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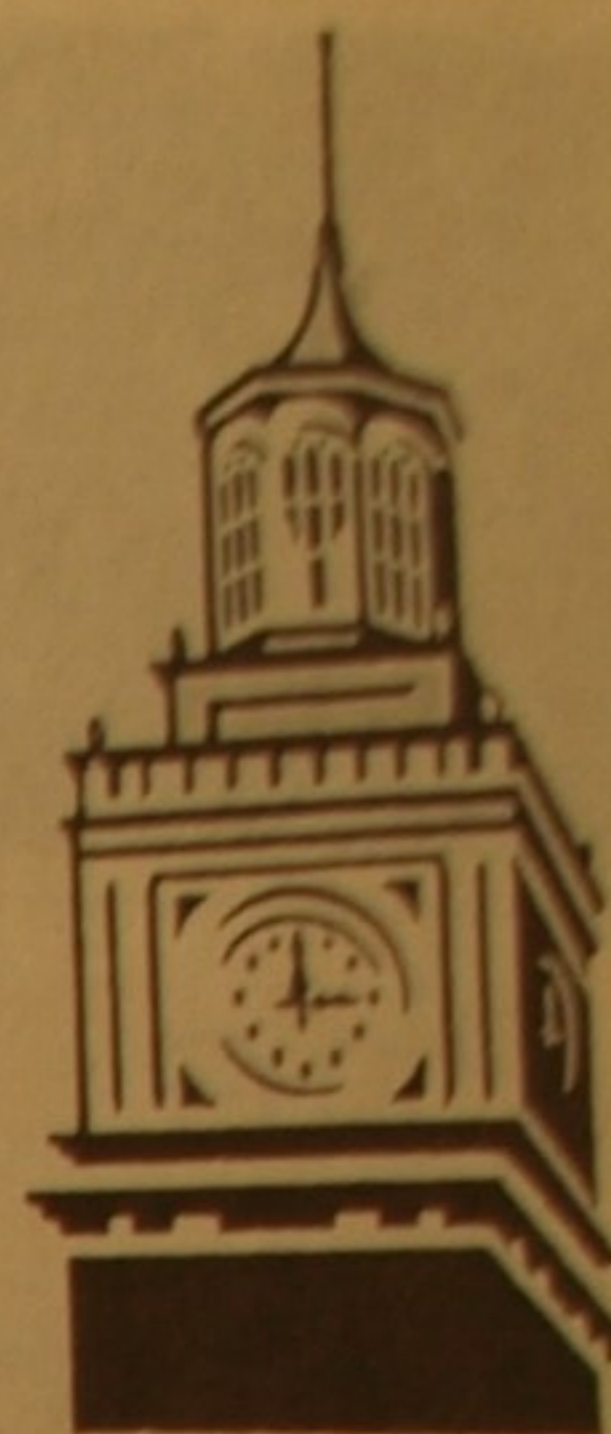
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Drag show draws student protest

by Holli Froemming
editor in chief

A drag-talent show slated for Austin Peay State University's Homecoming week is causing a great deal of upheaval among many students.

Students began a petition to show their disapproval of the event being planned by

the Austin Peay Residence Hall Association and the elected Cross Hall representatives.

Stephanie Rieforth began the petition because she feels it's an inappropriate event to occur during Homecoming.

She says many groups are represented on campus and they should be able to have

events geared toward their particular group, but Homecoming is meant for everyone to participate.

Although Pete Blutreich, assistant director of housing, says the event is meant to be in fun, Rieforth thinks it's inappropriate.

"It singles people out from celebrating," Rieforth, a

sophomore nursing major, says. "It would be the same if they hired a Christian band or decided to serve alcohol."

"I'm not against the lifestyle, I just think it's inappropriate at Homecoming. If it were at any other time, that would be fine, just not during Homecoming."

Some people think the petition is circulating in protest of the gay lifestyle, which is often associated with drag shows.

"This is not a war against gay people," says Rieforth.

Other students joined in the protest for a variety of reasons.

Freshman Kristel O'Mal-

ley, a pre-pharmacy major, says she signed the petition and started circulating one with her name on it, because she is a Christian and does not agree with the lifestyle.

She also said she sees a drag show as making fun of another lifestyle and she believes that is inappropriate.

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Alcohol consumption hospitalizes student

by Holli K. Froemming
editor in chief

A recent addition to the Sigma Chi fraternity is recovering after being hospitalized due to severe alcohol poisoning.

Patrick Tippitt, who had just pledged Sigma Chi, was taken to the hospital Tuesday, Sept. 20 after his brothers found him unresponsive at a small gathering of friends at the fraternity house.

Trevor Brittingham, a member of Sigma Chi, says the fraternity should not take all the blame for the incident and should be commended for responding the way they did.

"We don't condone this type of thing," he says. "We have policies and procedures that work to eliminate this type of thing."

Granted it took place at the Sigma Chi house, Brittingham says, but Tippitt is an adult and can make his own choices.

Tippitt, however, is underaged.

Brittingham says fraternity members were upset at the way the *Leaf Chronicle* made them look because, he says, they didn't know the whole story.

"Had we not done what we did when we found him, he would have died," Brittingham says, in reference to driving Tippitt to the hospital immediately.

In addition, several members of the fraternity waited all night at the hospital until Tippitt was released mid-morning on Wednesday.

Other fraternity members do not commend this action, either.

Tippitt registered three times the legal limit for alcohol, and some say he should never have been allowed to consume that much alcohol.

Although officials could not comment specifically about what actions are being taken, the official statement says an investigation into the incident is taking place.

"Once the investigation and a hearing are complete, officials will decide if charges will be brought against individuals and the fraternity," the statement says.

APSU's Policy on Substance Abuse states that appropriate discipline will be given to anyone who engages in illegal substance-related behavior.

The matter should be resolved within the week.

Cyberlounge given to students

Students who want to surf the Web have a new place to go at Austin Peay State University - a cyberlounge.

There will be special theme nights in the cyberlounge for events such as Monday Night Football and college football, says Andy Kean, director of student activities.

"We are really excited about the cyberlounge. We hope people come by and use it frequently," says Kean.

The cyberlounge is located in Room 107 of the Memorial Health Building, "The Red Barn," and includes eight computers, a big screen TV, couches and chairs.

The computers can be used to surf the Web and check e-mail.

The cyberlounge grew out of a need for gathering spots on campus for students. The need surfaced last year once the University Center was gone.

Kean visited a cyberlounge at another university and proposed a similar one at APSU.

He contacted the APSU Technology Board in January about purchasing computers for use in a cyberlounge. The full Technology Board passed a



Physical Plant painters, Raymond Wright (left) and Ivan Colon (right) stand in front of the mural in the new cyberlounge.

motion supporting his request, and in February funding for the lounge was approved.

Each semester students pay a technology fee, and this money is used to pay for the computers.

This lounge is the result of the dedication and cooperation of many members of the University staff, says Dr. Tony Golden, director of the Project Area Concentration Tests

(PACAT) and a founding member of the APSU Technology Board.

Golden was asked to develop the specifications for a Dell computer for the cyberlounge.

The computer can be placed in an area of minimal supervision without compromising the security of the machine or of the university's network.

Stephanie Taylor, APSU network manager, developed configurations for the

computers, while Computer Services was responsible for creating network connections, such as running fiber-optic lines, and installing the computers.

The entire room was renovated, and a room divider was built to separate the TV area from the computer area.

Physical Plant workers did everything from building the room divider to

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Campus enrollment shows upward trend

After being thrown one curve ball after another this past year, Austin Peay State University finally may get one straight down the center this fall.

Dr. Barbare Tarter, assistant vice president for enrollment management, says she

is "cautiously optimistic" about final enrollment figures for APSU.

Data posted on the Tennessee Board of Regents Web site shows APSU main campus taking the lead in enrollment increases among

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Students receive support on campus

by Holli K. Froemming
editor in chief

Students at Austin Peay State University who need a little extra help with any aspect of campus life have a place to go to receive support.

Student Support Services is a federally funded office that serves the needs of first-generation college students and/or low-income.

First generation college students are those students whose parents do not have a two- or four-year college degree.

In a survey done in the developmental studies classes at APSU, about 70 percent of the students were first generation students.

