

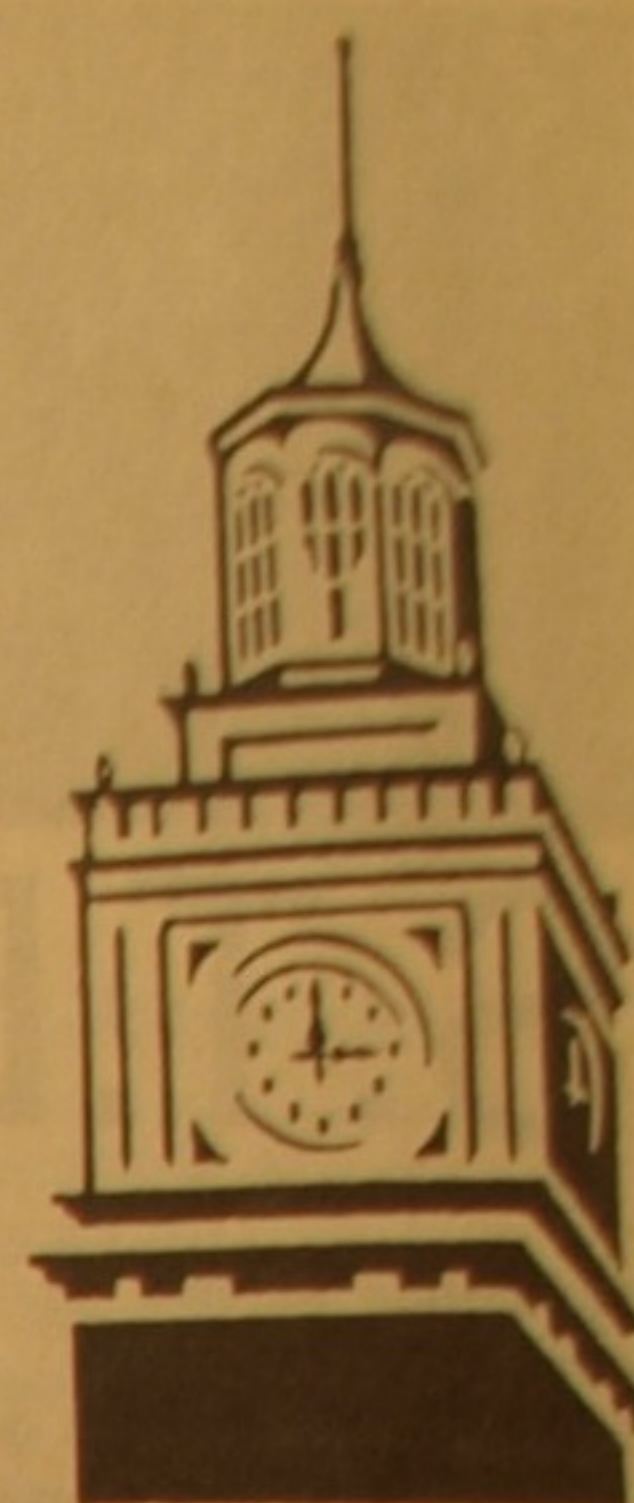
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Phonathon 'builds on success' in third straight year

By Johnny Sparks
editor in chief

The annual phonathon, Sept. 20-Oct. 14, provides Austin Peay State University's students and faculty an opportunity to give and receive.

"This is a great opportunity for our alumni to make an investment in the future of APSU," Kris Phillips, assistant director of development, said. "Simply put, that's our students."

The cooperative effort conducted by the Alumni and Development Office enters its third year of scholarship-fund raising in 1999.

"A lot of people are buying into what we are trying to do here," Phillips said.

Previous phonathons are a testimonial, raising a combined \$180,000 in just two years.

"We have had the best students on campus," Phillips said. "Our expenses are min-

imal. GTE Wireless of Clarksville donates all of the telephone equipment and long distance fees. That saves us about \$5,500. First USA has joined us this year and will underwrite some of the expense."

Phonathon proceeds benefit the APSU general scholarship fund or the donor's scholarship fund of choice.

"Our goal is to raise as much money as we can, but we are going to shoot for \$110,000,"

Phillips said.

Student callers earn cash and door prizes for calling the friends and alumni of APSU. Phillips says the benefits only begin with the cash reward.

"We'll make it upbeat and fun for those who call," Phillips said. "It is an honor to call our alumni base and update them on what's going on at Austin Peay and at the same time ask them to give back to the scholarship funds. In addition, the

phonathon is a great networking tool for students."

Faculty callers renew and foster relationships while seeking funds for their department.

"It is a great opportunity for the faculty to catch up with their alumni," Phillips said. "In the past, they have been able to set up internships and guest lectures. It is a chance to cultivate."

Student and faculty callers will meet from 6-9 p.m.,

Monday-Thursday, Sept. 20 - Oct. 14, in the UC Garamore. Interested students and faculty to contact the Alumni and Development Office for more information.

The office hosts a training session for student callers 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19, at the University Center Game Room.

"We want people who are proud to be Austin Peay students," Phillips said.

Identity of APSU evolves

By Shana Thornton
assistant editor

The Faculty Senate met on Thursday, Aug. 26, to discuss new conditions arising on the Austin Peay campus and in the Tennessee Board of Regents school system.

The first item brought before the Senate was a visual display of the Institution Identities of Austin Peay State University. On behalf of the departments of Public Relations and Public Affairs, the groups evaluating the Institution Identities, President Sal Rinella presented the visual display to the Senate.

Institution Identities consist of a wordmark, which has already been updated and changed, logos and the slogan/theme. According to Rinella, these items are being evaluated in order to update the issues relating to marketing of the university and the redesigning of major recruitment materials.

The wordmark is how the university organizes the name of the institution and the font style and type. The wordmark had not been updated since 1986, and it is placed on all stationery, brochures and business cards.

A public relations committee was selected to evaluate and possibly change the Institution Identities. Dr. James Diehr, professor of art, is the chair of the committee. Diehr helped to develop a word mark with a "more classic" font and formal presentation of the university's name, according to Rinella.

The logos, which consist of the abbreviation of the full name of the university and three visual images, have not been altered yet.

"The committee will be working on the logos this fall," Rinella said.

The stylized AP, introduced during the 50th Anniversary celebration of 1975, is the abbreviated logo. The three visual images of the university are the bell tower, the seal of a torch on a book and the caricature of the "Governor" himself.

"A logo is about visual communication. You're not going to be able to make people happy all of the time. The background of this AP [the abbreviated name] goes back to the Futurist movement of the 1920s. See AP Identity, page 3.



Above, APSU's most recognizable icon, the Browning cupola, returns to campus Thursday on the bed of a flat bed truck. The cupola, right, will be unveiled in Oct. 6.

photo by Tammy Sparks

Faculty Senate forwards procedures for new prez search to TBR, state officials

By Shana Thornton
assistant editor

A motion, suggesting the forwarding of procedures for the Presidential Search at Austin Peay State University, was passed with only one opposition by the Faculty Senate during the Aug. 26 meeting.

However, a section of that motion has since been evaluated, and is scheduled to be reviewed by the Senate and voted on again during the next Faculty Senate meeting, which will take place Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Claxton Room 103.

Dr. Albert Randall, professor of philosophy, made the motion to

forward propositions and qualifications on the presidential search at AP to the Tennessee Board of Regents, Tennessee legislators and Gov. Don Sundquist.

"We make a lot of appointments, but there is none that makes a bigger impression on the university (than the president of APSU)," said Randall during the Senate meeting.

During the past presidential appointment in 1994, only two Austin Peay faculty members were on the committee, which selected presidential candidates and interviewed each qualified applicant.

Traditionally, the Tennessee Board of Regents has no standard procedures for the selection of any university president in the TBR system. Therefore, in the past selection, a community committee was selected, in which the two faculty members participated. After the committee has reviewed applications and applicants, they pass on their recommendation for president of the university to the chancellor of the TBR. In the past, that person was Charles E. Smith, who recently retired. The Chancellor is then supposed to pass this same recommendation,

assuming it is reasonable, on to the Governor, in the past and in the future, Sundquist. The governor then appoints all university presidents of state institutions of higher education.

The six propositions voted upon by the Faculty Senate to be given to all parties involved in the selection process call for more faculty involvement in the selection process.

The propositions are as follows:

1. The Tennessee Board of Regents and the University's faculty, broadly conceived as to include academic administrators, are mainly

responsible for the educational and academic vitality of the institution. Therefore, the governing board and the faculty should share the primary obligation for the selection of a new president with other groups, including students, participating as their interests and educational responsibilities indicate.

2. To carry out this dual responsibility for presidential selection, it is equally legitimate, according to AAUP Standards (Redbook, p. 190), to form separate committees of the faculty and board or a joint committee of board and faculty, each adding

representatives of other groups. The Senate prefers separate committees with joint consultation.

3. If separate committees are formed, then the board, which has the legal authority of appointment, should either choose from the candidates submitted by the faculty committee or should agree that no person will be selected over the objections of that committee.

