugar, salt, egg, oil and 1 cup of flour and beat with whisk until smooth. Stir in remaining flour until smooth. Cover and let rise to double — about 30 minutes. Stir down and spoon onto greased cookie sheet. Let rise to double uncovered. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes.

## APSU students describe their favorite Thanksgiving foods

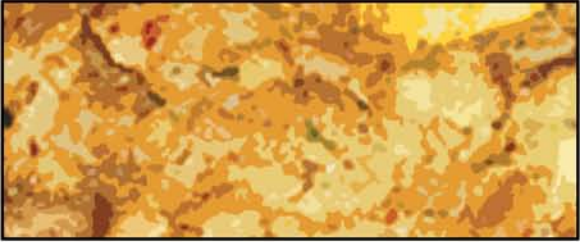
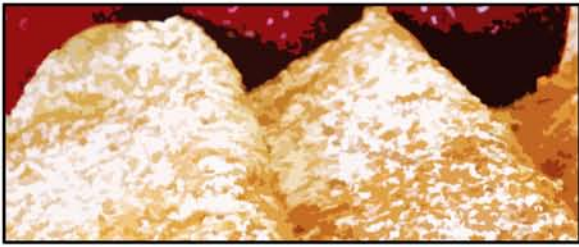
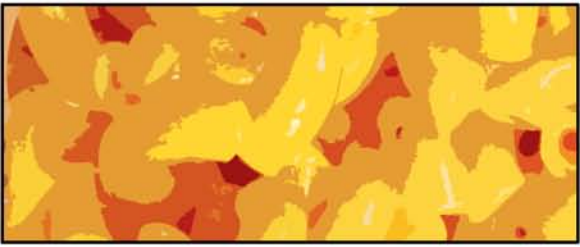
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# Chartwells makes ‘clean’ sweep of leftovers



**STAFF REPORT**  
Project Clean Plate, a program sponsored by Chartwells and AP Dining Services, has been put into effect in the AP Café to cut back on wasted food.  
On Thursday, Nov. 13, a week before Project Clean Plate began, Chartwells weighed all the extra food taken from students’ trays and found there were 114 pounds of leftovers. A week later, after the program had been implemented, they found there were only 61 pounds of leftovers.  
Project Clean Plate will

be donating food items to Loaves & Fishes, a local charity.  
Scraps the dog, whose dog house can be seen in the AP Café, is a promotional tool used to encourage students to eat everything on their plate. There are some secrets about Scraps that will be revealed throughout the duration of Project Clean Plate.  
According to Charlie Partain, the marketing manager of Chartwells, every time Project Clean Plate comes to APSU, food waste is largely reduced.

For example, last semester during Project Clean Plate, waste was reduced by 56 percent.  
Chartwells also sponsors Trayless Tuesdays, which, according to Partain, helps APSU save hundreds of gallons of water by not having to wash trays. In fact, 400 gallons of water are saved because of Trayless Tuesdays.  
“It is important to realize that it isn’t Chartwells saving that water, it’s the student who chooses not to use that tray,” Partain said. ♦



On left: Charlie Partain, the marketing manager of Chartwells, poses with Scraps the dog. Above: Scraps the dog sits in her doghouse reminding students to eat everything off their plate.

# ‘Phantasos’ fantastical new adaptation of ‘The Nutcracker’

By TANGELIA CANNON  
Staff Writer  
Many theater students dream of the day when they will be able to direct their first production, make the decisions and call the shots.  
However, for one theater student, this dream has become a reality. Jennifer Whitcomb-Oliva, a senior theater performance major, says she has worked hard this semester on getting prepared to take the stage as the director of APSU’s first ballet.  
“I decided to go out for the Presidential Research Scholars [Program] as a theater and dance student,” Whitcomb-Oliva said. “I decided that since Austin Peay has never done a ballet before it would be an interesting process to put one together.”  
The Presidential Scholars Program supports independent undergraduate research and awards \$3,000

to students pursuing such projects.  
“There was a lot of work that went into this ballet,” Whitcomb-Oliva said. “It was a crazy process getting everything together so that we could begin work. However, I just had to learn how to balance everything in order to get it done. In the end, it is a very rewarding process that will help me in the future.”  
Whitcomb-Oliva has been in the theater department since 2004, and has performed in several plays, such as “Iph,” a play that just came off stage in October, as well as “The Little Shop of Horrors” and “To Kill A Mockingbird.” However, this is her first time directing a play.  
“As the director, my main job is to make sure that everything gets done and comes together by opening night,” Whitcomb-Oliva said. “I have also helped

design the choreography of the dances that will be performed in the play.”  
In accordance with the Presidential Scholars award, Whitcomb-Oliva decided she would direct “The Nutcracker.”  
However, in choosing the music, she decided she wanted something with a modern feel. She wanted to present the audience with a new and modern take on something considered to be a classic. In doing this, she came up with the adaptation of the play.  
“We decided to call the adaptation of the ballet ‘Phantasos,’ because the main character in the ballet is based off of Greek mythology,” said Whitcomb-Oliva.  
“I think that ‘Phantasos’ will be something new for the Austin Peay community,” said Hillary Sexton, a senior theater design major. “Everyone



