

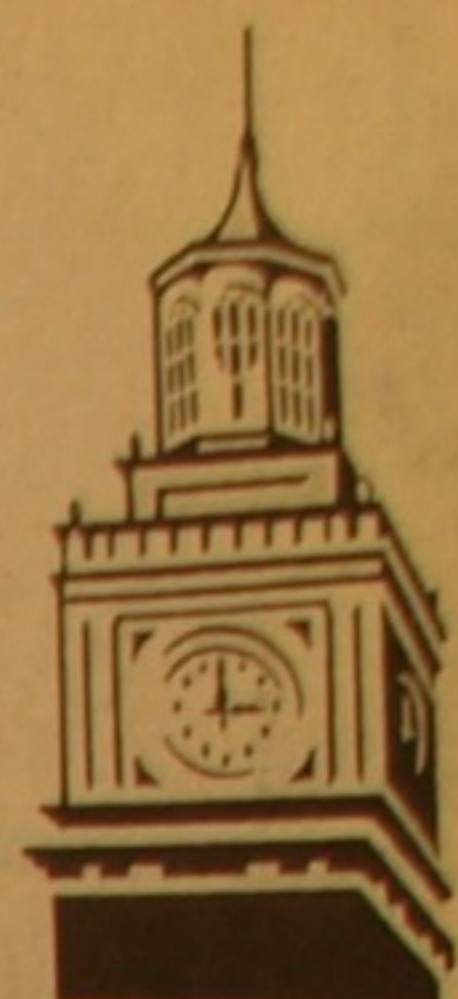
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Phillips wins OVC individual title with record-setting round

By Kyle Tucker
assistant editor

She had been practicing for this one her whole life — for this very tournament — and she didn't even know it.

Amanda Phillips, Austin Peay's sophomore golf standout, is a local product. She grew up in Clarksville and played many rounds of golf at Swan Lake Golf Course.

Last weekend, it paid off. Phillips shot an Ohio Valley Conference tournament-record 69 in the first round, en route to the individual title.

"I've been putting on those greens since I was 11," Phillips said. "It gave me an

advantage. Playing on my home course, I'm definitely going to be more confident."

Though she shot a 75 the second day and a disappointing 78 in the final round, Phillips opened a big enough gap the first day to cruise to the win. Her three-day total of 222 was three strokes better than Murray State's Cuyler Hedley in second.

But Phillips, OVC player of the year, wasn't too outspoken about her dream round.

"It was just a solid round," she said. "I felt good about my swing."

So did her coach, Mark Leroux, who wasn't as

reserved about it.

"I think she may have played the round of her life," Leroux said. "From the distance we were playing and in the biggest tournament of her life to this point, that's a tremendous accomplishment."

"We're certainly proud of her. That's what we recruited her to do."

And being a champion certainly wasn't something new to Phillips. She won a state championship at Northeast High School, just a few miles down the road from Austin Peay.

The 69 wasn't uncharted territory, either. She put up

the same number once in high school as well.

Phillips' collegiate title coming so soon was no shock to Leroux. He'd been expecting it, in fact.

"I thought she'd do it as a freshman," Leroux said. "Last year she hurt her back at the ECU (Eastern Kentucky) tournament just before the OVC tournament. So it wasn't a big surprise to me that she did it so soon."

But Phillips' stellar performance wasn't enough to give Austin Peay a team championship. After she led them to a first-round share of the lead, the Lady Gavs faded, finishing third.



photo by Tammy Sparks
Amanda Phillips fights for the title on Saturday at Swan Lake.

OVC Champions

Gov golfers add hardware to APSU's spring collection

By Kyle Tucker
assistant editor

Call Mark Leroux cocky, but be sure to add winning writer and director to the list — because he wrote the script and watched his team follow it to the letter in a thrilling come-from-behind story last Wednesday.

The Austin Peay men's golf coach, not shy about bragging on his team, led a star-studded cast to its first Ohio Valley Conference championship since 1989 at The Bull and Boone's Trace Golf club in Richmond, Ky. The Governors climbed back from a sixth-place start in the opening round, rising to fourth Tuesday, just two strokes off the lead.

And they made their move in the final round, behind the strength of four golfers at or below par. Playing neck and neck with Murray State down the stretch, the Gavs' Chris Harder drained an 18-foot putt on the last hole to seal a one-stroke win over the Racers.

Austin Peay 865, Murray State 866.

Just as Leroux had written it.

"The first day, we just wanted to go out and not shoot ourselves out of contention," Leroux said.

Check.

"The second day, we wanted to make up room and we needed to kind of hang in the trenches."

Check.

"Then, the third day, we wanted to go out and take it to them."

Check.

And the Oscar goes to ...

"It came out the way the script was written," Leroux said. "I said before we were without a doubt the best team in the conference, and I guess I was right. We all knew we were supposed to win this

And the Gavs acted like it, firing a 6-under-par team score of 282 Wednesday, tying with Murray for the low round of the tournament.

Sophomore Ryan Strickland, the individual leader after the second round, fell to third on the final day, shooting an even-par 72. His three-day total was a 7-under 209, two shots behind winner Brandon Henson of Murray.

But unlike the previous two days, Strickland wasn't carrying his team this time. Adam Shanks shot a team-low 68 for the round, climbing to sixth in the individual ranks with a 214 total.

Joe Humston and Harder each shot 71 Wednesday and tied for 18th at 221.

A balanced team effort was exactly what Leroux had predicted a day earlier, but he was especially pleased with Harder's clutch putt at the end — a perfect ending to a perfect script.