4. If a joint committee is formed, then representation of groups should reflect the primacy of faculty concern and

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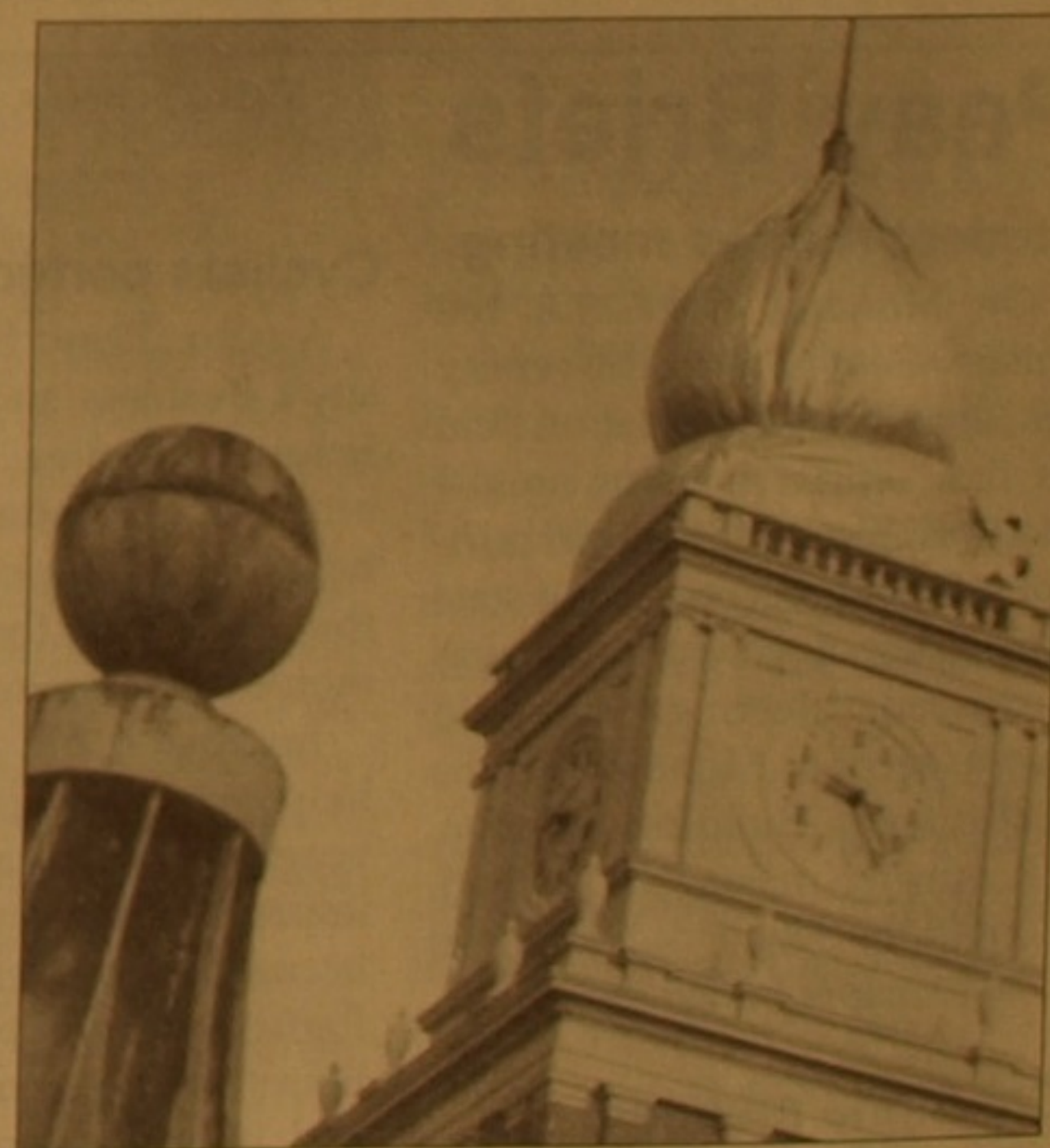


photo by : Miranda Herrick, senior staff photographer



S.T.E.P. team committees gear up

By Shonda Maness
guest writer

The S.T.E.P. Team is gearing up for a new year and they would like to invite Austin Peay students to join in the fun.

The Student Trained to Educate Peers, or S.T.E.P. Team, is an organization that many APSU students might not be familiar with. It is made up of a group of concerned students who want to help themselves and other students learn about and adopt a healthy, low-risk lifestyle.

Since 1994, the S.T.E.P. Team, along with the Student Develop-

ment Center, has worked together to provide educational and prevention programming to APSU students and the community. This goal is accomplished each year through fun and entertaining activities such as Condom Olympics, Seat Belt Relays, Fatal Vision Goggles (a.k.a. beer goggles) and Mock-tails. These events are held during National Awareness Campaigns that include Alcohol Awareness Month and Sexual Responsibility Week.

The S.T.E.P. Team has five standing committees, and each one concentrates on a separate

area of campus life. The committee descriptions are as follows:

-The CHOICES Committee (Miranda Miculek, chair) is designed to let APSU students know that they have many healthy options available to them. CHOICES does this by sponsoring programs and events throughout the year, which include Red Ribbon Week, Abstinence Awareness Week and Cram Jam.

-The Presentation Committee (Miki Mize, chair) offers training to S.T.E.P. Team members, which qualifies them to present

information concerning topics such as STD's and stress management. This training is intensive, fun-filled and up-to-date. Qualified presenters are available for on-campus programs.

-The BACCHUS Committee (Lori Jean Connor, chair) is an international student organization. BACCHUS focuses on the development and promotion of positive lifestyles and decision making skills. This committee sponsors events such as Alcohol Awareness Month, Safe Break Week, and Spirituality Awareness Week.

-Blah, Blah, Blah (Joseph

Miller and Maria Miller, co-chairs) is a college theater troupe that strives to educate student peers through the use of vignettes and discussion. The vignettes are written, directed and performed by troupe members. They have performed at APEX, Take Back the Night, and RA programs. Auditions are held every fall semester.

-The Service Committee (Lorneth Fahie, chair) is new to the S.T.E.P. Team. The committee performs service activities both on APSU's campus and in the surrounding community. The Service Committee has been involved in Walk America, Bowl

for Kid's Sake and other

opportunities. -The Gamma Committee (Michael "Noodle" chair) is also new. Its purpose is to inform peers of the responsibilities of alcohol consumption, mainly focused toward the Greek community, but everyone is encouraged to become a member.

Interest meetings will be held Thursday at 5:30 p.m. (flyers for location). Games and other activities will be provided and everyone is invited to come and see what the S.T.E.P. Team is all about.

Students experience diversity, Mexican culture and festivities

By Jerome Parchman
assistant news editor

Posadas, Pinatas, Poinsettias! Experience the pageantry of Mexico's brightest and most joyful holiday season. Spend Christmas, The 12 Days of Christmas, New Year's and the Day of the Magi as you never have before.

The Christmas Break in Mexico was started four years ago by Dr. Ramon Magrans, professor of languages and literature.

Magrans said he normally takes 20 students, so he will have a close-knit and organized group.

The group will leave for a four-week trip to Mexico the day after the last final exam will be given.

The students will live with a family and share their experiences.

The students will have the opportunity to travel, talk, laugh, cry and eat meals with the family.

Magrans said the students will go to the Bilingual MultiCultural Center, which is considered to be one of the world's most prestigious language schools.

Students will be in class from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. each weekday.

Classes are available in all levels of Spanish grammar and composition, conversation, literature, Mexican history, art, politics, culture, weaving and salsa dancing.

On the weekends, students can explore the city of Cuernavaca, Mexico, where they can visit the the Palace and Hacienda of Cortes.

There is also trips to Tenochtitlan and the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon, the Museum of Anthropology, the Castle of Chapultepec and many more sites to see.

For fun, students will spend three days in Acapulco where they can enjoy the sites and visit an old Spanish port.

The total cost for the program

is about \$1,495 for two weeks and \$2,195 for four weeks (excluding airfare).

Students will receive six to eight credit hours. The program counts toward satisfying the foreign language requirements for a bachelor's of arts degree, substituting for Spanish 2010 and 2020.

Magrans also said the International Studies Office can grant scholarships for those who participate in the program.

The average amount of money a student can hope to receive will be about \$450, which will pay for the airline ticket.

Students also may participate in fundraisers to help pay for the program.

The program not only provides the opportunity for students to learn the Spanish language and mingle with the Mexican people, but it is also a memorable and fun-filled adventure.

the Metro Schools, call (615) 259-8607.

Cyclists perfect riding

Austin Peay State University's Business and Community Solution Center, through the office of Extended Education, helps beginning cyclists perfect the rules of the road with motorcycle training courses.

Instructor Bill Gleason will help inexperienced riders 14 years and older gain experience, improve skills and qualify for license-test waivers in 20 states. Participants will benefit from 10 hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours of practical riding in a controlled setting. Motorcycles and helmets are provided.

The course will meet from 6-10 p.m., Friday, and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday in Armory 113. Course fee is \$125.

This class is part of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Rider Course, widely recognized by traffic safety experts as the best introduction to cycling. Graduates of the class can get insurance premium discounts.

For more information, telephone the Office of Extended Education at 221-7816.

Course balances stress

Stressed out? Become healthier and well-balanced with a stress management course, offered by Austin Peay's Business and Community Solutions Center, through the Office of Extended Education.

Angelique Moss-Greer is an herbalist, holistic nutritionist and owner of Natural Choices Herb and Natural Food Shop. She will teach the three-part "Natural Choices for Stress Management" class, designed to help participants counteract stress with positive, safe

methods.

The course meets from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturdays, Sept. 11-25. Course fee is \$49, and there is a \$20 textbook fee. If desired, a prepared lunch will be provided on each class day, for which there is an additional \$6 fee, payable upon registration.