Left to right: Carl Hattendorf, Alaina Runions and Riley Braem practice a lift from Act II in the modern ballet, “Phantasos,” directed and choreographed by Jennifer Whitcomb-Oliva.

should come out and see the play. Everyone has put hours of hard work into this play.”  
“Phantasos” will be performed on the main stage in the Trahern building December 4-6. The play will

begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. However, the house will open at 7 p.m.  
“It is very important that when people come see the ballet, that they keep an open mind,” said

Whitcomb-Oliva. “This is not the original Nutcracker that everyone is used to. We have been working very hard, and are proud to present this adaption of the ballet.” ♦

# Book of poems inspired by loss of only child to gang violence

By ANGELA KENNEDY  
Staff Writer  
Flowing with a wealth of emotions, “My Life in Times and I Made It” by Ruthie Lee Willis, a former APSU student, speaks about the intense pain of losing her only child, of failed relationships, of love and of the strength she found in faith.  
Willis has been writing poems and prose for many years. She is an inspirational writer, reaching out to mothers, abused women and children.  
Many life experiences have inspired her to write. Willis lost her son to gang violence 17 years ago. She also lost her mother to Alzheimers and was abused by her husband.  
“Life is a journey that is shaped by the rich experiences we go through and the decisions that we make,” Willis said. “No matter how hard life may seem, as long as you strive on, have hope and faith, you will definitely make it through.”

What started out as a journal of thoughts and feelings turned into a book of prose and poems 15 years later. Writing in her journal was therapy for her because writing made her relive the endeavors and tragedies in her life.  
She wrote poems and letters to her son, one of which is titled “Someday.” In this poem, Willis writes that the meaning of “Someday” is unclear.  
“We never know when our day will come, so grab that moment and run,” Willis said.  
Many of her poems are directed to mothers of children who may be caught in the violence of the streets. Willis said parents need to take notice of their kids and help them through whatever they are going through.  
“[As parents] we teach our children values, but it is up to them to choose which direction to go,” Willis said.  
Willis said she hopes for a brighter tomorrow because she has touched someone’s life and given them the

courage to confront their fears and problems.  
“The book gives you a new perspective on life as it vividly captures the pains and joys of life and how you can find courage in spite of hard times,” Willis said.  
Willis hopes that in sharing her insightful poems, others can gain the inspiration to carry on.  
“When life seems to turn its back on you, don’t blame yourself,” Willis said. “Look at the bright side and look at it through a different perspective.”  
“When you think there isn’t any more you can do, as long as you strive on and with hope and faith, you can make it through anything,” Willis said. “Life is a struggle, but sometimes it is a joy.”  
“My Life in Times and I Made It” is a poetry anthology that seeks to give hope and help readers carry on in trying times. Copies of Willis’s book can be purchased online at www.Xlibris.com or at a local bookstore. ♦