"They didn't have parents to tell them what to do to prep themselves for college," says Jennie Preston-Sabin, director of SSS. "We help with that."

SSS, one of the national TRIO programs, provides tutoring, academic advisement and counseling to students who meet the requirements.

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Students gather in celebration of ancient civilizations

by Holli K. Froemming
editor in chief

A variety of students at Austin Peay State University have decided to gather biweekly to discuss the ancient Greek and Roman civilizations, as well as to socialize and have a good time.

Thirteen students attended the last Classics Club meeting, which are held at the Front Page Deli News Cafe.

At the meeting, the group discussed different options for fund-raising and charity work for the upcoming academic year.

The most prominent issue was their involvement in GHOST (Great Halloween Options for Safe Trick-or-Treating).

Toni Fox, president of the Classics Club, said when she spoke with the Office of Student Life, she was told GHOST might not happen this year due to the confusion within the Student Government Association, who typically set up and sponsor GHOST.

Suggestions were made to gather various student organizations and make GHOST happen with or without the SGA.

Also discussed at the meeting were possible speakers the group could bring to campus, other social events taking place within the club, and how they can get other students interested.

"We want to inform people on campus and in the community about the

importance of Greek and Roman civilizations," says Fox, a junior nursing major and psychology minor. "We want to reach out to the community and really take a stand this year."

"We want to show that we have something to offer."

Dr. Timothy Winters, professor of Greek and Latin and faculty advisor to the group, says the organization hopes to get college students involved in high schools and elementary schools so they can get students interested in these civilizations at a young age.

"We want to bring people together with the ancient world," he says.

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Hypnotist delivers hilarious scene campus

by Holli K. Froemming
editor in chief

Traveling hypnotist, Ken Whitener, made a stop at Austin Peay State University to give several students the chance to be hypnotized on stage.

The show featured students on stage dancing to "I'm Too Sexy" by Right Said Fred, as well as other

activities.

The event climaxed when two men were told, while under hypnosis, that when they opened their eyes, they would be looking at the most beautiful girl they'd ever seen and they were to slow dance with the girl, grabbing her butt.

The two men opened their eyes and proceeded to dance

with each other while grabbing each others rear ends.

"It's phat," said Hank Ballew, a student spectator. "It's about time they did something really interesting on campus. People are actually here, look at that."

Jessica Sitton, another spectator, said it was entertaining.

"It's funny," she said. "I

totally believe it's fake, but it's funny."

More than 100 students were in attendance at the event, which took place Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the carnival-style tent between the bookstore and the cafeteria.

It was presented by the Office of Student Life.



The APSU Scoop

Wednesday

•All students interested in going to Mexico over Christmas Break are invited to informational meetings at 2 p.m. in Harned 329. Different aspects of the trip will be discussed and films of the various locations the students will travel will be presented.

•The Spanish Club meets at 2 p.m. in Harned 329. Everyone interested in speaking Spanish is invited.

•Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society is hosting a workshop titled "Is Graduate School in Your Future?" The workshop is open to all juniors and seniors and will address such topics as: Why attend graduate school, On-line information about graduate school and How to get from here to there. The event will take place from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Claxton 103.

Thursday

•Students for Civil Liberties will meet in Clement 113 at 5 p.m. All students are invited to attend. For more information contact Lindsey Boise at 221-5815 or Jason Kirk at 221-5116.

•Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship will meet from 6-8 p.m. in Claxton 103. For more information, call 552-7092.

Friday

•Funtastic Friday will take place in the White House from 7-10 p.m. All kinds of games will be available to play as well as food and drinks. The event is free to students and put

on by the University Programs Council. For more information call the Office of Student Life at 221-7431.

•A three-day course called "Motorcycle Rider Course: Rider and Street Skills" is being offered by the Office of Extended Education. The class, which provides the motorcycles, will meet Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information or to register, call 221-7816.

•Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown.

Saturday

•A one-day course called "A Day on the Rock" will be held. The course fee is \$52 and previous rock climbing experience is required. It is offered through the Office of Extended Education. For more information or to register for the course, call 221-7816.

•The Lady Gobs Volleyball team will take on Jacksonville State at noon in the Dunn Center.

•The football team travels to Jacksonville for an away game.

•Rosh Hashanah ends at sundown.

Sunday

•October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Look in the *All State's* upcoming editions for more information about this.

•October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Look in the *All State's* upcoming editions for more information about this.

Monday

•A Career Fair will take place in the Red Barn from noon - 4 p.m. For more information, see the ad on page 3.

•Monday Night Football will be shown in the Cyberlounge in the Red Barn, Room 107. The event is free and open to all students, faculty and staff. The doors open at 7:30 p.m.

•Francis Massinon, French horn, will give a faculty recital at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication building. The event is free and open to the public.

Tuesday

•Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship will have a Co-Ed LIFE (Living in Faith Everyday) meeting to discuss Biblical topics. They will meet from 7-8:30 pm in Claxton 103.

•Thomas King, tenor, will give a faculty recital at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Theatre of the Music/Mass Communication building. The event is free and open to the public.

The APSU Scoop is a free service provided by *The All State* for all events taking place on campus.

Send your event information, along with a contact name and number, to

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P.O. Box 8334.

Information for events taking place Oct. 4-10 must be received by Friday, Sept. 29.

Alumni gather to support Austin Peay's Homecoming

The Austin Peay State University National Alumni Association/ Montgomery County Alumni Chapter presents "Round Up," an event that began seven years ago to get APSU alumni in Montgomery County more involved in Homecoming and associated activities.

The event, which took place Saturday, featured the band Sizzling Happy Family and those attending were served pork chops and side dishes as well as Goo Goo Clusters for dessert.

The cost for the event was \$25 and 600 advance-purchase only tickets were available, with all proceeds going to the APSU National Alumni Association.

Round-Up began in 1993 to get Montgomery County alumni more involved and the alumni association decided to host the event each fall to encourage more alumni participation in Homecoming and associated festivities.

"It's a great opportunity to mix and mingle with local alumni you haven't seen in a while, or meet new friends and have fun

supporting the university at the same time," says Shelia Boone, interim director of alumni and annual giving.

The members of the Alumni Round-Up planning committee are known as the "Moovers and Shakers" and include Bessie the Cow.

Members sold tickets starting at their annual "Pre-Drop" party in August, which was designed to get the party-planners excited about selling tickets.

This year's Homecoming events begin the week of Oct. 2 and culminate with the Homecoming game against Charleston Southern at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 in Governor Stadium.

Other events occurring during this year's Mardi Gras-themed Homecoming are the annual bonfire, Midnight CROSSING, a masquerade ball and parade.

For more information about Homecoming events, contact the Office of Student Life at 221-5431 or the Residence Hall Association at 221-7444.

"It's a great opportunity to mix and mingle with local alumni... and have fun supporting the University at the same time"

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running electricity.

Ivan Colon and Raymond Wright, Physical Plant painters, created a mural on the wall. The abstract mural covers nearly an entire wall. The right side of the mural has form, but the left side is chaotic.

"In our own selves, there

are both calm areas and chaotic areas," says Colon.

The central object in the mural is a larger-than-life camera lens for people to focus on themselves.

"I think people don't do that enough," says Colon.

The mural also includes a cyberspace man, a mini solar

system and a code for students to decipher.

"The entire mural has reflectiveness to it," says Colon.

Bring your popcorn, come surf the Web and watch the code.

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Prestin-Sabin says the goal of the office is to "help students persist and graduate and get placed in jobs or graduate school."

One of the internal goals of the office is to have at least 75 percent of the students in the program with a 2.0 or above grade point average.

"Tutoring helps us meet that objective," says Preston-Sabin.

Anyone participating in the program who receives a 3.0 with no D's or F's for a

semester is placed on the SSS Honor Roll and approximately 10 of the students who went through the program last semester were on the Dean's List at Austin Peay.

The office also helps students who want to be in school but don't know what they want to do. SSS helps them determine which areas of study might be of interest and what kind of a career they might want to pursue.

SSS is only funded to help students in the first-genera-

tion college student and/or low-income groups, but they have information about other offices on campus who can help students in other categories.

Preston-Sabin says the office is always in need of more tutors.

For tutoring requirements or for more information on the program, stop by their office on the third floor in Ellington or they can be reached at 221-6142.