For more information, contact the Office of Extended Education at 221-7816.

APSU awards student

Lisa Victoria Gilbert is a 1999 graduate of Northwest High School. The daughter of Mrs. Debra Gilbert, Calrksville, she is majoring in English at Austin Peay as the recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded for scholarly achievement, high class rank and qualifying scores on national assessment testing.

New deans join APSU

Dr. Lou M. Beasley was named dean of the College of Human Services and Nursing, replacing Dr. Joseph Maloney who served as interim dean since Dr. Mickey Badgett's retirement.

Dr. Parris R. Watts takes the reins as dean of the College of Graduate Studies, replacing Dr. Gaines Hunt who served as part-time, interim dean over the past few years. The appointment of both deans was effective in July.

TBR announces meeting

The Tennessee Board of Regents will meet in regular quarterly session on the campus of Tennessee Technological University beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday. The Board meeting will be preceded by meetings of

APSU ROTC cadets rank No. 1 in nation

If the question, "what did you do for your summer," was put to 20 Austin Peay students, they would answer they participated in an event which has trained them to be future leaders of the country.

While at Fort Lewis, Washington, 20 Austin Peay cadets graduated from the 1999 Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps ROTC Advanced Camp, the most important training event for their future commissioning as an Army officer. The cadets faced one of the toughest challenges, as they tackled the 31-day camp that incorporated a wide range of subjects designed to develop and evaluate the cadets' leadership capabilities. Though the training included such activities as negotiating an obstacle course, engaging in basic rifle marksmanship,

navigating a land navigation course and participating in many forms of tactical and physical training, the toughest task was leading a group of individuals from various backgrounds to follow them.

Advanced camp placed each cadet in a variety of leadership positions, many of which simulated combat situations. The camp was based on 23 leadership dimensions developed by the U.S. Cadet Command and was designed to develop leadership, teamwork, and military skills and knowledge. Each of the cadets from Austin Peay State University not only met these challenges, but also exceeded them to such a degree that Austin Peay's ROTC program was named No. 1 in the country for this past year.

If you are interested in

enhancing your leadership capabilities and serving your country by defending its freedom and enjoying a summer that is far from mundane, call your local ROTC department at 221-4343 and ask for Captain Anderson.

Following is a list of the cadets who participated in the leadership camp and were honored as No. 1 in the country: Travis Anderson, Katherine Blaise, John Brown, David Brown, Clifton Causey, Stephen Duryea, Seth French, Michelle Glenn, Michael Hester, Jeffrey McCoy, Mariam McDonald, Shemeka Morris, James Morse, Sharon Owens, Paula Roman, Patricia Shanley, Christopher Steele, Sherale Thomas, John Thym and Leticia Walborg.

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Student Nurses meeting

On Monday, Sept. 13, the Austin Peay State University Student Nurses Association held its first official meeting in the McReynolds Building. Important information concerning state and national conventions was discussed. Meetings are held every second Monday in the McReynolds Building at noon. All nursing majors are invited. Contact the School of Nursing at 7710 for more information.

Chi Alpha meeting

Chi Alpha, a Christian organization, meets every Thursday in the University Center 313 from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Cecil Wilson at 221-5843.

Part-time work available

The Metro Nashville Public Schools needs as many as 500 substitute workers every day - teachers, training assistants, clerks and cafeteria workers.

"Substituting can be a perfect part-time position," says Pat McNeal, Metro Schools Human Resources coordinator. "You can decide when, where and how often you want to work, and you only have to work 10 days a year to stay on the active list."

An automated system calls substitutes each morning to offer assignments, and they can choose day by day whether to work or stay home.

Substitute teaching requires at least two years of college, while other substitute jobs are open to applicants with at least an eighth-grade education. Part-time workers can make up to \$80 a day in the Metro Schools. To apply for substitute work in

the Board committees on Thursday beginning at 9 a.m. All of the meetings will be held in the Bryan Fine Arts Building on the Tennessee Technological University campus.

One item of new business on the agenda of the meeting is the naming of the Emerald Hill Alumni Center of Austin Peay State University.

For more information, contact the Tennessee Board of Regents at (615) 366-4400.

APSU names AVP

Austin Peay State University officials have announced the appointment of an assistant vice president for university advancement.

Susan G. Barnes replaces Tres Mullis, who has accepted a development position at Vanderbilt University.

Barnes earned a bachelor's degree in journalism (1970) and master's degree in communications (1980) from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In 1995, she received accreditation by the Public Relations Society of America.

Tribunal seeks justices

Calling all legal minds!! Are you interested in the judicial process? Apply to be an Associate Justice on the Student Tribunal!

Apply in the Office of Student Affairs, Ellington 202. Applications are being accepted Sept. 15-Oct. 1. Requirements are a 2.5 GPA and 60 completed credit hours.

If you have questions, call 221-7341.

The deadline to request funds from SGA for Fall '99 is today, Sept. 13, at 4 p.m. Turn all applications in to Ellington 202.

Compiled by Shana Thornton.

SGA calls for king, queen

By Jerome Parchman
assistant news editor

Austin Peay State University's Student Government Association on Thursday passed a resolution to have a king as well as a queen at this year's homecoming.

"I am concerned about having a king for homecoming," Shedrich Webster, a senior interdisciplinary studies major said. "The queen is a privilege that is not open to male students."

Sen. Gary Sutton, College of Arts and Sciences, submitted a resolution to incorporate a homecoming king election into the traditional homecoming festivities for APSU.

Sen. Josh Campbell, College of Business, proposed an amendment stating that the candidates for king should be allowed to escort the candidates for queen.

Sen. Scott Starley, At-Large, disagreed with this amendment and yielded to Webster.

Webster said he would like to see the queen be escorted by her parents.

Starley proposed an amendment stating that the queen be escorted by her parents.

The two amendments caused a heated debate among the senators.

Sen. Sara Blackwell, Human Services and Nursing, said she would like the candidates for queen be escorted by the candidates for king with their

parents walking behind them. Andy Keane, director of student activities, noticed the senators were not following parliamentary procedure during the debate.

The senators had not finished debate on one amendment before returning to the previous question.

Sutton rejected the amendment proposed by Campbell and accepted the Starley amendment.

The resolution was voted and passed.

President Michael Wall report states that he wants the senators to address the problem of higher education allocation. Tennessee is next to last in the country in the amount of funds they allocate for higher education.

He urged the senators to write their state legislators and tell them they're concerned about this problem.

Wall also said there are several senate resolutions that need to be written about the following subjects:

- lighting on campus.
- shuttle bus and pick up routes for students in nontraditional housing.

- spring break be moved to third week in March.
- National Pan Hellenic Council's need for housing.

Wall also said there is \$18,201.05 in the five account.

The money in that account is used to appropriate funds to organizations.



Dating Dr. cures heartache

By Astrid Barber
web master and staff writer

Austin Peay State University's Student Activities organized an event last Wednesday, "Creative Dating," hosted by "Dating Doctor," David Coleman. The seminar, held in the UC ballroom, offered professional help and advice for lovesick students, staff and faculty.

Love sickness can befall anyone. Even though there is no definite cure for it, there is still hope for the unfortunate patient. The Dating Doctor promised help and sound

advice that may be useful for the unskilled relationship-seeker.

The first step was determined by checking the 20 patients' "vital signs" with a multiple-choice questionnaire, called the "Relationship Readiness Quiz." Correct answers indicated a "healthy" patient and were rewarded with a candy treat. Incorrect answers were corrected and explained in order to create self-awareness and help the patient cure the symptoms of love-sickness.

The different sources ranged from an imbalanced diet of

"emotions" to the wrong choice of love nutrition, as provided through the choice of an incompatible date or partner.

After the cause-effect relationships of various love-health problems were determined and explained, the patients were encouraged to explore their own settings for perfect health and happiness as pictured in the so-called "Jahari Window."

In order to strengthen every participant's immune system for the future, the Dating Doctor provided the entire group with a "shot" consisting

of 15 principles for relationships.

These principles established guidelines for proper and successful "health care" by pointing out the basic mistakes common in most relationships.

As final advice, Coleman reminded everyone of the five basic stages in every relationship, in order to prevent a misinterpretation of certain symptoms which could result in any unsuccessful handling of the situation. Moreover, he added the five characteristics of a healthy relationship to ensure proper care and "nutrition."

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responsibility for the academic quality of the institution. In our view, such a joint committee should be composed of at least one half faculty.

5. Each major group should select its own representatives to serve on the selection committees, regardless of whether they are joint or separate.

6. Each committee should determine its own rules of procedure and determine the size of the majority to be effective in making crucial decisions.

According to Dr. Ron Gupton, professor of mathematics and computer science and faculty senate

president, these six propositions have already been forwarded to the TBR, legislators and Sundquist.

The qualifications for president of the university will be re-evaluated by the Senate on Thursday. They will not be forwarded until re-evaluation.

"The President has got to be able to relate to the faculty, students, administration, community and the Board," said Randall. "We need a president that has experience in the classroom. I don't know of anything that we will do this year that will affect this university for the next five years more importantly than this appointment."

AP Identity

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The Neo-Futurism of the 1970s is gone. We are going back to an image that is classical. Times change," Diehr explained.

He brought visual aids to the meeting. "The Home Art Magazine" of 1934 was compared to the "Cosmopolitan" of today.

"Even this has evolved," Diehr said.

Diehr hopes the committee will find something classical to visualize the message/image of Austin Peay.