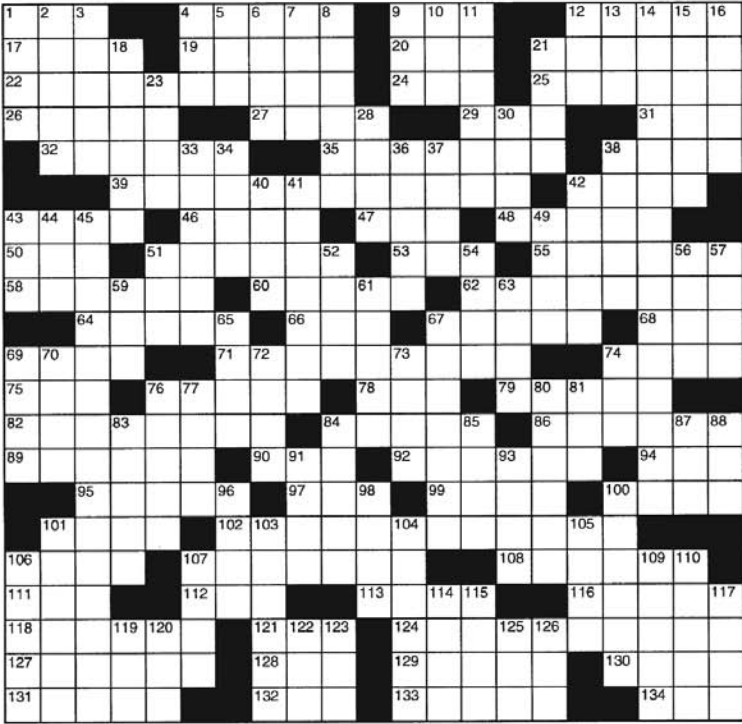
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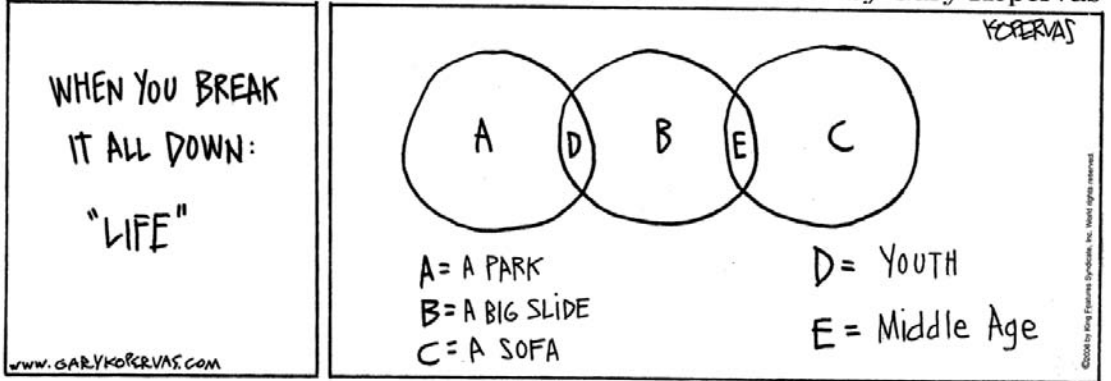
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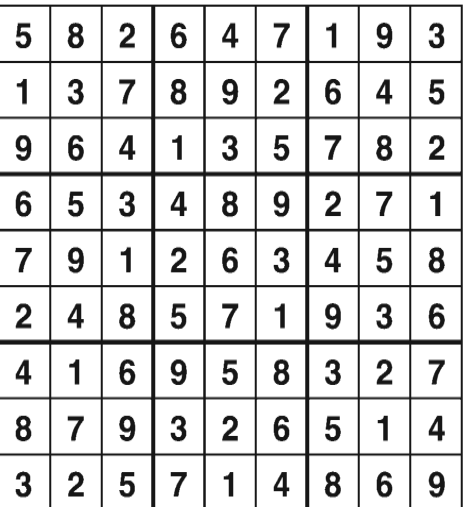
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Football

Govs succumb to late Redhawks rally, 33-30



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Govs running back Ryan White goes for the run to blast past the Redhawk defense. White carried the ball 19 times for 80 yards against the SEMO Redhawks.

Govs fall to 2-9, 2-6 Ohio Valley Conference season record

By ANTHONY SHINGLER  
Staff Writer

The APSU Govs football team played host to the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks in the season finale for both teams.

It was senior day for the Govs, and they could not end on a winning note, falling 33-30. The Govs finished 2-9 overall with a 2-6 Ohio Valley Conference

record, while SEMO improved to 4-8 overall and a 2-6 OVC record.

“It’s hard to talk about this game, because I don’t think we played well, we had too many missed opportunities,” said head coach Rick Christophel. “I hate it for the seniors, because they really kept this team together. We could have fallen apart at the very beginning. If it wasn’t for our seniors, we would have been in a pickle from the get go. I am proud of all of them and wish them the best in there future endeavors.”

SEMO jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead. On the opening drive Matt Scheible tossed a 44 yard touchdown pass to Walter Peoples on the second play of the game.

But the Govs would not

stay behind for long; Trent Caffee would answer with a 1 yard quarterback sneak that tied the game at 7-7.

“We came out on the first drive very balanced” Caffee said.

The Govs defense cranked up the heat on the next SEMO possession and stopped them midway through the first quarter, forcing a punt.

The punt was blocked by Govs junior linebacker, Jay Courtney, and then scooped up by Govs junior defensive back, Kevis Buckley. Buckley took the ball seven yards for a touchdown.

“The special teams came up huge with the first blocked punt that was returned for a touchdown,” said senior P.R. Morris. “It kept the momentum in our

favor for much of the first half”

Govs sophomore, Ricky Thomas added two more block punts for a school record three in one game. They led to two Gov field goals. The second was a 20-yard kick with 20 seconds remaining in the half to give the Govs a 20-10 halftime lead.