Former president awards scholarship

Dr. Sal Rinella, former president of Austin Peay State University, has established the Anthony Rinella School Psychology Scholarship in honor of his brother.

Michelle Hall, daughter of Dennis Hopkins and Pan Vorhees, Clarksville, is the first recipient of the scholarship.

She has two children, Shamera and Zachary, and is a second-year student in APSU's school psychology master's degree program.

Hall serves as secretary of the Psychology Club and as a volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Human Society.

Anthony Rinella was born in 1950 with a condition diagnosed many years later as autism.

Rinella wanted the scholarship to go to a student who would be in a position to help other people like his

brother.

"My brother is very special to me, and he has impacted my life in many ways."

"We earmarked the scholarship for a master's student in school psychology because of the positive impact graduates of that program have on autistic children," says Rinella.

Rinella endowed the scholarship by contributing money from a special equity increase the Tennessee Board of Regents awarded to all presidents in the TBR system in 1998.

At the same time, APSU was phasing in special equi-

ty increases for faculty and staff.

Rinella decided his equity adjustment should follow the same phase-in schedule as everyone else's, so he donated a portion of his 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 salary that was over the percentage everyone else received.

Rinella contributed \$23,000 to four scholarships with the largest portion going to the Anthony Rinella School Psychology Scholarship fund.

Interest from the endowment will be used to award the scholarship annually.

For more information about the scholarship, call 221-7127.

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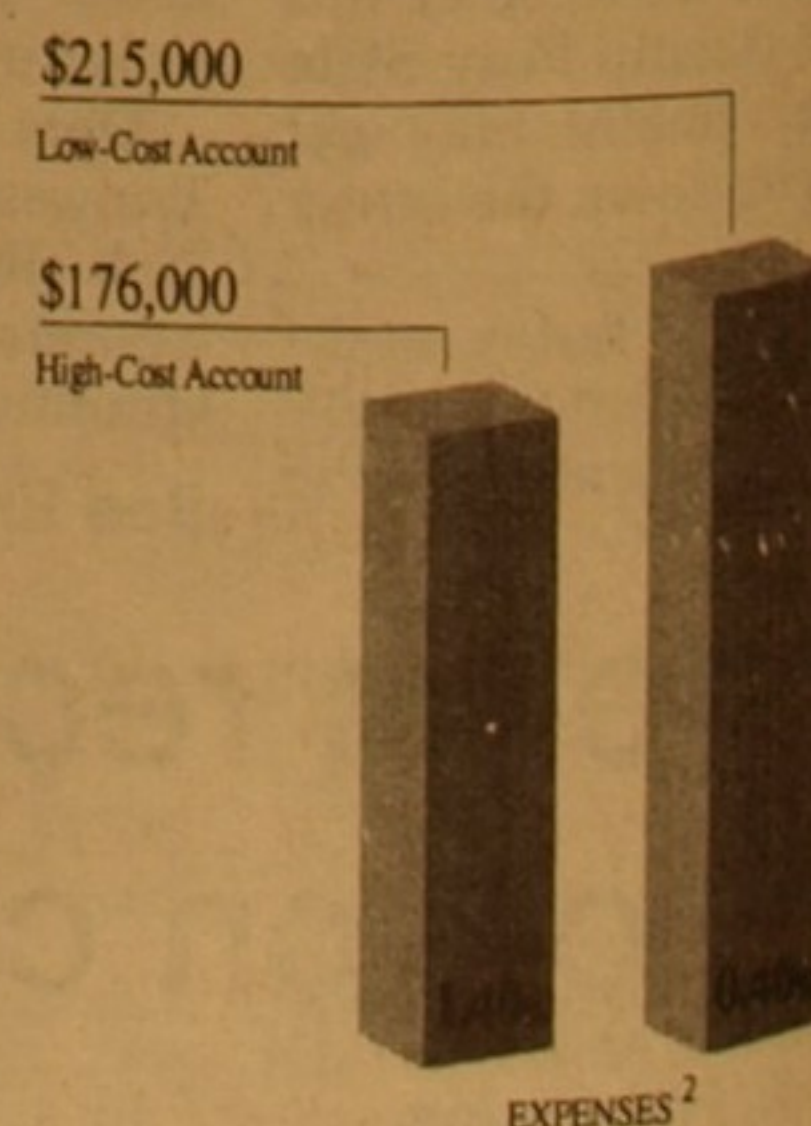
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The group is self-perpetuating, he says, in that tutoring takes place within the organization.

In addition, he says it's a very social group.

Among the things being planned for the semester is a trip for the group to visit the Parthenon in Nashville.

Although most of the students involved in the club are studying Greek or Latin, it is not a requirement. Anyone interested can be

part of the group, says Fox.

The meeting was attended by students that represented a wide array of groups, including students from the nursing program, English, psychology, history and political science majors, among others.

Any student interested in the group can contact Fox at foxes@prodigy.net or Winters at 221-7118, or e-mail him at winterst@apsu.edu.

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ate for a Homecoming event.

"There's no purpose [of a drag show] except mocking," O'Malley says.

The students protesting the event are trying to organize an alternative event for the same time because they understand no matter what happens with the petition, the event will not get cancelled.

"I did this petition so people would know there's a bunch of students who disagree with it during Homecoming," says Rieforth.

The event, dubbed Midnight CROSSing as a play on words between cross-dressing and Cross Hall, is more of a provocative talent show, says Pete Blutreich.

"It is by no means trying to make fun of anyone," says

Craig Emerson, advisor to RHA. "We have students on campus who are professional and amateur female impersonators; we're giving them a chance to perform."

Blutreich says students presented this idea last year but there was no forum available for the function.

This year, with the theme of Homecoming being Mardi Gras, and a number of students still interested in having the show, the opportunity presented itself.

"I lived in New Orleans for a time," says Blutreich. "There are events like this during the normal year, let alone at Mardi Gras."

"We're trying to keep with the spirit of Homecoming and the spirit of Mardi Gras."

Emerson, who also lived in New Orleans, says Mardi

Gras is a time where female impersonators have the chance to win titles.

The event is not limited to female impersonators, however.

The ad for the event, which runs on the Housing Channel on campus, invites men to come as their favorite female artist and females to come as their favorite male artists. Prizes will be given in different categories at the event including best performance and best dressed. In addition there will be a raffle and door prizes.

Although the event is not going to change, Blutreich thinks it's wonderful that students rallied and formed a petition against the event.

"I think it's fantastic," he says. "It's great that students are doing something about something. The student

Enrollment

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all TBR universities after the 14-day marker. The tabulation does not reflect the two fall terms at Fort Campbell.

For the main campus, enrollment is up 2.55 percent, with 5,421 students compared to 5,293 last year.

The full-time equivalency count - which drives state funding - is up 2 percent with 4,748 compared to last fall's 4,671.

Freshman enrollment

increased 7.6 percent - 1,389 this year; 1,290 last year.

Another major jump is reflected in a larger number of transfer students, which increased almost 10 percent over last year.

This seems to indicate that more community college students are choosing APSU over other universities or colleges.

Dr. Sherry Hoppe, interim president, is pleased with

these preliminary figures.

University officials established a 2000-2001 budget based on a worse-case scenario of a 3 percent enrollment decline.

Final enrollment for Fort Campbell will be sent to TBR Oct. 27.

"If enrollment remains steady at Fort Campbell, we will be able to reinstate some of the budget items we had to cut," says Hoppe.

voice is the loudest [at APSU] and we want to hear it.

"I discourage students from signing something without a formal statement written at the top, however; that can be dangerous."

"This is probably the best thing to happen since I've been here."

He says it would be great if another group wanted to put on an alternative event at the same time for those students who opt not to go to the show.

He also says anyone who thinks it is making fun of a certain lifestyle does not know the intent of a drag show.

Emerson says it is a celebration of a particular way of life and Blutreich says it's meant as a fun, entertaining event. Both said this is not a

required event and no one is forced to attend.

The drag show, as well as other events planned by the RHA during Homecoming, will be used as fund-raisers for charity. Each event will cost 25 cents and all proceeds will be donated to the United Way.

In the past, Homecoming events have not been very well attended but Blutreich hopes the RHA events will draw people in this year.

"I commend RHA for taking on Homecoming and putting some spice into it," he says. "Students are looking for something different; they're tired of the same old thing."