Rinella suggested a photograph of Gov. Austin Peay himself as a visual image the university can use.

"This is a very powerful and

important thing, that we are named after a person. It is a unique element that our university is the only one in the state named after someone," Rinella said.

After logos are evaluated, the slogan/theme will then be discussed. Developed in 1986-87, the present slogan is "Excellence by Choice."

Since Austin Peay will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2001, the committee hopes to unveil the new Institutional Identities package at that time.

"2001 presents a wonderful time to advance an image of AP," Rinella said.

Organizational street fair helps promote student life away from UC

By Shana Thornton
assistant editor

Since the new University Center is scheduled to be demolished at a time which is inconstant and fluctuating, the student organizations of Austin Peay State University are helping to promote student life away from the University Center.

On Aug. 31, an organizational street fair encouraged students to enjoy activities around the Memorial Health building, outside of the new bookstore.

"We're getting ready to order some new picnic tables," said Andy Kean, director of student activities. "We want to make this a new student gathering place."

Not only did student activities have an active part in the street fair, but some of the other organizations present were the Residential Hall Association, the Student Government Association and the S.T.E.P. Team.

Students like Kim Lumpkins, left, enjoyed the new space and free battle equipment sponsored by Student Activities, while Gary Suttons, below, promoted the RHA scholarships.



photos by Miranda Herrick, senior staff photographer



Sociology club plans ahead

By Joshua Meade
staff writer

The Austin Peay State University Sociology club focused on the future in its first meeting. The club met on Sept. 1 in Miller Room 107.

Members represent students with a sociological academic background, though all majors and minors are welcomed to join.

The membership fee is \$5 per semester.

Benefits of membership include possible internships, future job references, community service and invaluable experience in the study of sociology.

Kay Hester, a representative from the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee, began the meeting by introducing a potential internship program to the members of the club.

Hester's organization provides assistance to victims of domestic abuse.

She explained to the group

the details involving her line of work, and the duties of an intern.

Members choosing to intern with the Legal Aid Society would be in direct contact with the victims of domestic abuse. Job assignments range from clerical positions to attending court sessions seeking orders of protection.

Many members expressed concern to Hester about domestic violence and interest in the internship program.

The students are currently waiting for the dean and chair of the sociology department to enact an internship program for sociology students at APSU.

Other issues discussed by Merrell Troupe, vice president of the sociology club, were bringing the current sociology brochure up-to-date, a trip to the University of Chicago, and community service venues for the group.

The University of Chicago,

sociology, will host an international conference Oct. 15-17.

"Politics, Rights, and Representation: Gender and Racial Equality in the United States, France and South Africa" will be the topic in Chicago.

The APSU chapter will see how other sociology clubs are organized, involved and expanding.

They hope to bring home and apply those ideas.

The need for a brochure gained top attention.

"The last brochure the club had made was from 1983," Troupe said.

She says that designing a new and contemporary brochure is a necessity to help further the group's membership.

Troupe expressed deep concern for community involvement with the club.

She wanted to see that the public, both on- and off-campus, recognize the club as a serious endeavor to promote intellectual studies in the field

of sociology.

Members planned community events, including volunteering for the Child Learning Center, hosting a domestic violence vigil, holding a membership drive and creating a film series devoted to sociological advancements.

Dr. Edward Sanford, the new chair of the sociology department, attended the meeting.

Sanford, a Montana native, is said to bring fresh ideas and innovations to the department.

Sanford was very supportive of the club's ideas. He hopes to initiate an internship program and provide financial assistance for the club's trip to Chicago.

He said he found the club's community service ideas "fresh" and "admirable."

By Joshua Meade
staff writer

Students from Austin Peay State University have strong emotions concerning Paul Dennis Reid's murder trial.

"Justice shall be served," senior Justin Thepthongsay said. "Because of state of the art technology, the truth will prevail."

"I personally think that everyone is mentally ill in their own way. I think he [Reid] deserves a fair trial. They shouldn't just bend towards the fact that he is mentally ill," said Crystal Deleman.

However, Reid's legal team managed to keep his trial on hold for a third straight day.

On Sept. 10, the defense counsel was trying to prove that Reid is mentally incompetent to stand trial.

Reid was expected to deliver in his own words, reasons why he feels incompetent to stand trial.

"Mr. Reid was indicating his availability to testify should we wish to call him," Michael Jones said.

Instead, the defense team brought to court, a clinical

psychologist to testify in regards to Reid's competency to stand trial.

Dr. Xavier Amador, the psychologist also used in Reid's first trial in Nashville, testified for the defense.

Amador attempted to save Reid from the death penalty in the first trial.

On Sept. 10, Amador testified that Reid is incompetent to stand trial after his evaluation last week.

Amador says he is not concerned about the case's outcome because he has no influence over it and neither does anyone else.

Reid was charged with the 1997 murders of two employees at the Wilma Rudolph Boulevard location of Baskin-Robbins.

Michelle Mace, 16, and Angela Holmes, 21, were abducted from the parlor after 10 p.m. on April 23, 1997.

The women's bodies were discovered the following day at Dunbar Cave State Natural Area. Officials determined that the victims were killed with a knife.

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Thousands enjoy Riverfest

By Joseph Hardin
features editor

If you were told to stay away from Riverside Drive last weekend because traffic was a snail's pace — you heard right.

But if you took that advice and stayed away, you missed out on a big grab bag of fun at Riverfest '99.

Friday through Sunday, a variety of entertainment was featured on stage until dusk. Thousands from Clarksville flocked to the Cumberland Riverwalk to take advantage of an eclectic mix of live bands and performers, great food, drinks and fun the festival had to offer.

For Kids — Face painting, clowning, chalk art, a bungee run, a giant slide and other inflatables, and a competitive rock wall to climb provided ample entertainment for those of abundant energies.

Sunday's APR Superleague Tunnel Boat Races on the river forced ear-to-ear smiles on both young and old faces with noisy, high-speed splashing and crashing on the waterway.

For art lovers — The Seventh Annual Fine Arts Exhibit, sponsored by the Mid-Cumberland Arts League had an impressive display of art adorning the walls of the Smith-Trahern Mansion just up the street. You could feast your eyes on works by APSU's Susan Bryant, Carla and Carol Guerra as well as others in fields like photography, 3D-Fiber arts,

painting, watercolors, mixed media, collages and drawings. From ceramics to broken glass pictorials, the display was well worth the time to mingle and absorb in a beautiful historic setting.

For music lovers — Band after band performed Friday and Saturday on the two main stages — Center and Riverbend.

The "Southpaw from Arkansas," Michael Holloway, made an impressive showing Friday, although a freak accident earlier in the week rendered him in a wheelchair, both right arm and leg in casts.

He won the crowd over singing through a microphone held in his "southpaw" while his cousin from Oklahoma graciously filled in on guitar, playing his bluesy numbers.

Connie Florance and her incredible jazz/fusion band gave audience members goose bumps with her powerful soul singing, and Joshua Kadison mesmerized an attentive crowd with his storybook songs behind a baby grand piano.

On the Riverbend Stage, Friday, the Billygoats, the Warren Brothers, and Linda Davis performed for an enormously-packed hillside of country music lovers.

At noon, Saturday, an

International Boat Parade gave an interesting backdrop to the energetic, funky-pop, and saucy tunes of Fresh Dairy. "You can't go wrong with a festival like this," said bassist, Henry Go. "Clarksville needs stuff like this — constantly!"

Saturday saw more bands playing than any other festival day. People saw the Ballistic Pintos, Velma Jo Williams, tons of young local dancers, Dave MacKenzie, Horizon, Lowboy,

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I've been lovin' it
(Riverfest) every minute since I've been here.

Derek Britt

An impressive Pepsi fireworks display dazzled on-lookers Saturday night after the sun went down over the Cumberland River.

"Velvet Hammer was great," said Chrys McCracken of Clarksville. "It was great to see two women leading an alternative band."

"Lowboy rocked as usual," said Chris Lewis, an 18-year-old Montgomery Central High School student who came just to see them rock.

"I love it (Riverfest). Anybody that didn't come out missed an excellent show," said Dorn Brinker. He enjoyed the show with his wife and two little ones.

"My five-year-old, Alex, was enthralled with the Animal Band — He loved it!"

"You can't ask for better sound guys," said Kenny Bagget, guitarist/vocalist for the Ballistic Pintos. "We got the opportunity to play for people that've never heard us play at a bar. I wish there was more stuff like (Riverfest) going on in Clarksville."

"The music of the Beagles rocked! The singer was so cool she made me melt inside — she rocks the Kaz-Bahl!" said party animal Mark Ferrara. He said he had a blast drinking cold beers at Riverfest but was disturbed by the high prices at the event. He also said a bunch of stuff about Milwaukee and cheaper beer, but he made it real clear he was having fun at Riverfest, hugging the Fox's Den mascot and spending mucho dinero on more cold ones.

"Janis Joplin would be proud," said Gary Arnold in praise of the Beagles' vocals. Gary was helping Mark Ferrara with beer consumption at the festival.

It was truly a great event last weekend, with a much better and bigger turnout than last years Riverfest. Everyone that saw Inner Circle got to laugh and giggle as five uniformed Clarksville police officers danced on stage with the Jamaican Raggaie sensations to their popular hit song "Bad

Boys, Whatcha Gonna Do."

The Animal Band played Roly-poly-happy-feel-good music and invited kids and their parents onto the stage to participate with props — blow up air guitars, hoola hoops, and colorful, funny hats.

