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## Peay Pod could be replaced by new store

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The Peay Pod C-Store, located in the basement of the University Center, may be moving to a new location in the 200 building of Hand Village.

"This new store would eventually replace the old Peay Pod store," said Mary Moseley, assistant director of housing and resident life.

The store in the UC would remain open until the completion of the one in Hand Village.

Some students feel that relocating the store would better cater to students who live on campus.

"Resident students would receive the most use

out of the C-Store," said junior Sarah Perkey, a political science major.

The closer location benefits Hand Village residents especially, who are the largest group of resident students on campus.

"The location would be more convenient by being closer to walk to," said junior Seth Blackmore, a business management major.

"Much like Austin's Diner, the store would be accessible to all students without having to use your student ID," Moseley said.

In order to place the store in the building, a wall would have to be constructed to keep non-Hand Village residents from accessing the commons

area of the building. One student said that moving the store out of the UC is not the best idea.

"The Peay Pod store is perfectly fine where it is, and the move is bias to Hand Village residents," said freshman Amanda Reed, a political science major. Another student said that moving the store to another location in the UC would make its presence better known.

"The location of the store currently is not good. I'm a senior, and I've never been there. I forget it is even in the UC. If the university kept it in the UC, but moved it, more people would go there," said senior Liz Borsavage, a political science major.

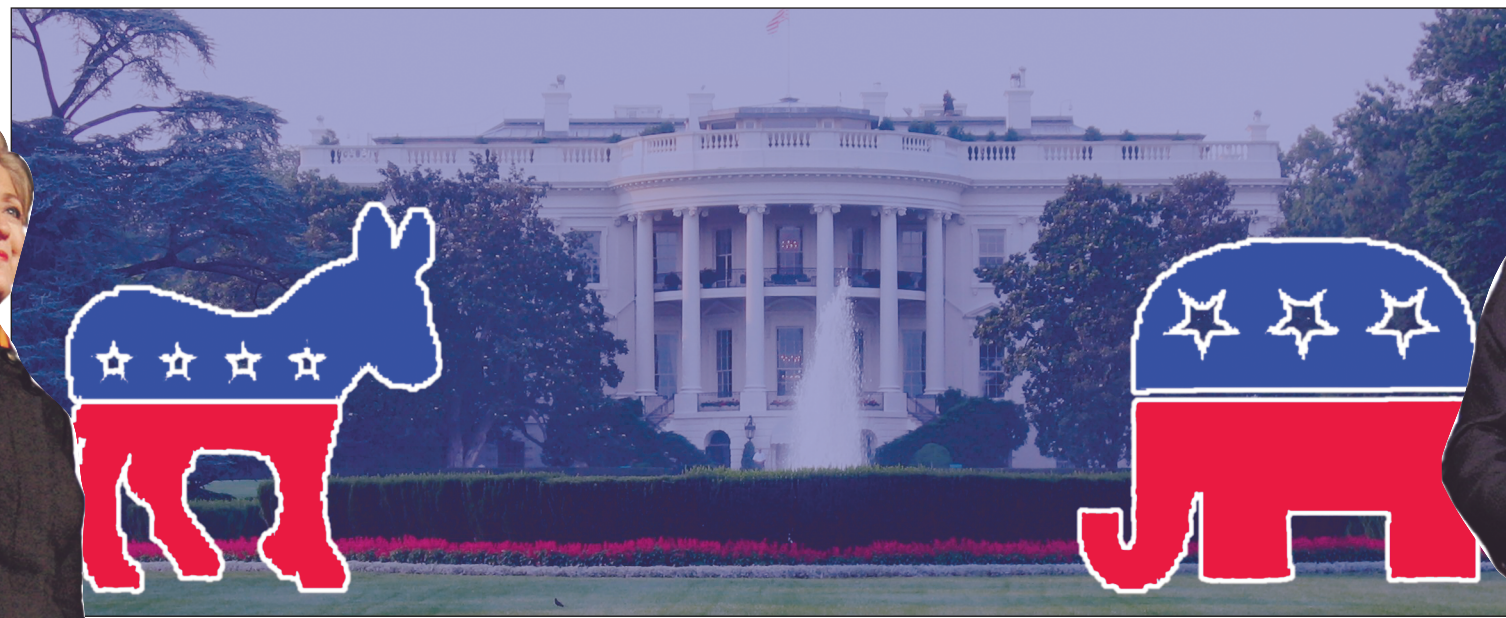
The area where the Peay Pod is located could be used in a number of ways. What will happen with the space is to be determined when it becomes available.

"Anything that goes in there will be student-oriented," said Andy Kean, director of university facilities.