"We can make excuses about not having the facilities to have events, but now is the time when it's even more important to be pro-

gramming events for students."

"We're trying to make campus more lively."

He says he heard people petitioning against the event thought there would be flashing and nudity during the event, but he says this will not be permitted.

"There will be no flashing for beads at any of the events," he says. "All university policies and procedures will apply."

So far eight to 10 acts have been arranged. If anyone is interested in performing, there are still slots available. To sign up, call the Office of Housing/Residence Life at 221-7444.

The drag show will take place in Clement Auditorium Oct. 10 from 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

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Lady Govs volleyball team is victorious

Austin Peay State University's volleyball squad won its third-straight five-game match against Florida International Saturday night. The Lady Govs improved to 8-6 overall with the victory.

Florida International gave the Lady Govs all the fight they were looking for throughout the match. The Golden Panthers took an early 4-1 lead before stretching the margin to 10-6. Austin Peay moved to within a point at 13-12 before the Golden Panthers used a pair of Lady Govs attack errors to win the first game 15-12.

The Lady Govs responded in the second game, marching out to a 7-2 lead. However, the Golden Panthers called a timeout and brought the game even at 7-7. Austin Peay then scored four unanswered points to lead 1-7 and the teams traded points until APSU won the second game 15-11.

Florida International's offense came alive in the third game, hitting .364 with just five errors en route to a 15-7 victory. The Golden

Panthers recorded six points early in the game and the Lady Govs couldn't recover.

Game four looked to be a repeat of game three as Florida International marched out to a commanding 10-4 lead. However, Peay narrowed the deficit to 10-9 after a timeout and five consecutive points on senior Annie Gieber's serve. The Lady Govs then used a 6-2 run to end the game while hitting .400, while Florida recorded four attack errors and hit just .160.

Offensively, Austin Peay continued to shake off its early season slump, hitting .229 on the afternoon. Gieber recorded her fifth triple-double of the year, recording 11 kills, 47 assists and 14 digs. Also chipping in was freshman Amy Walk who recorded 12 kills and a .323 hitting percentage. Senior Becky Sowinski added 17 kills in the winning cause.

"Our ladies never gave up in this match," said Lady Govs head coach

Cheryl Holt. "In the fourth game we were in a critical situation and fought our way back. Annie (Gieber) is a very smart player and the team follows her lead offensively. However, we've got young players who need to get some confidence hitting the ball for us to be successful."

Next up, APSU travels

Tuesday, Sept. 26, for a 7 p.m. contest at Evansville. The next home match for the Lady Govs is Friday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. against Eastern Illinois.

In the Spotlight

by Trevor Brittingham, sports editor

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well."

This is the Olympic creed, the foundation upon which the modern Olympic games were based. So why does the United States keep embarrassing itself by sending snobby, millionaire players?

Some say we have the best, so we should send the best.

But do we? In this third version of the "Dream Team" from the twelve were not NBA all-stars this past season. In fact we don't even send the players that we want to see; only four of the ten all-star starters from the fans voted on in Sydney.

NBA stars not on the team include: Shaquille O'Neal, Allen Iverson, Grant Hill, Tim Duncan and Kobe Bryant.

Another defense given for sending pros is that college players could bring home the gold more. Since Basketball was introduced as an Olympic sport in 1936, our record with or without pros is 103-2.

Competing in the Olympics should be the pinnacle of an athlete's career and in this case clearly not. A NBA player would rather have a championship ring rather than an Olympic gold medal that is why you do not see baseball players ditching pennant race to compete in Sydney.

Lets face it, we send the Clippers to the Olympics and they dribble circles around the competition with minimal effort. But winning, as clearly stated in its creed, is not the purpose of the Olympics.

Doing your best, struggling, and fighting what drives thousands of athletes to set their sights on these games every four years; and we are making a mockery of that by sending our best whiners.

What do you think?

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Photo by Cedric Wade

Austin Peay's #6, Liz Murrita, scores against Florida International.

Football team comes up short

Austin Peay State University's football squad dropped to 0-3 on the season after a 35-28 loss at Valparaiso, Saturday.

The Governors set a number of offensive season highs in the contest, including 325 yards of offense.

That total included an NCAA record-tying 99-yard touchdown run by Jay Bailey, which narrowed the Crusaders lead to 28-25 with 14:03 left

to play in the contest.

Kicker Justin Deardorff tacked on a 38-yard field-goal to tie the game with 12:07 left.

However, the Crusaders responded with a 10-play, 73-yard drive that ended with a 30-yard touchdown pass to Bryan Hollermeier from Jeff Aspito to bring the score to 35-28.

Offensively, the Governors were led by Bailey, who finished the day with 133 yards rushing on

12 carries.

Quarterbacks Matt Schmitz and John Shephard both continued to fill in for injured teammate Brian Baker.

The two combined for 7-of-29 passing for 150 yards and two touchdowns.

Austin Peay travels for a 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30 contest in Jacksonville, Fla. where they will face Jacksonville University.

Titans win battle of back-ups

by Trevor Brittingham, sports editor

Both teams, the Titans and the Steelers, started the game on Sunday with their starting quarterbacks on the bench, but they would prove necessary in the fourth quarter.

Steve McNair proved more impressive and perhaps quieted his critics as he came off the bench with 2:30 remaining in the game to lead the Titans to a 23-20 win.

Neil O'Donnell got the starting nod for Tennessee and was surprisingly booed by the fans in Pittsburgh whom he once played for.

Pittsburgh and Tennessee swapped field goals and at the end of the first it was 10-

3 Titans.

The second and third quarters were sloppy and plagued with key turnovers.

The teams again only exchanged field goals and entered the fourth quarter with the Titans barely holding on to their 13-6 lead.

On the opening play of the fourth quarter the Steelers replaced Kent Graham with Kordell Stewart in a goal line situation.

Tennessee had the ball with 3 minutes left in the game down only 3.

Following a sack on the second play of the drive O'Donnell had to be helped off with a bloody lip and mild concussion.

McNair, who left the previous game with a bruised

sternum, was immediately thrust into a tough spot as he faced a third and 11. He passed his first test with a 22 yard completion to Chris Sanders.

After the first play of the Steelers drive, Graham limped off with a hip injury and Stewart again entered the game.

In the second half Tennessee lost tight end and leading receiver Frank Wycheck to a concussion; but his replacement Erron Kinney caught the winning touchdown. So it was the Titans depth that proved the deciding factor this week. They come back to Adelphia next week where they have never lost, to take on the New York Giants.

Women's Golf top in tournament

Austin Peay State University's women's golf team finished its season's second tourney with a sixth-place finish at the Lady Rebel Intercollegiate.

APSU shot a three-day, 54-hole total of 962 although Central Florida won the tourney with a 918.

The Lady Govs were led by Amanda Philips, who finished in a sixth-place tie with a 231 total, earning a 74 on Sunday alone.

Senior Jody Swie, finished 22nd at 241 while freshman Erin Dickery, in her first tourney, was 28th at 243.

The tournament was hosted by the University of Mississippi.

Olympic Medal Count

	G	S	B	Tl
United States	23	14	21	58
China	21	14	13	48
Russia	14	14	19	47
Australia	12	20	11	43
France	12	13	6	31

Austin Peay joins PFL

The Pioneer Football League will expand to nine schools for the 2001 season, commissioner Patty Viverito has announced.

Austin Peay State University, Davidson, Jackson and Morehead State will join current PFL members Butler, Dayton, Drake, San Diego and Valparaiso to comprise the nine-member league.

Membership, including conference scheduling, will be effective for the 2001 season.

There will be two divisions: Northern (Butler, Dayton, Drake, Valparaiso, San Diego) and Southern (Austin Peay, Davidson, Jacksonville and Morehead State).

Each team will conduct

round-robin competition which will solely determine the divisional champion.

Selected cross-divisional games will be scheduled but will not count in divisional standings.

The PFL will establish a championship game featuring the champions in each division.

The first title game will be played Nov. 17, 2001, at the site of the Northern division's champion.

"The addition of Austin Peay, Davidson, Jacksonville and Morehead State bring to fruition our intended desire to expand the PFL with like-minded non-scholarship institutions," says Viverito.

The 2000 season marks the eighth year for the PFL.