EYC (Express Yourself Clearly) and the a cappella group M-pact had fans grooving to the music and teenage girls' ecstatic screaming throughout their performances.

Adie Grey got a rouse from amused audience members with her folksy ballad, "They're all Jerks" — a tune about advice to a new driver about other drivers.

"I've been lovin' it (Riverfest) every minute since I've been here," said Derrek Britt, 14, from Montgomery Central High School.

There was a lot of walking to do at the event, lots to see and hear, and lots to do.

Everyone seemed to be occupied with something, listening here, shopping there, drinking, eating, competing (children).

Most of the bands, before they ended their performances paid their respect, admiration, and thanks to Stephanie Cooke and the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department for all the hard work put into Riverfest '99. They certainly deserved it.

Toy Run party taps 75 kegs

The 18th Annual Les Watson Memorial Toy Run takes place this weekend in Clarksville.

Proceeds from the end event benefit the Rainbow — a week of each summer for seriously ill children run by Clarksville Dream Factory.

Besides Saturday's parade of thundering motorcycles carrying toys on their back bars down Riverside Square Mall, a benefit at Billy Dunlop Park provide campers, bikes, music lovers with 15 bands and 75 kegs of beer.

Performing Friday will be Chuck Emery, Strings and Tom Company, the Ballistic Pintos, Red Bone and Ziggy, Fat White Guys, and the Run Band From Hell.

Performing Saturday Night will be Just Tom, Richie Rich, Tantrum, Tide, Problem Child, Vass/Turner Overdose, The Edge.

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Jeremy Legg
sports editor

Can they do it again?

Mark McGwire, who has been down this road before, said that the media crush on Sammy Sosa will start at homer No. 60.

"I think that's when the interest will start kicking in," said McGwire. "Sure it will."

"On the way to 70, Sosa will have a lot, a lot of pressure."

Sosa probably will become the first person to hit 60 twice, let alone two years in a row.

McGwire will get to 60, too.

To McGwire it doesn't matter whether he or Slammin' Sammy hits 60 first.

"What's the difference if I'm first or second?" McGwire said.

McGwire had suggested earlier that 70 homers wouldn't be hit again. He said he had changed his mind.

"I think you have to," he said. "But as for 75, I wouldn't go that far."

The fact that Sosa is a threat to break McGwire's record this year might be a surprise to some.

McGwire says he believes that may be because he's only been hitting home runs consistently, 40-on, for four years.

Prior to that, he was emerging.

"I've been hitting home runs since my rookie year," McGwire said. "I'm sort of used to it. But he's really developed into a bona fide power hitter."

"I'm happy for him. There have been so much talk about him and me last year."

"The race is NOT on," said McGwire. "To me, there's no race. The media says, 'He's on this pace and he's on that pace.' The only pace is your next home run. That's the way I've always looked at it. And that's the way it is."

"To me, it's not important. The record, 70, has my name on it, so it's like chasing your own self. That's why it's not a big thing to me."

But what if Sosa broke the record this year, like during the last series of the year when the Cubs visit Busch Stadium?

"Records are made to be broken," McGwire said. "Babe Ruth's granddaughter sent me this letter three or four weeks ago. She stated in the letter that her mother used to talk all the time about how Babe used to say, 'Somebody is going to break my record.'"

Babe's in heaven smiling and loving every minute of it.

Golf names Peterson assistant

Doug Peterson, Austin Peay State University's top golfer in the 1997-98 season, has been named assistant for both the Gobs and Lady Gobs programs.

The Clarksville native worked as a student assistant in Fall 1998 before turning professional last spring as part of the Golden Bear Tour in Florida. With APSU, he will be involved in all coaching aspects, including team travel, scheduling and recruiting for both programs.

"Doug brings experience as both a college golfer and a professional to the program,"

Cross country competes at Belmont

By Johnny Sparks
editor in chief

Austin Peay State University's cross country team's enjoyed success on Saturday at the Steven's Oil Invitational in Huntsville, Ala.

Senior Luis Delfin led the men's team finishing second overall at the meet.

"Luis had good weekend he finished second overall," Forde

said. "He wasn't pleased with the time he achieved of 21:03, but I cautioned him not to get discouraged with himself."

The Governors ran only four runners so could not compete as a team.

The Lady Gobs finished third out of 14 teams.

Running without No. 1 runner Kenya Avant, were led by a pair of freshman Elisha

Thomas and Jecinda Hughes.

"It was great seeing them run so well," APSU head coach Elvis Forde said.

APSU's cross country squads ran their first meet at Belmont's Kickoff Invitational in Nashville.

"I think we ran very well," Forde said. "The ladies were outstanding."

The Lady Gobs finished third behind Vanderbilt and Belmont.

Avant led the Lady Gobs, finishing 12th overall. Browne 15th, Hughes 17th, Sheena Gooding 18th, Ayesha Maycock 19th and Thomas 20th finished seconds apart just behind Avant. Melissa Olivio finished 25th.

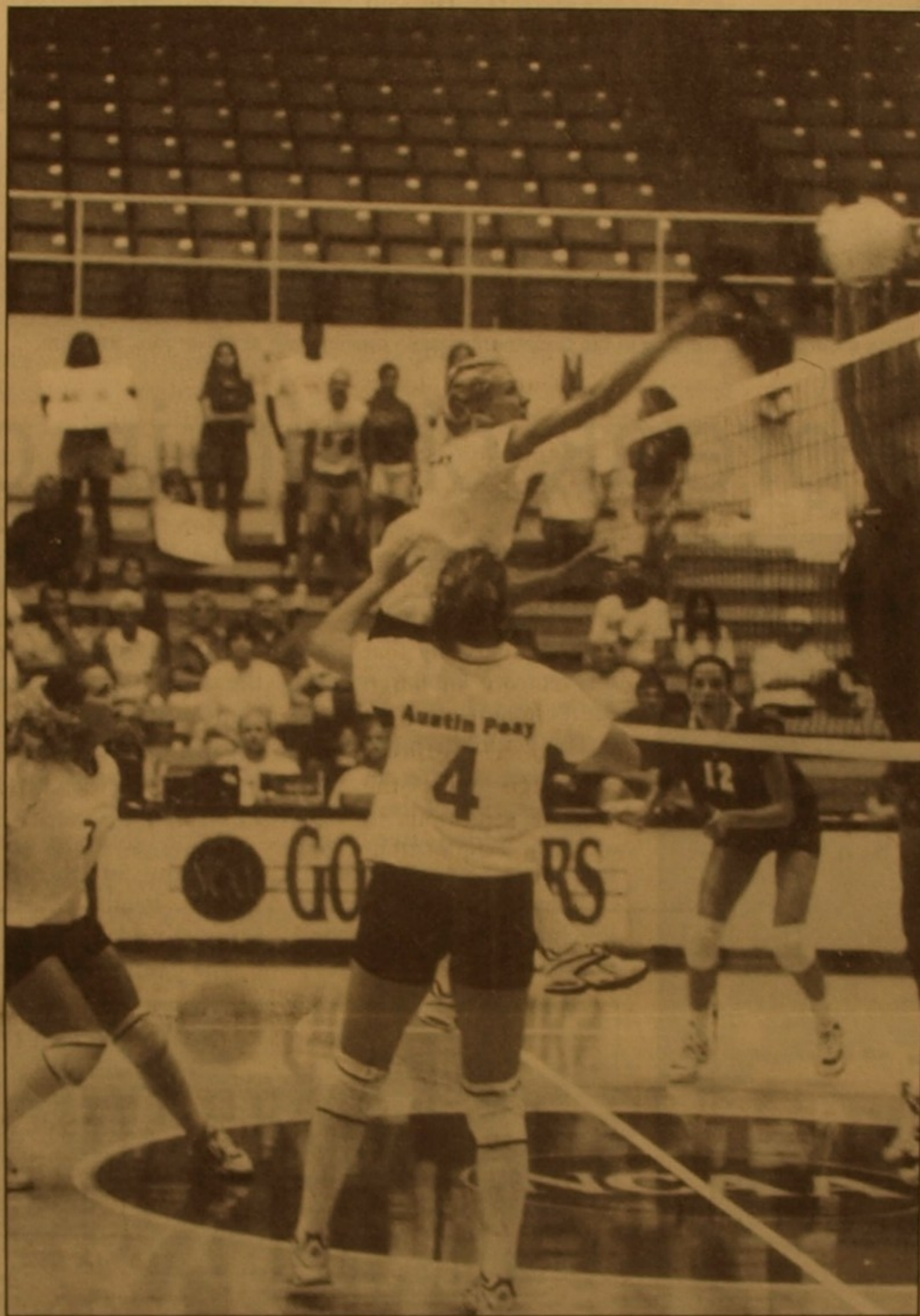
"We didn't perform as well as I thought we would be able to on the men's side," Forde said. "I expected Luis (Delfin) to at least win the 3-mile race."

The Governors were led by Delfin. He finished fourth in the 3-mile race.

Downes posted a 12th-place finish despite his injury.

Daniel Watson and Jay Walls finished 16th and 17th respectively and newcomer Neil Rivelet finished 23rd.

Lady Gobs sweep Salukis



By Johnny Sparks
editor in chief

Austin Peay State University's Lady Gobs volleyball team swept the Salukis of Southern Illinois at the Dunn Center on Sept. 7.

The Lady Gobs played sloppy, but won the home opener.