"The decision is still being processed and there is no set date for the opening of the new store," Moseley said. "First the school wants to get information from students so that there is a balanced view on the idea, using surveys and even the resident assistants to gather opinions of the new store location," Moseley said. ♦

### ELECTION 2008: SUPER TUESDAY

## Tennessee takes turn in primaries



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### Votes hard sell to Tenn. youth

By JAKE DAVIS  
Guest Writer

The presidential primaries are just around the corner for Tennesseans, and many are asking themselves who would make the best candidate. Young people will play an important role in this decision, said Linda Barnes College Democrats faculty adviser.

In the past, 18 to 30 year olds have showed low voting records, but in 2004 that changed. In the 2004 election more youth voters showed up at the polls than senior voters (ages 65 and older). In a 2007 CNN election poll, approximately 20.7 million young voters showed at the ballot last election.

It has not been determined that trend will

continue in the 2008 primaries and election. According to Civicyouth.org, Tennessee youth voting increased 10 percent in the 2004 elections. However, some feel the momentum may not translate to high voter turnout in Tennessee's voting booth this year.

"One of the differences is that Tennessee is not getting the publicity of Iowa, New Hampshire or South Carolina," said David Kanervo, College Republicans faculty advisor. Tennessee compared to other states has seen greatly smaller numbers of young voters than other states. Tennessee ranked 49th when compared to other states' youth turnouts. Excitement for the candidates seems to be higher this

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### Election rules differ by state

By JARED COMBS  
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Tennessee will be one of 24 states who on Feb. 5 will vote to see who they want to be their party's presidential candidate. In each state the rules for voting are different.

"Voting in the primaries should be important to everyone," said Vickie Koelman, administrator of elections for the Montgomery County Election Commission.

Few voters had a hand in the last election season. According to the official results of the 2004 primary, of 67,044 registered voters in Montgomery county at the time of the presidential primaries, only 7,762 voted on primary election day.

According to Koelman, the

election commission expects more participation in this year's primary as there is no incumbent candidate and this typically raises interest in voters.

The primary process differs from state to state and between parties and it's complexities serve to deter the interest of many voters.

Some primaries are "open" while others are "closed". An "open" primary is a vote in which all registered voters of a state are allowed to participate and typically vote within the party of their choice. A "closed" primary is a primary in which voters must register with a specific party prior to selecting a candidate at a polling station.

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## Students jump-start careers in Washington D.C. internship

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The Tennessee Board of Regents grants scholarships to four students at APSU to get a head start on their careers in a Washington, D.C., internship program.

The students will spend the spring semester at The Washington Center for internships and academic seminars. There they will have the opportunity to intern with businesses and organizations in the nation's capital.

TWC was established in 1975, as an educational, non-profit organization, that provides students from across the nation the opportunity to work and learn around government agencies and international organizations.

Students are placed in internships depending on their interests and work up to four and a half hours per week.

Students will also complete a portfolio and attend one academic course per week.

Anthony Haddock, business major, and Jessica Lance, Diana Darks and Frankie Dejesus, political science majors, were the four students at APSU selected for the program.

Dejesus said this opportunity stood out because of the financial aid APSU made available. "[I] was surprised at the extent that APSU was willing to go. [APSU] backed [me] completely on funding. APSU took this seriously."

Through a Tennessee Board of Regents scholarship, students attending the program received \$6,250 for the spring semester, according to Sara Clement, program manager at TWC.

David Kanervo, professor of political science and university liaison to the program, said the TBR scholarship was started by the state of Tennessee to recruit students from each of the TBR colleges and universities to take part in TWC internship program.

"This is the first time that students at APSU have gone [to TWC]," Kanervo said. The

scholarship covers program and housing fees and additional aid is available depending on the student's individual placement, according to Clement.

The program places students of all majors and interests in internships.

Kanervo said that the program is not geared only to political science majors.

"It not only coordinates, it's one application for many internships. They go out and find the internship for you," Haddock said. "They guarantee you an internship." This internship is the first for Haddock, who plans to intern at the U.S. Treasury.

"I'm a little bit excited. Anything in government will pay the bills," Haddock said.

Haddock said he is glad to take the opportunity to visit Washington D.C. while broadening his career perspective. "I think it will give me a leg up [and] show me how to actually be professional."

Kanervo said he encourages students to open

their eyes for internship opportunities like TWC.

He advised students to not be afraid of internships that may not appear to suit them on the surface. "Internships help [students] to see how what [they] are learning fits in the real world."

He said that this program opportunity shows students a more professional world and can give students the experience employers seek.

"It's helpful; a lot of employers want experience of some kind," Kanervo said. "We've had a number of students that have worked at the state legislature internship and have had jobs."

Dejesus, a former intern at Gov. Phil Bredesen's office, said that internships are important for student success.

He said that more students should apply for TWC.

"[Students] need to apply. It's fundamental to understand what you are studying. Get out of the books and get into the real world." ♦

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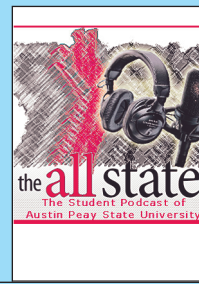
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the Montgomery County  
Election Commission office.