MLB Pennant Chase Takes Shape

by Trevor Brittingham, sports editor

With a week and a half remaining in the season the only division that remains in doubt is the AL West.

Seattle and Oakland will most likely battle to the last game to decide the pennant.

However the team that loses out will still have to battle with the Cleveland Indians to make the playoffs

as the wild card. Chicago has clinched the Central and New York is five and a half games up on Toronto and will most likely win the East.

In the National League the teams are already decided but the only question is will the Braves or Mets take the East.

Atlanta is three and a half up on New York, but they are at least guaranteed the

wild card. St. Louis and San Francisco have clinched Central and West respectively.

If the playoffs start today all four matchups would prove to be intriguing. NL: St. Louis, San Francisco, New York, AL: Chicago, New York-Seattle.

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Clarksville gets a taste of Germany

by Tiffanie Cohoon
features editor

The Edelweiss Club is sponsoring its annual Oktoberfest celebration this week.

If you can't afford to travel all the way to Germany, Germany will come to you.

Oktoberfest is a festival that displays togetherness as a family and as a community.

This event is the perfect way to explore another country's culture in the comfort of your own town.

"At the Oktoberfest, you don't meet strangers, you

meet friends," says Barbara Sifinski, president of the Edelweiss Club and co-chairman of Oktoberfest.

This festival was first started to celebrate the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Terese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on Oct. 12, 1810.

It was such a big event that it grew and continued on year after year.

Since there are so many Germans and people that have had the privilege to travel to Germany, the Clarksville area established the Edelweiss Club in 1981.

The first Oktoberfest was also held in 1981 and this year they will be celebrating its 20th anniversary.

The event starts Thursday, and continues through Saturday on the fairgrounds at the Wilma Rudolph Pavilion.

A wide variety of entertainers will take the stage during the celebration.

"At the Oktoberfest, you don't meet strangers, you meet friends"

On Friday night the Germania Maennerchor, men's choir, from Evansville, Ind., will perform between 8 and 9 p.m.

Saturday night brings the St. Louis German Cultural Society Schuhplatter, folk dancers, from St.

Louis, Mo.

They will give three performances throughout the night.

Everyday from 4 p.m.-midnight, Al Nowak and the Edelweiss Orchestra, from Ohio, and Goodman's Sauerkraut band, from North Carolina, will perform.

There will be all types of German food, such as schnitzel, cakes, bratwurst, pretzels and lots of beer.

People from all over the United States are coming together once again to welcome the German heritage into Tennessee.

This is such a popular event that the Edelweiss club has to start organizing

all the entertainment and food in March.

"It was huge last year, we had a great turnout. I couldn't count the number of people who came through the gate," says Sifinski.

This event is for all types of people and all different age groups.

Children 2 and under get in free. Kids that are aged 3-12 get in for \$3.

Adult admission is \$6. Senior citizens get in for \$6 as well, except on Thursday, when they can enter the gates for \$4.

Drinking is not always the college tradition

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Drinking is often considered "part of the college tradition." At APSU, that is not necessarily true.

According to the 1999 Harvard College Alcohol Study, in the past year, 34 percent of the population indicated they had not consumed any alcohol and another 36 percent indicated they did not binge drink.

Binge drinking is defined as men having five drinks in a row and women having four.

Each of us is faced with decisions and choices about alcohol use.

In addition to the personal choices we make, we also are influenced by the decisions and behavior of others. At times, the use/misuse/abuse of alcohol generates problems in the APSU community.

Vandalism, fights, unplanned sexual activity and destruction of property are frequent outcomes of the misuse of alcohol. But these are not the only signs of problems associated with drinking.

Other signs:

•Do you drink to "cope with life?"

•Are these consequences of your drinking? Hangovers, missed classes/work or troubled relationships.

•Do you go to class/work intoxicated? With a hangover?

•Do you drive while under the influence?

•Have you ever required medical attention as a result of being drunk? Hangover?

•Do you behave differently, while under the influence, than you would without alcohol?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, alcohol may be a problem in your life.

As members of the APSU community, we have an obligation to work together and support one another.

Even if you choose not to consume or your drinking isn't causing consequences in your life, what responsibility do you have toward your friends?

Is it possible you may be enabling another's misuse/abuse of alcohol?

Enabling can be:

•Lending money to someone who is buying drugs/alcohol.

•Giving notes to someone who misses class as a result of their drinking or drugging.

•Continuously cleaning up after, or taking care of, a friend who has become sick as a result of drinking

•Making excuses, covering up or lying for a person who is abusing substances.

•Continuing to drink with someone who abuses alcohol.

•Allowing a friend who is drinking or drugging to drive a car.

•Riding with a friend who has been drinking or drugging.

•Ignoring a friend's drinking or drugging behavior even though you feel he/she may have a problem.

If you are concerned about a friend's drinking, what are some of your options?

•If you ignore your concern, you may be enabling your friend to continue with the unhealthy use of alcohol and other drugs.

•If you want to confront your friend's behavior, consider the following suggestions:

1. Be supportive and caring.

2. Be specific about the person's behavior.

3. Stay focused; don't stray into side discussions about the behavior of others.

4. Don't approach the person while he/she is using.

5. Be prepared to hear that "There's nothing to worry about." Remain focused and present your evidence, which is why you're concerned.

6. You may want to consider discussing your plan with a counselor or other individuals trained in this issue.

Have no regrets.

Life presents a number of situations that mean making new decisions, setting limits and learning to live healthily in a world with others.

Learning responsible behavior means creating guidelines for your life.

Tips for being responsible:

It's okay to say "no." Don't be pressured by others into an uncomfortable situation, respect another's decision to remain sober, and learn how to say no and/or learn your limits.

Show you care by creating a buddy system prior to going to a party or local bar; refuse to let friends drive when they have been drinking, and confront them about their behavior when you suspect they have a substance abuse problem and urge them to get help.

Learn all you can about substance use, where to get help for yourself or a friend, and how to enjoy life without having to rely on alcohol or other drugs.

Artist decorates Trahern

An exhibit of paintings and collage works by guest artist Patricia Carrigan will be on display in the Trahern Gallery at Austin Peay State University.

Born in Boston, Carrigan received an MFA degree in painting, drawing and printmaking from the University of Connecticut and a BA degree in painting and art education from Hartwick College.

Recently she has had solo exhibitions at the University of Tennessee, University of Wyoming, Simsbury (Conn.)

Public Library, The York Square Gallery, New Haven, Conn.; the Marie Louise Trichet Gallery, Litchfield, Conn.; and the Ferguson Gallery at Walker School, Simsbury.

Selected invitational exhibitions have been held in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York, as well as in Ohio and Arizona.

Carrigan describes her most recent work as "dealing with the concept of presence as it relates to personal memory - whether events actually occur, what is real,

true or fabricated, and why we often choose to alter the truth through justification, moral choices, excuses or persuasions."

"People's obsession with appearance rather than the substance of the inner self drives me in the pursuit of my work," she says.

"As an artist, my visual vocabulary is derived from the redefinition of the human form."

Carrigan also says she is "most interested in how stories of personal experiences, myths and personal legends

change and alter each time told and how often we actively choose to rewrite history each time we tell a story."

The exhibit is on display through Oct 15. An opening reception was held Monday. It is presented by the APSU department of art and Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 221-7333.

Roxy delivers accurate portrayal of life

by Jennie Passero
guest writer

The musical "Chess," being performed at the Roxy Regional Theatre, is a great portrayal of life's unpredictable and unfair ways.

"Chess" is an enthusiastic and multi-dimensional musical with numerous underlying plots.

The basic story is of the American and Russian chess players: the arrogant, self-absorbed American (Freddie), who thinks he can't be beat and the dry, straight-laced Russian (Anatoly), who's always serious.

The musical is built upon the competitive chess match between these two men, and taking that to a grander scale, the two nations.

The chess matches get underway and Freddie leads over Anatoly until Freddie accuses Anatoly of cheating.

Freddie becomes irate and forfeits the match, resulting in Anatoly becoming the champion.

After thinking about it, Freddie decides to play a rematch game.

This match takes place in Bangkok where Freddie regains the championship.

A woman adds to the turmoil of the story.

Florence is the American manager for Freddie and all she wants to do is the right thing; however, Freddie is constantly condescending towards her and he makes her doubt herself.