"We are just going through the motions," head coach Cheryl Holt said. "A win is a win and I am tickled to death for it, but I think we're not playing at the level we're capable of."

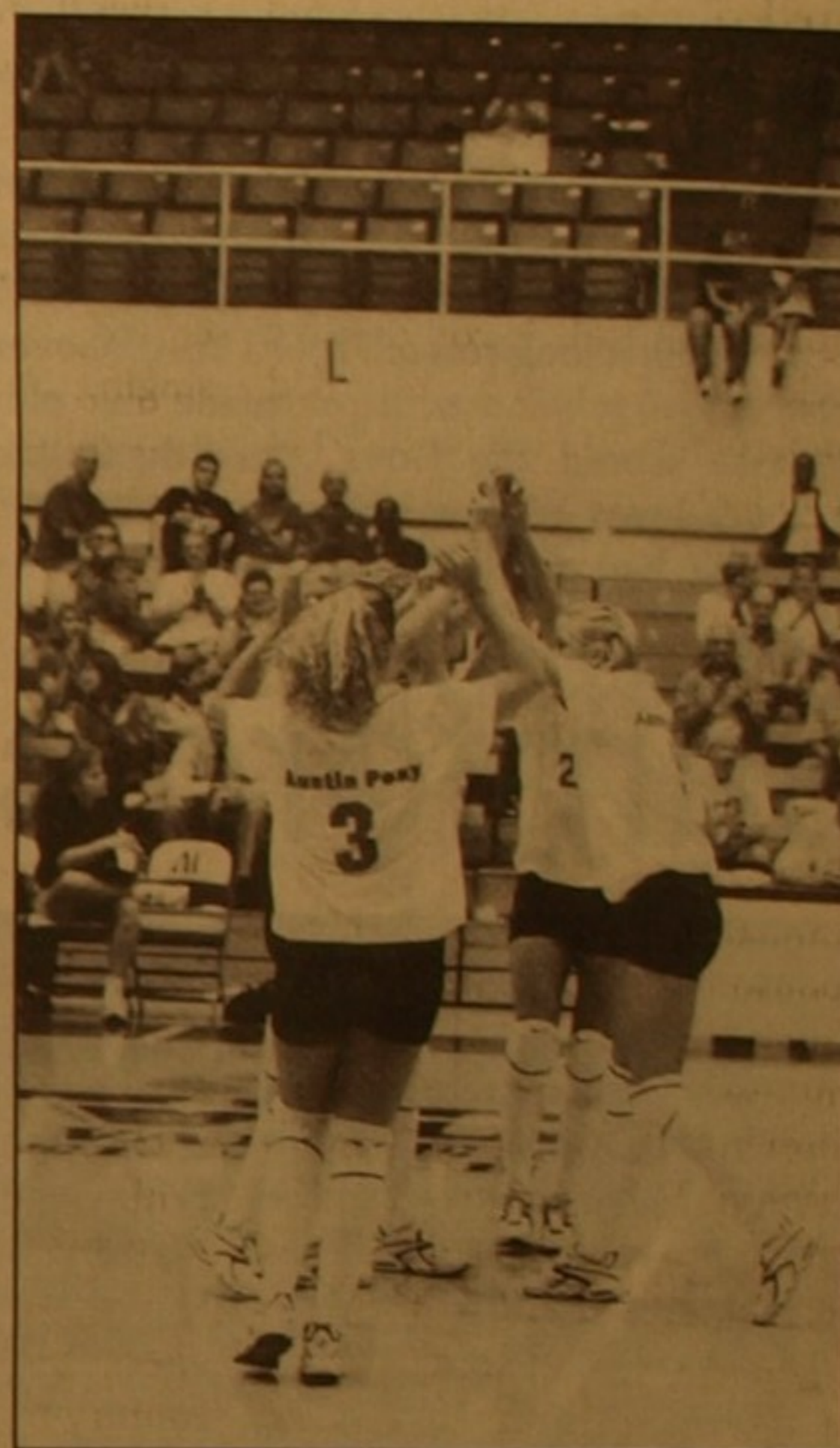
The Lady Gobs won 17-15, 15-4 and 15-12 over Southern Illinois.

Freshman Casey Kelley turned heads in her first home game at APSU.

"Casey did a great job didn't she," Holt said. "Casey is a true freshman and a walk on. She is just a real smart player and adds a lot to our defense."

The freshman's performance allowed Holt to shuffle her lineup.

She says the adjustments that Kelley's presence allowed have helped her team.



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(Far Left)
No. 9 Jennifer Brooks in action against Southern Illinois in the season opener.

(Near Left)
Jenny Wenning skies for the ball against SIU.

(Above)
The Lady Gobs celebrate a victory over the Salukis at the Dunn Center.

Football's McAfee injuries knee

Senior running back DeAunta McAfee, who rushed for 154 yards and scored three TDs in Austin Peay State University's opener, will miss a minimum of three weeks with a partially torn medial collateral ligament in his right knee.

The Clarksville native suffered the injury late in the fourth quarter in APSU's win against Cumberland. An aggressive rehabilitation program has been chosen for McAfee's knee, with hopes he can return strong for the season's second half.

The five-foot-eight, 185-pound speedster earned honorable mention 1-AA

Independent Offensive Player of the Week honors for his performance against Cumberland. His 154-yard effort was APSU's best single-game rushing performance since Jacob Dickson ran for 226 yards against Tennessee-Martin in 1996. His 75-yard run in the game was the longest by a Gov since 1994.

McAfee was APSU's leading rusher a year ago and scored 10 touchdowns.

After playing for APSU in 1995 and 1996, he sat out the 1997 season after transferring to and from Southwest Baptist. As a result, he does not have a redshirt season available.

having won both the Clarksville Country Club championship and the Tournament of Champions in 1997.

"Doug adds to that 'Clarksville Connection' we have with this community," Leroux said. "Everyone in the golf community knows him and knows what he is all about."

"This position also offers Doug a chance at coaching. I don't know if he aspires some day to be a head coach at the college level, but this will give him the experience to see if he wants to pursue it."



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Governors chain Bulldogs in opener

By Johnny Sparks
editor in chief

Austin Peay State University won its season opener over Cumberland University Sept. 2 at Governors Stadium.

The win was the first season-opening victory for the Gobs since 1994 and their first under third year APSU head coach Bill Schmitz.

"We haven't got to enjoy Labor Day since I have been here," APSU head coach Bill Schmitz said.

The Governors jumped on top of Cumberland early, scoring in their first possession.

DeAunta McAfee led the Governors' early offensive charge.

McAfee averaged 6.9 yards per carry with a long run of 72 yards.

McAfee scored the Gobs' first touchdown of the 1999 season. He had three touch-

downs in the game and rushed for 154 yards.

"He is a great athlete," Schmitz said. "We try to create ways to get him the ball."

McAfee suffered a knee injury in the game.

The Gobs showed improvement in key areas over last year.

The Gobs were 5-of-10 on third down conversions.

They turned the ball over to the Bulldogs twice on interceptions, but did not fumble.

Sophomore quarterback Brian Baker threw two interceptions.

Baker connected on 10-of-19 passes for 143 yards.

The Governors' defense gave up 298-rushing yards, but only allowed 77-passing yards.

The Governors' defense made the plays necessary to stop the Bulldogs.