Sophomore kicker Isaac Ziolkowski went 3-for-4 in the game.

In the second half, SEMO would add points to the board when Scheible connected with Peoples for the second time on a 25 yard pitch and catch.

But the Govs Kelvin Young forced a fumble, and it was recovered by Daniel Swenson, which proved to be the set up drive for the

last touchdown the Govs would score on the day.

Caffee connected with Jeff Lyle on a 22 yard screen play for the touchdown. Afterwards, SEMO would kick a field goal to make the score 27-20 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Govs added to the scoreboard for the final time in the game, when Ziolkowski connected from 29 yards out. From there the Govs would see SEMO score on a 27 yard pass from Scheible to Chante Ahamefule, followed by a 1 yard run by Timmy Holloman that would be the game winner.

The Govs were outscored 26-10 in the second half, including only three points in the fourth quarter.

Ziolkowski tried a 56-yard

field goal as time expired but failed.

Caffee threw for 118 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for a score. Ryan White carried the ball 19 times for 80 yards.

It was the first time in four games the Govs did not have a 100-yard rusher. Lyle caught the Govs only touchdown pass.

Meanwhile, the Govs leading receiver, senior Lanis Frederick had no catches in the game. Junior Daniel Becker had 15 tackles.

“It’s bad to say on a day like today because I thought that we got better as the year went along,” Christophel said. “I believe if we find some people that can fill some gaps, we can be a better football team next season.” ♦

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Women's Basketball

Lady Govs skewered by Trojans, 61-65

Eight Lady Govs score in close loss against Trojans

By TYLER O'DONNELL  
Staff Writer

The APSU Lady Gov's team fell short against the Troy Lady Trojans Friday, Nov. 22 at the Dunn Center. The 65-61 loss dropped the Lady Govs to 1-2. This was the first time these teams faced each other in three years.

The Lady Govs got off to a great start, scoring 10 points in the opening 4:15 to take a 10-4 lead. The points were produced from several turnovers that resulted in fast breaks. Ashley Herring contributed with an early 3-pointer. She had two in the game as part of her 14 points. The early struggles for the Lady Trojans were because of simple mistakes. They were able to drive to the basket but failed to score. These struggles lasted for only a short while. They came back to tie it at 11. Then they took the lead 15-11. The Lady Govs had difficulty putting the ball inside the post. The picks set-up did not work as planned. The Lady Trojans tried to pull away with two quick 3's. Lady Gov Alex Biven



Left: Ashley Herring dribbles past a Trojan defender. Herring scored 14 points.  
Right: April Thomas battles in the paint for a rebound. Thomas pulled down 9 rebounds.



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fought back with a three of her own. She also had two in the game.

As the end of the first half approached, the Lady Govs were able to get into a passing rhythm. They spread the ball on the court, which opened up some lanes. This allowed Herring to get inside the paint.

A 3- pointer by Salem Richardson right before the buzzer helped the Lady Govs

keep the game close. The score at the half was 36-30 Lady Trojans.

The second half was as good of a start for the Lady Govs as the first half. They opened up the scoring with two 3-pointers, one by Herring and the other by Darcie Tucker. The Lady Govs then trailed, 39-38. There were more fouls in the half, as both teams became more aggressive. On defense,

the Lady Govs had trouble rebounding the ball. As a result, the Lady Trojans put points on the board. Behind 55-45, with three minutes to go, the Lady Govs tried a full court press unsuccessfully. What happened early in the game for the Lady Trojans happened to the Lady Govs near the end. They were not able to put in the easy baskets. However, they cut the lead to four, 63-59, with

23 seconds left. There was a pause in play for over 15 minutes as the referees checked whether the time on the game clock was accurate. When play resumed, the Lady Govs almost caused a turnover with their full court press, but it wasn't enough to stop the Lady Trojans. They continued to score and finished the game to win.

The Lady Govs did not

win the game, but effective free throw shooting (15-of-19) kept the game close. The physicality of the opponent might have been the reason for the loss.

"We just have to get in there and play tough," said junior forward April Thomas. "We can't let people push us around. I think we were more worried about them being physical on us than playing and concentrating on putting the ball in the basket."

Herring seemed to be the player of the game for the Lady Govs with four field goals and two three pointers. She also had eight rebounds on defense.

"Ashley is such a tremendous player with a lot of talent and potential," said head coach Carrie Daniels. "She's such a team player. She is always passing the ball and looking for a pass. I told her that she needed to go the basket and look for a shot because she has got to be a scorer for us."