Furthermore, she finally has enough of Freddie's demeaning ways and leaves him.

The plot continues to thicken when she meets Anatoly and they engage in a passionate kiss, starting a relationship between them.

A surprising twist arises when Anatoly's wife is brought to Bangkok from Russia and Florence is told her dead father is actually alive.

This complicates things because Anatoly has to stay with his wife and Florence's father would never approve of a relationship between his American daughter and a Russian man.

As the story winds down,

Anatoly goes home with his wife after losing the match.

Florence discovers her father really is dead and was deceived to keep her from Anatoly.

"Chess" leaves you feeling uncertain because there is no happy ending; it shows life in its true, unfair, colors.

Aside from the unhappy ending, the Bangkok scene was very upbeat and lively.

It had Freddie and the dancers singing in the streets and the choreography and costuming was appropriate.

I recommend seeing this musical. It was full of action, love and humor.

It was easy to become involved with each individual character and to become a part of their lives.

The score for "Chess" was written by the band Abba.

The play will run on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through Oct. 15.

For more information about the play or to make reservations, call the Roxy at 645-7699.

Off-Campus Events

•Les Miserables is playing at Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville through Sunday. To order tickets online, go to www.ticketmaster.com. Prices range from \$18-60.

•Modest Mouse is playing at the Exit In in Nashville on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and can be ordered online at www.ticketmaster.com.

The following exhibits will be on display at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum:

Projects from the Goldsmith Press, Clarksville Voices, Nashville Artist Guild's Golden Anniversary Exhibition, Preserving our Stories, Amazing Science Maze, E.T. Wickham: A Dream Unguarded and Boehm Porcelains.

•Oktoberfest will be taking place at the fairgrounds this weekend.

Quote of the week

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Steinquest plays at Carnegie

An Austin Peay State University professor of music, David Steinquest, has been invited to perform as a percussionist with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra on its East Coast-Carnegie Hall Tour 2000.

"To perform at Carnegie Hall is the dream of every professional musician," says Steinquest. "And I am deeply honored and fortunate to have this opportunity."

He has preformed as an "extra" with the symphony since 1985 when he first came to Tennessee and has been the symphony's "first call" percussionist for several years.

"I have had the opportunity to perform with a diverse group of guests: classical artists like Itzak Perlman; jazz artists like George Benson; country artists like Amy Grant," Steinquest says.

He recently played on the gala concert featuring Charlotte Church.

Tour soloists are Mark O'Connor and Nadha Salerno-Sonnenberg.



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AP Playhouse opens season

The 2000-2001 theatre season at Austin Peay State University opens today with Harold Pinter's drama "Old Times."

"Old Times" is the story of the past and present lives of three people and the unspoken doubts and tensions that

rise among them.

Presented by the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts and AP Playhouse, performances will be held in the Trahern Theatre at 7:30 p.m. today through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

General admission is \$6, and \$4 for students.

Tickets will be on sale at the theatre box office from 2-6 p.m.

For more information or to order tickets, call 221-7379.

Historic art piece installed in Archwood

From an artform dating back to 1797, a French wall hanging was installed in the foyer of Archwood, a historic home on the campus of Austin Peay State University.

Titled "Le Vues de L'Amerique Du Nord" ("Scenic America") and block printed in 18 colors from 767 wooden blocks, the "scenic" was designed in 1834 by Frenchman Jean-

Julien Deltit.

It is from the Hillsboro Road home of the late Eddie Rabbit of Nashville, a well-known performer and songwriter. It was given to APSU by Rabbit's widow, Geanie, through her interior designer, Mary Jenkins.

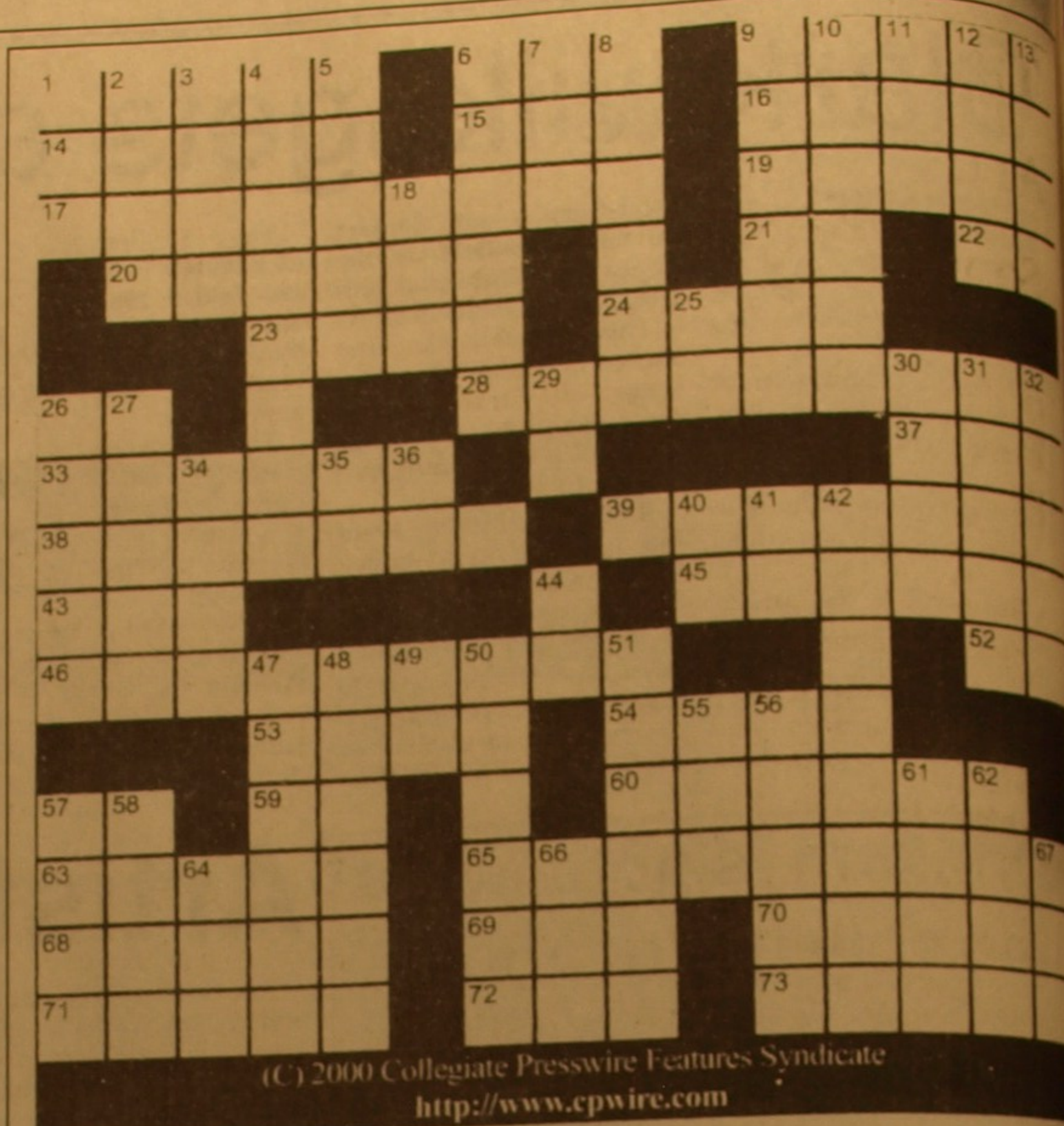
Jenkins looked at several historic buildings in Tennessee, settling on Archwood.

"After the tornado dam-

aged Archwood, we decided that is where it should go," she says. "It 'fits' within the era that Archwood was built. We are thrilled to give it to Austin Peay."

Now covering Archwood's spacious foyer, the scenic has a retail value of about \$40,000, excluding installation.

Designed so it could be divided into five pictures, it was installed Sept. 20-22.