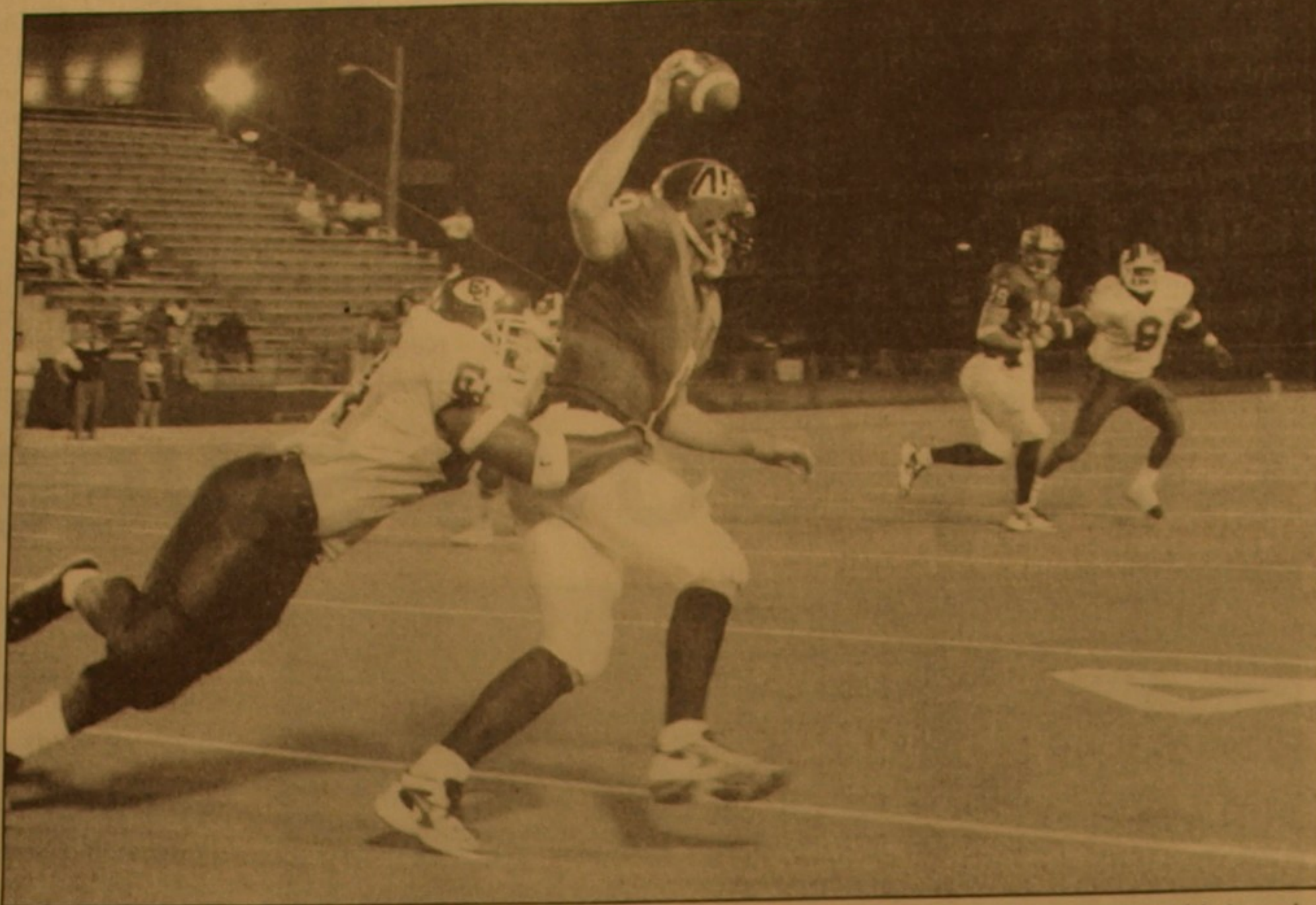


Photo by: Shannon Hester/photographer
Brian Baker (9) avoids a Cumberland Bulldog in the Governors season opening win at Governors Stadium.

Complex Housing hosts Volleyball Challenge

Complex Housing will host the Volleyball Challenge at 7 p.m., Sunday beside Emerald Hills Apartment Building 1.

All campus residents and Resident Assistants are invited to participate in the volleyball tournament.

Each team must have six players including one female.

All students are invited to attend and participate in the activity.

There is no registration charge.

For team registration information, contact the Complex Housing office at 225-5212.

Samford's Bulldogs break chain in game 2



Photo by: Shannon Hester/photographer
Strong safety Tennile Hudgins (5) and defensive end Kurt Wetterer (90) collar the Samford Bulldogs quarterback.

By Johnny Sparks
editor in chief

Samford's Bulldogs bit Austin Peay State University's Governors and didn't let go until it got ugly.

The Bulldogs jumped on the Gobs, scoring in their first possession of the game.

They added two more first quarter touchdowns.

They scored two more touchdowns in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs dug their teeth in deep and led 34-0 at the end of the first half.

The only dark moment in the first half for Samford came when their prospect place kicker, Brian Holmes, missed an extra-point attempt.

"I don't think we ever had any flow of the game," APSU head coach Bill Schmitz said.

The home crowd missed

all of the second-half fireworks, the Gobs didn't.

The visiting fans on the east side of Governors Stadium were entertained by a thrilling pyrotechnic display on the field and the backdrop.

While fireworks from Riverfest exploded in the western sky over the Dumas Center, Samford ran out the clock.

In the process of killing the clock, they drove three more nails in the Gobs' coffin.

Holmes booted a 27-yard third quarter field goal giving the Bulldogs a 37-0 lead.

Samford added two fourth quarter touchdowns and won by a final score of 51-0.

"We had some critical breakdowns," Schmitz said. "I am really proud of the way the players fought and played hard all night. That was the fastest and strongest team we'll play all year."



Photo by: Shannon Hester/photographer
Cornerback Tim Davis (27) introduces an opponent to the turf near the 20-yard line.

Holt wins 400th

Austin Peay State University head volleyball coach Cheryl Holt joined an elite club with her 400th career victory Saturday morning.

The Lady Gobs defeated Troy State 15-9, 10-15, 15-6 and 15-6 for their third victory of the season.

"I'm glad to have it (the 400th win) behind me," said coach Holt. "I look at it as not my 400th but our team's third win of the season."

"The 400th win is nice but what I want more is for the kids to play to their potential and have fun. I would rather the kids remember that they played hard in 1999 than for my 400th victory."

Unlike the first match against Western Kentucky, Austin Peay started out with a victory in the first game of the match against Troy State.

In what was an ugly first game, neither team hit above 20 percent (Austin Peay - .171, Troy State - .190). What the first game lacked in beauty, the second provided in excitement, as the Lady Gobs raced out to a 5-1 lead.

However, the game bogged down with both teams ex-

changing side outs.

After a 100-rally game, the Lady Trojans stole away with a 15-10 victory.

Both teams hit for over 30 percent, with Troy State winning the hitting battle .333 to .305.

Following the break, the Lady Gobs dominated the Lady Trojans in the third and fourth games of the match, winning both with identical 15-6 scores. Austin Peay picked apart the Troy State defense, exploiting it for a .542 and .444 hitting average in games three and four, respectively.

"Troy State did a good job against us," said coach Holt. "They did a great job passing and had we not hit .338, then we would've lost the match. We were more consistent on offense this match, but the match was closer than the score indicated."

For the match Austin Peay put together 68 kills and a season-high .338 hitting percentage to stymie Troy State, which managed 59 kills and a .217 hitting percentage.

"I am having a hard time deciding how good we are," said coach Holt. "We have a lot of potential but we're not a big team and we often have no

patience. We also have to find balance and eliminate more of our unforced errors."

The star of the match for Austin Peay was sophomore Jennifer Brooks, who hit for 16 kills and a .520 hitting percentage while adding five blocks in defense. Assisting her in the offense was Becky Sowinski, who put together an errorless hitting game with 11 kills on 22 attempts for a .500 percentage.

"Jennifer has come a long way for us," said Holt. "She has a lot of potential, and with her quickness and reach she will be a force in the conference."

"Additionally, you have to remember that she only started playing volleyball during her sophomore year of high school. That makes her development all the more remarkable."

Karen Smith led Troy State with 15 kills and a .423 hitting percentage. Kari Smaka also chipped in 12 kills and a .360 hitting percentage.

In the second game against host Belmont, Austin Peay won four games over the Lady Bruins.

The Lady Gobs improved to 4-4 with the victory.

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Don't look now, there's a 'Meow key' on his back

Gary Arnold
assistant opinion editor

The time has come for me to face the cold, hard truth. Despite our country's valiant fight in the war on drugs, and my own concentrated efforts at home, this scourge on society has reached into my home and tragically scarred my life forever. This weekend, my daughter and I will take a long, emotional road trip out to the country. Upon arrival, I will relinquish the lives of those I love to those who promise to do all they can to insure a bright and promising future for my loved ones. Yes, my daughter and I have finally decided to put our cat, 13, and our dog, Pee-Wee, in rehab.

Now after a statement like that, you may think I need to go to rehab. But, hey, I'm not kidding. The evidence speaks for itself. I'm not exactly sure when it started for 13, our cat. We got him about eight years ago, at a friend's wedding reception, when a passing car threw him out the window.

Everything was fine, until that moment when I gave him his first kitty treat. I didn't mean anything by it, I was just trying to be friendly, you know, nice. Little did I realize this "kitty crack" would poison lives of my beloved 13, and yours truly.

It first began to notice something was amiss when 13, knowing where these tasty tidbits were kept, started leaving claw marks on the cabinet where they were secured. This, mind you, was despite the fact that he had been declawed. His eyes were always red in the Polaroid pictures we took, and realizing the sound of my alarm clock meant the first dose of the day, he would reset my alarm at night after I had fallen asleep, to go off whenever he needed a fix. Sometimes I would wake up in the middle of the night, and find him staring at me with his red, drug-crazed eyes. It was then I realized he had a "meow key" on his back.

Forced to be his supplier, I tried to keep his habit down to a minimum. But it proved to be too strong, and so he found other ways to get the "kitty crack" he so desperately craved. He started dealing in hot mice, cornered the bird market in the neighborhood and began providing litter box protection. I was buying so much of the stuff, I had to go to three or four different pet stores a week so as not to arouse suspicion.

Sometimes I would walk in to the kitchen and find him lying on the air-conditioning vent in the floor, his fur being

gently blown upward by the cool, comfortable air. He would be lying on his back like roadkill, his belly bloated by that day's orgy of consumption, and his tongue all lolled out in sheer ecstasy. And stuck to his whiskers, all around him, would be a sea of "kitty crack" crumbs.

It was then we decided to invest in a dog to try and provide a little tough love, hoping to keep 13 on the straight and narrow. Not wishing to put 13 in any real physical danger, we settled on a one-year-old Yorkie terrier named Pee-Wee, who weighed in at all of 4 pounds.

Pee-Wee was tougher than a 10-cent steak when we first brought him home. He rode 13 like kids on a good carnival ride, non-stop, all day. But then, he too, started to change.

What had once been an alert, active, playful young pup, has now become a spaced-out, inactive, couch potato of a cur. These "doggie downers" have taken the onetime canine Casanova and turned him into a limp Lassie. A terrier, chihuahua and two dachshunds just moved into the neighborhood, and he hasn't tried to bolt out the door one time.