Herring was one of eight Lady Govs to score in the game. Junior center, Nicole Jamen, added 10 and Thomas had 9 points. The Lady Govs shot 33.9 percent from the field (20-of-59). They also shot 31.6 percent from 3-point range (6-of-19).

The next game for the Lady Govs will be the day after Thanksgiving in Miami, Florida. They will take on the Miami Lady Hurricanes Friday night at 6 p.m. This will be the start of a four game road trip and will play at home on Dec. 13. ♦

Volleyball

Lady Govs eliminated in OVC Tourney's second round



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Stephanie Champine and Kayla Grantham attempt the block at the net against the Murray State Racers. The Lady Govs advanced to the second round of the OVC Tourney before their season ended.

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After finishing the regular season tied with Murray State for third place in the Ohio Valley Conference, the Lady Govs volleyball team traveled to Cookeville, Tenn., to compete in the 2008 OVC Volleyball Tournament. Seeded in the fourth spot, the Lady Govs advanced past the Southeast Missouri State University Redhawks in the first round and then lost to the top seeded Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles.

Lady Govs vs. Redhawks

If the Lady Govs plucked feathers from the Redhawks every time they beat them this season, they would have enough to make headdresses for Thanksgiving. In the first round of the 2008 OVC Volleyball Tournament

at the Eblen Center in Cookeville, Tenn., Thursday, Nov. 20, the Lady Govs swept the Redhawks 3-0 (25-18, 25-16, 25-17) for the third time this season.

First-team All-OVC newcomer Stephanie Champine was one of four different Lady Govs with double-digit kills. Champine and Kirstin Distler made 11 kills. Jessica Mollman and Taylor Skinner added 10.

After the match, Lady Govs head coach Jenny Hazelwood spoke to APSU Sports Information.

"We work a lot on hitting different spots and Stephanie and Kirstin really did that today," Hazelwood said. "Southeast Missouri played as well as I've seen this season, but it's hard to defend a team that's finding holes from both antennas. Stephanie and Kirstin have been doing that all season and it's why they are two of the best hitters in the

league."

Distler served her only ace in the match to give the Lady Govs a 9-5 lead in the first set. Three consecutive Lady Gov kills followed Distler's ace and established their biggest lead of the set, 12-5. The Redhawks would come back within two points, 14-16, but could not overtake the Lady Govs. With complete control of the rest of the set, the Lady Govs put the Redhawks away 25-18.

Perhaps sensing weakness, the Lady Govs increased their assault while the Redhawks were down a set. They opened the second set with a 9-1 run that stunned the Redhawks into submission. Unlike the first set, the Redhawks would not get within two points of the Lady Govs. They would not score 18 points either. Mollman slammed two straight kills to finish the second set for the Lady

Govs, 25-16.

The Redhawks put up a fight early in the third set. An attack error by Mollman had them behind the Lady Govs by only one point, 5-6. However, Distler made a kill for the next point and it ignited a Lady Gov 6-1 run. The Redhawks did not recover and were held under 20 points for the third set in a row.

**Lady Govs vs. Golden Eagles**

After defeating the Redhawks in the first round of the OVC tournament, the Lady Govs went on to play the regular season champions, the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles Friday, Nov. 21.

These two teams had met twice in the regular season, splitting the series. However, Saturday the Golden Eagles

proved why they were the top seed, ending the Lady Govs season with a 3-0 sweep (25-12, 25-22, 25-21).

Mollman led the Lady Govs on both sides of the net with nine kills and four blocks. Champine contributed eight kills and two blocks in the match.

It became clear early, the Lady Govs offense had lost some of its power since the first round victory. The Lady Govs generated only seven kills along with eight errors in the first set. It did not take long for the Golden Eagles to establish a 10-4 lead. Mollman made the last Lady Gov kill in the first set to make the game 12-20. Afterwards, the Golden Eagles closed the set with a 5-0 run.

Things appeared to be going better for the Lady Govs in the second set. They battled the Golden Eagles to an 8-8 tie. But the Golden Eagles put together a 7-2

run that ended when Sarah Alisaleh made a service ace. Later Kayla Grantham made a kill that brought the Lady Govs within one, 21-22. But the Lady Govs would manage only one more kill in the set and lost 25-22.

The Lady Govs pain continued in the third and final set. Although they committed only two errors, the offense continued to struggle, generating a timid .194 attack percentage from nine kills.

Like the previous set, the Lady Govs fought to a close ending but were unable to finish. A block by Champine and Mollman brought the Lady Govs within one, 21-22. Afterwards the Golden Eagles scored three straight to put the match away.

The loss ended the Lady Govs season at 22-11, an impressive improvement from last season's 8-25 finish. ♦