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- Swollen
- See ___ to ___
- Annual horse race
- Liquid from a kidney
- River in central Russia
- Great grandmother of King David
- A one celled organism
- More unwell
- Huts where monks prayed
- State North of CT
- Denial
- Use an interior designer
- Accessory for a coverlet
- Plural ending in Hebrew words
- Anarchists
- City on the Rio Grande
- Set to a duty
- Name meaning "Gift of Isis"
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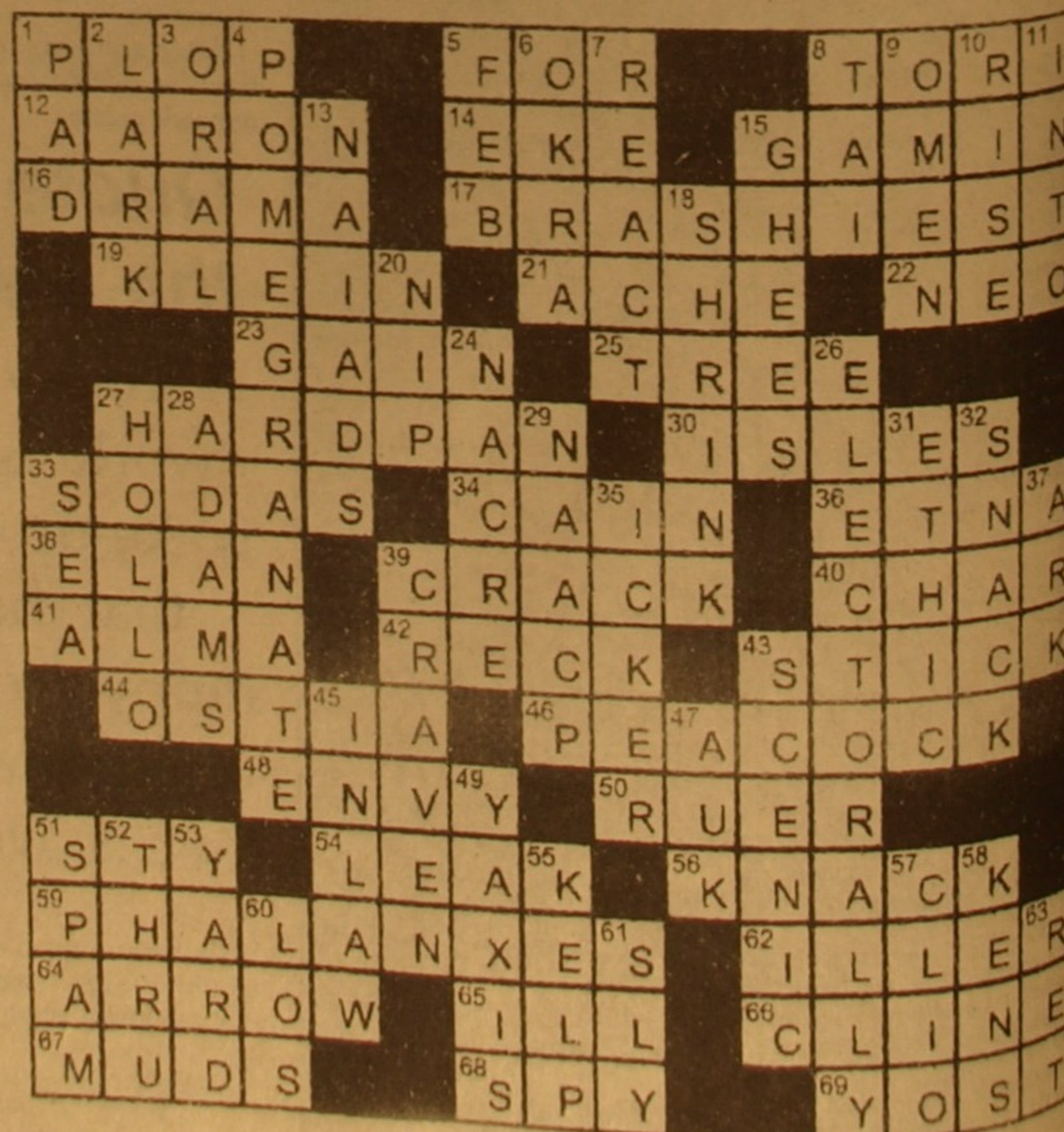
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- Woven wools
- Four stringed musical instrument
- Ground plan of a railroad
- ___ a happy note
- "What's up ___?"
- Angiospermous plant
- These held up flowers
- first man in Scandinavian myth
- Sour look

DOWN

- Old boat
- Russian lake
- Hydrous silicate of aluminum
- What a problem foot may be
- Tractor brand
- Father of the phonograph
- "It had to be ___"
- Tangle up
- A mammal, e.g.
- Italian snack
- Depression in a mountain range
- Name of movie horror series
- Novice
- Slang for "radical"
- Non continental state
- Relating to the hip bone
- Western Italy marble city
- In case
- Shortening brand
- All (musical)
- Dutch painter Jan
- Coarse file
- To perform a duty
- Yellow metal in herald
- Musical note
- ___ and pro
- Scholarly
- Education degree
- Ski maneuver
- "Clash of the ___"
- Faucet choice
- Las Vegas home state
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- Plant bristle
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Christian's Should not have their own column

In response to the ques-
tion in the paper, whether
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their own column, my initial
response was an emphatic
"No."

However, after much con-
sideration, I think it would
be okay for them to have a
column as long as all other
religious viewpoints have a
column also.

There are many people on
this campus who are not
Christian but who are
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majority at Austin Peay,
however, for a college news-
paper to let them have a col-
umn and not the other
groups would be wrong.

Therefore, unless all reli-
gious viewpoints can be
expressed equally then I
vote "No" to the Christians
having their own column.

Gena Messersmith
Senior
English major

Religion in the Newspaper should not Preach

by Mat LaVigne
opinion editor

I agree.

If all religions cannot be
given equal space (which
they can't) then none shall
be given any set space per
paper.

Granted, in the two letters
that we received there was
mention of allowing other
religions to have an outlet,
however, I tend to think that
most people only have their

own interests in mind and
only mention the others to
try and mask that fact.

Seeing as how I have to
explain myself every time I
make a statement, I'll do that
now.

I do not mean any one
person or persons in particu-
lar. I am not point a finger at
the Christians or any other
religious group.

I am literally talking about
people in general. After
much careful deliberation,
like Gena, I have decided
and stated on previous occa-
sions that I do not mind
opinions about religion.

I just do not want any ser-
mons. That means no salva-
tion messages and the like,
and as much as Christians
like to quote the Bible to
make a point, it doesn't
work.

For one reason the Bible
will not hold water with
non-Christians in the way of
factual evidence, and second
I consider it too preachy.

Make your point using
evidence that will be valid to
everyone.

"Frat" is a four-letter word

My name is David
Brockman. I am a member of
the Kappa Sigma fraternity.
I'm writing this letter in ref-
erence to your article in the
Sept. 20 issue of the *All State*.

Your reporter, Holli
Froemming, did an article
about fraternity rush. I was
misquoted and I wish to
know why words were put
into my mouth.

I refer to the quote where I
was talking about students
who write "Go Geek."

I was quoted as saying the
word "frat." I never said
"frat" in the interview.
Fraternity men consider
"frat" a four-letter word
associated with drunk, rap-

ing dropouts.

I think if your editor in
chief is going to do a story,
she needs to get the whole
thing straight and perform
as the professional she ought
to be.

The article was about rush
week and the benefits of
being in a FRATERNITY and
by you putting "frat" in the
article demeaned the entire
purpose of the article.

Next time a writer from
the *All State* does a story,
whatever it's about, make
sure the individual knows
the importance of properly
quoting the interviewee.

Misquoting puts shame
on both the newspaper and
the university, especially
when a mistake is brought to
light. It degrades the reader
and the validity of the story.
In the future, please be sure
not to look over a "simple"
mistake that has complex
repercussions.

David Brockman
Junior

Apology for mis-quote

by Holli K. Froemming
editor-in-chief

To David and all other
members of fraternities:

I apologize for this over-
sight. As editor in chief, I do
my utmost to quote people
with the words they speak
and the light in which the
words are spoken; however,
as people often speak faster
than anyone can write, cer-
tain shortcuts in note-taking
are used in order to get the
whole quote.

On a side note, as a
reporter, my job is to present
information in an unbiased,
objective manner; to neither
promote nor discourage par-
ticipation in any action or
belief.

It is my hope that when all

is said and done, people can
read my articles and not see
"me" in the article; to come
away not knowing what my
opinion is on the subject.

The article in discussion
was not about the "benefits
of being in a fraternity;" it
was about why certain men
choose to do so and why
they think it helps them;
please do not mistake its
intention.