Pee-Wee's days mainly consist of eating, sleeping and lying on his blanket watching TV. Whenever he comes out of his "doggie dope" - induced stupor for any length of time, all he does is spend his time and effort trying to accumulate more of the prized stash for another bow-wow blowout. He gets them from the teller at the drive-through window at my bank, friends and neighbors, and my vet, who appears to be the Johnny Appleseed of these "critter crackers."

And so the inevitable had to be faced. Pee-Wee and 13 would have to go the "Petty Board" clinic and dry out. And accidental as it might have been, I realize I'm at fault for starting this roller-coaster ride, by giving both 13 and Pee-Wee their first fix. But hopefully things will work out for all of us.

There is one thing that bothers me, though. This morning I found a package of Chips Ahoy double chocolate chip cookies on my bed with a card. The card wasn't signed, just covered in paw prints.

AP Talk can never replace personal touch of human

By Cab
guest writer

The "rubrics" might read like this: "4.0 student stripped of his course load for failure to 'validate' GPA in question due to a syntax discrepancy or a computer glitch."

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She, too, wants to dispense information in bite-sized increments, her denominations. I want more. Dare I over-withdraw? The last thing I want is a grade report stamped NSF. She'll always be a big glitch to me.

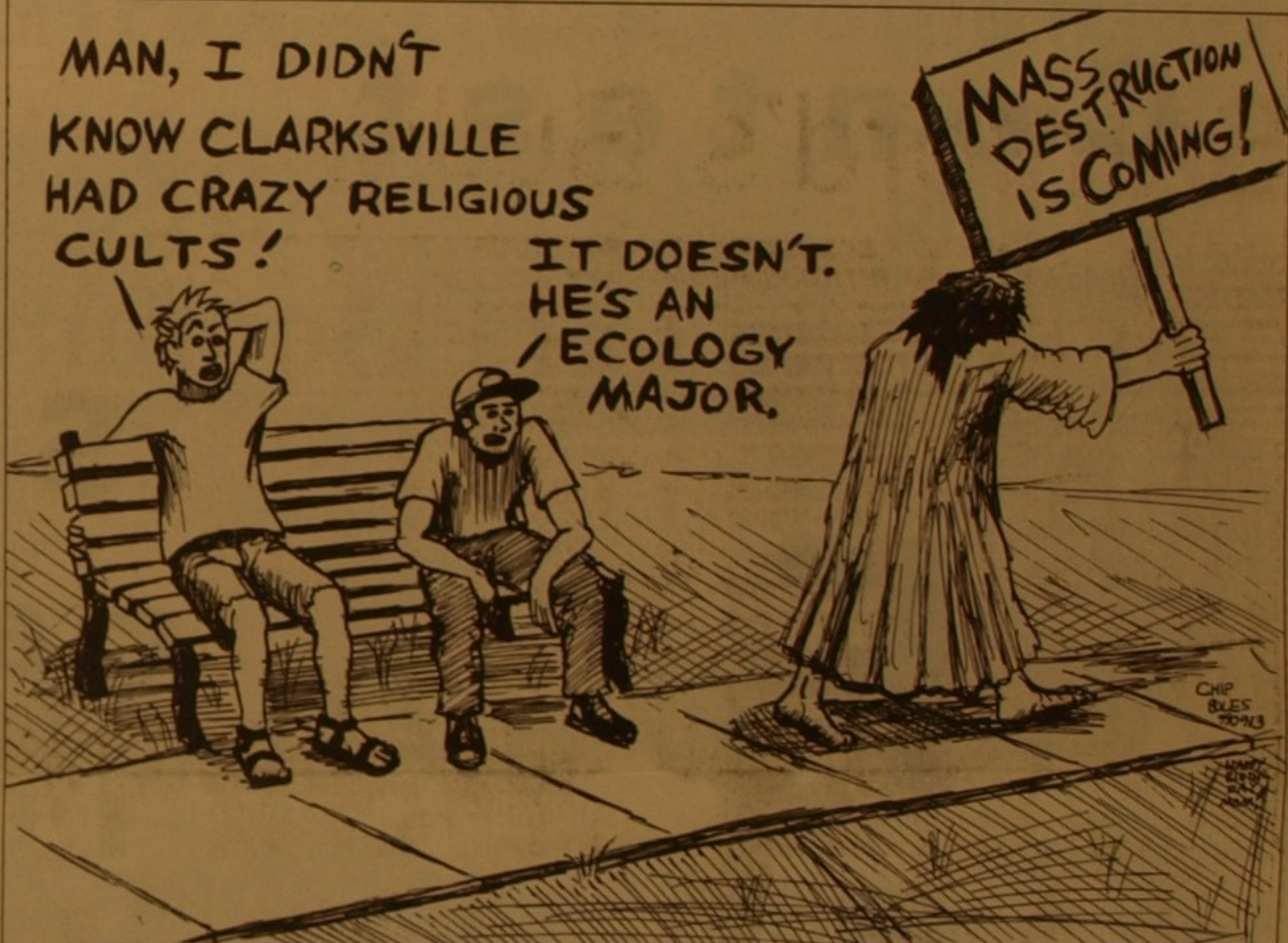
I earned a BA from a much smaller college. There the registrar not only knew you by name, but could also forecast your success in a class and guide you in the most appropriate curriculum.

He also knew if your first-serving percentages had fallen from your last tennis match, and could predict with certainty your chance of going out with Gloria the coming Friday. AP Talk has no idea.

Of course, I'm the same guy who erroneously sought a Chinese buffet from a karate school during a snowstorm last March. It was Sunday. I was hungry. It was hard to see. I don't know Clarksville. All those dragons look alike.

This kind of sympathetic dialogue can't take place with AP Talk.

She'll always be a big glitch to me.



Whatever is not enough

By Mike Warren
guest columnist

We are the generation of tomorrow, the heroes of the new millennium, and we have a rendezvous with destiny that beckons us with outstretched arms. What the destiny is, we haven't the slightest notion. We don't need to; after all, we are moving that way, whatever way that is, and will get there sure enough, though we do not know where "there" is. But whatever! That's the philosophy of today, isn't it? It's worked so far, so why not allow it to drive the rest of our lives into oblivion and beyond?

So we want to pick a religion that best fits our personality and likes. Well, take your choice, it doesn't matter. Whatever. We want a job that will support our demanding habits, will pay more than we deserve, and give us plenty of time to spend our thousands, but we haven't the foggiest idea what that job is or

how to attain it. Whatever.

The sky's the limit when it comes to our dreams that loom above our heads like clouds. Clouds that, once reached, do nothing more than bathe us in uncertainty and regret. Debts accrued while "finding ourselves" may rise like a coming tidal wave, but it doesn't bother us, for we're the heroes of whatever.

The best thing about this philosophy is the freedom it grants in the moral aspect. Should we kill human beings who are in their eighth, or even first month of growth in the womb? Whatever. Should we promote lifestyles that defy the natural order of things and oppose the very structure of the family unit into which we are born? Whatever.

Divorce tears families apart today faster than wars, and yet we have an answer to this epidemic. We say, "Whatever." Our leadership lies and lifts our

hopes with presupposed broken promises, and yet we gladly shout, "Whatever."

If we say all this doesn't matter, then we've been infected with the "whatever" philosophy. If we take every theory we hear from those who call themselves "experts" as truth without first examining their claims, then we have joined the masses saying "Whatever." If we don't care about the consequences of our selfish choices, and we feel nothing for those we hurt while attaining our self-seeking ends, then we are one with the new-age "Whatever" god. If we now realize that the exact opposite of this way of thinking requires us to do to others as we would have them do to us, then maybe there's still hope. Maybe we'll stop saying "whatever" and start living like it really does matter.

Letters to the Editor

Hello, my name is Jennifer Perry and I am your vice president of H.E.L.P. I have Multiple Sclerosis and thanks to the Lord, no one can really tell at all. Many of the students on campus - about 300 - have disabilities. I would like to inform you that whether you have a small learning disability or paraplegia, the right remains yours to get all you can out of your education. Requiring accommodation of any kind, such as a note-taker or extra time on tests, does not mean that you are of lesser intelligence than your peers (many students think this and degrade themselves). Some of the smartest people who ever lived had difficulties. For instance: Albert Einstein,

Helen Keller and Edgar Allan Poe all had problems, were aware of them and were not ashamed of themselves. Do not be embarrassed if you have difficulties, just come to Disability Services in the library, call them at 221-6230, or even call me at 931-648-8098. Most of my dates ask why I have a disabled license plate, and my famous saying is, "Oh, I have M.S., you just can't tell." I make good grades, thanks to the accommodations that I receive, and I learn the same information as my peers... it just takes me a little longer. So please do not feel like any less of a person and do not be ashamed, most people never notice that you need accommodation at all! So if you need the

slightest amount of help, no disability is too big or too small. Hold your head high and love yourself, because you come first. Hopefully this letter has encouraged many students out there to check out our services. I look forward to seeing many students at our social gatherings we attempt to create (suggestions welcome). Thank you for your time and attention.

Jennifer Perry

I just read the letter to the editor in The All State and I am absolutely livid. When I want to read the Bible, I pick it up. When I want to read the news, I do not want to be preached to. Granted, the

place for opinion in the paper is the "letters to the editor" column, but that was going way too far. On a campus as diverse as Austin Peay, one would think that you could find something better to print than one student's religious beliefs. If I wanted to read that kind of opinion, then I would be in a private university. Many of the students on this campus do not believe in Mr. Stone's God and many others, who do believe in God, do not share his views.

In the future, I would appreciate you choosing the articles to be printed more carefully, and save the preaching for the church.

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