Back to the subject at
hand, while writing my
notes, using "frat" was the
only way I could get every-
thing you, and other people
around, were saying.

I was unaware that "frat"
was considered explicit lan-
guage by anyone or I would
not have made this error.

Please understand this
was not done with malicious
intent nor to change the
meaning of the quote nor the
article as a whole.

I would like to thank you
for writing as it caused me to
do some investigative
reporting into the matter.

After reading your com-
ments, I polled students in
my classes and students I
met in the hallways.

First I asked, "What do
you think of when you hear
the word 'fraternity?'" Then
I asked, "What do you think
of when you hear 'frat?'"

In every case, the meaning
was essentially the same. If a
person thought positively of
"fraternity" they also
thought positively of "frat."
The reverse was also true.

Words are arbitrary sym-
bols created to explain ideas
we have; words in and of
themselves have no mean-
ing. The meaning is com-
pletely subjective to the ears
of the person who hears
them.

"Frat" is a nationally
accepted shortened term of
the word "fraternity."

In addition, many frater-
nity members use it them-
selves on posters, signs and

other publications advertis-
ing upcoming events. More
than once I have seen sheets
spray-painted that read,
"Frat party tonight at 9
p.m."

To most, there is no differ-
ence between the two.

I do apologize that I made
this error but I also encour-
age you, and everyone, to
look at what the majority of
people will think when they
read something.

Also know that no matter
what is written, someone
will be offended.

I encourage anyone to
write when they have an
issue with the paper and I
commend David for doing
so. This is how we, as stu-
dent reporters, learn.

Question of the Week

Do you think the pro-
posed drag show during
homecoming should take
place? Why should it be
canceled? Why shouldn't
it be canceled?

Let us know by sending
your response to:

The All State
Question of the Week
P.O. Box 8334

Or drop them off at the
All State/Capsule offices
located behind the Dunn
Center.

Please include your
name, classification, major
and phone number.

Responses must be
received no later than
Friday, Sept. 29 for publi-
cation.



B. Schamwell 9/13/00

OPINION

austin peay state university

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Telling the whole truth is admirable

by Angela D. Daniel
staff writer

If you arrive 20 minutes late for work, what would you tell your supervisor?

Would you be too embarrassed to say you were too engrossed in that Andy Griffith marathon to be there on time? Or, would you tell your supervisor about that non-existent traffic jam that backed up traffic for miles?

Chances are, if you're like the rest of us, you will lie about that marathon.

Why do we seem to have such an aversion to the truth? Is telling the truth so horrible that we must avoid it at all costs?

I'm sure people give what they feel are perfectly valid excuses for lying. I know, I've used them on a number of occasions.

A popular excuse for lying is to protect another's feelings.

For example, if your sweet, loving Grandma baked a cake for your birthday that tasted more like mud than marble, what would you tell her?

"Gee Grandma, this cake tastes like crap!"

No, of course not, you'd choke down another brick and politely ask for more.

Another favorite is to avoid confrontations.

If you have an obnoxious pal who is over-dramatic and over-bearing, do you tell her the truth when she wonders why her friends are nowhere to be found?

Nope, because you know deep down she is insecure and saying so would cause a huge fight and hurt her feelings. So, you tell her what she wants to

hear, not what she needs.

While these and others seem to be acceptable reasons to deceive, trust me, they are not. Lies do nothing but impair relationships and fill your mind with the bother of keeping track of the lies you've already told.

Begin this day with a clean slate. Start anew with the truth.

Didn't do a paper on time? Tell your professor the truth. Chances are he or she has heard every excuse anyway. Ask for an extension, you might just be rewarded for your honesty.

Don't want to go home and see the family on fall break?

Tell Mom and Pop the truth, that you'd rather go on a trip with your pals then watch the grass grow at home and that you'll see them at Thanksgiving.

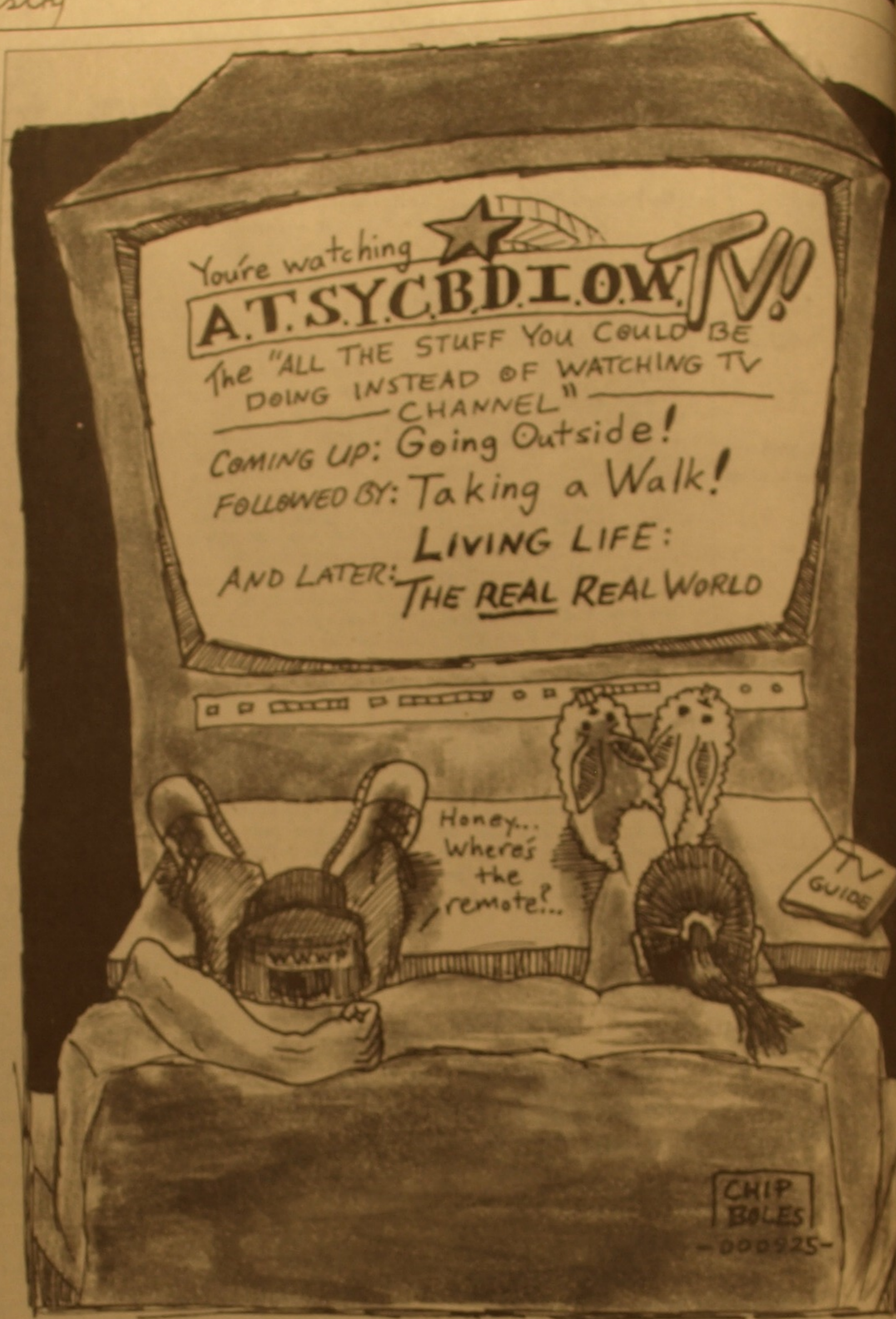
Telling the truth is freeing and you'll be respected for it.

However, before embarking on this new way of life, know that with this new knowledge comes great power.

People lie because the truth can hurt. Remain tactful and be respectful of other's feelings while still remaining honest and truthful.

I almost lost a good friend due to my overzealous truth-telling policy. But because I was honest so was she. We were able to overcome our problems as a result of being honest.

Telling the truth does not mean over-running others with your opinion. It does mean telling the whole truth and nothing but.



(NOTE: "GREENMAN'S VERBALIZATIONS SOUND LIKE 2 SIX INCH PIECES OF 2'x4'S BEING HIT TOGETHER.)