"That slammed the door," Leroux said. "Playing with Murray, we knew right where we stood. Being five or six under par, we knew it was going to take something major for someone in the field to catch us."

But the Gavs didn't know right away that they had won. Leroux thought one of Murray's players was a stroke lower than he actually was.

When he drained an uphill, 12-foot putt for birdie on 18 and Strickland's birdie attempt lipped out, Leroux thought the Gavs were heading to a playoff.

"It wasn't until we started walking up and adding up the scorecards that we found out he was higher than we thought," Leroux said. "Then it was just a matter of waiting for everyone else to finish up."

"We're just real excited. I guess we just went out there and took care of business."

With the win, Austin Peay



photos by Tammy Sparks
(Above): The 2001 OVC Champion Governors and (Below): Adam Shanks

advances to the NCAA Regional tournament scheduled for May 17-19. They don't yet know where they will play. The regionals will determine the teams that will compete in the NCAA Championships at the Duke University Golf Club in Durham, N.C., May 30-June 2.

"To win the way we did in such a dramatic fashion, we're carrying a lot of momentum into the region," Leroux said. "Hopefully that will carry us through to the final. We certainly have a good enough team to compete regionally."

The Gavs finished the season ranked 76th in Division I golf, according to the official Golfstat rankings, the second-highest the men have been in Leroux's five years at Austin Peay. Individually, Strickland ended the year at 65th.

Note: A large part of this story also appeared in The Leaf-Chronicle on April 26, 2001.



Hoppe names Gregory, Burke executive directors

Two longtime Austin Peay State University employees have been named executive directors of their divisions after serving several months as interim.

Roy Gregory has been appointed executive director of university advancement, and Dennie Burke is executive director of public relations and marketing.

Last July, Dr. Sherry

Hoppe, APSU president, named the two as interim executive directors after freezing the position of vice president for university advancement and dividing the responsibilities between Gregory and Burke. With Gregory and Burke now executive directors, the vice presidential position has been eliminated.

"I have been extremely

pleased during the past year with the excellent work by Roy and Dennie," said Hoppe. "They are both energetic, enthusiastic and committed to Austin Peay. I believe in promoting from within whenever possible, and it has been gratifying to watch these two fine employees expand their responsibilities and leadership potential."

Gregory came to APSU in 1991 as head football coach and in 1996 was named assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions. He has more than 30 years experience in fundraising, with 25 years at the college level.

"I would like to thank Dr. Hoppe, not only for this opportunity, but also for having confidence in me and

my staff," Gregory said.

To Gregory, coaching and fundraising are similar in that both require a good team and the leader is a small part of that team.

"A lot of people must be involved, from volunteers to employees. We must realize our alumni, friends and students all are customers of Austin Peay. Our business is not only fundraising, but

also friendraising.

"I've been at Austin Peay for more than 10 years," Gregory said, "and I believe Austin Peay is a great place to be and a great university. We also want to share our vision and make people aware of Austin Peay throughout the region."

Gregory earned his bachelor's degree in 1968 from

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Swier earns Paul Ilg Memorial Scholarship

The late Paul Ilg loved golf, and it was this love that brought him to Austin Peay State University from Michigan. In his memory, a scholarship has been established at APSU.

Carrie Swier, an APSU junior, is the first recipient of the scholarship.

Ashley Wyatt, Knoxville, established this endowed scholarship in memory of his friend who died in 1998. Wyatt graduated from APSU in 1987 with a degree in general business.

"Paul loved APSU, and he loved athletics. What better way to honor Paul and give back to the University," said Wyatt.

After Ilg's death, the family asked people to make donations to the scholarship in lieu of flowers.

"The scholarship in Paul's memory means a great deal to our family since he was so young. Paul's death had a very devastating effect. Ashley gets all the credit for the scholarship because it was his idea, and he helped get it off the ground," said Paul Ilg, Ilg's father.

"Coming to APSU was a shot in the dark. After high school, Paul wanted to go to a college where he could play golf, and APSU gave him the chance. Paul was a member of the golf team all four years," said the elder Ilg.

Ilg loved Tennessee so much he decided to stay after graduating from APSU in 1984.

Ilg used his education to open Auto Excellence, a car-care products business in Memphis.

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On Feb. 10, members of Ilg's family came to Clarksville for the introduction of the first scholarship recipient.

The daughter of Floyd and Eileen Swier, Ramona, S.D., Swier is majoring in animal science. She is a 1998 graduate of Lake Central High School, Madison, S.D.

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the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Among his many honors, he was named Tennessee's Football Coach of the Year in 1991 and Coach of the Tennessee Football All-Stars.

He's listed in "Outstanding Personalities of the South" and has been a counselor for the National Conference of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"Roy is well known and respected in the community and is highly regarded on campus as a professional who always goes beyond what is expected," Hoppe said. "His relationships within the community and with our alumni will be invaluable as we move forward with our 75th anniversary campaign and other fundraising initiatives."

Burke came to APSU in 1986 as director of public relations with prior experience working as field representative for a U.S. congressman, editor for a college-textbook publisher and as a high school English teacher.

"Dennie is one of the finest writers I have ever known," Hoppe said. "She is creative and articulate, and she knows what is needed to expand the marketing reach of Austin Peay. She has assembled a team of talented writers and graphic artists who are working hard to send forth accurate and informative messages that will attract new students to our campus."

According to Burke, her new title is gratifying because it reflects the confidence of Hoppe in the capabilities of the staff in the Office of Public Relations and Marketing.

"This is an amazing staff," Burke said. "I often call them my 'can-do crew' because we know that—working as a team—we can accomplish almost anything."

"Dr. Hoppe's recognition of their excellent work is significant because it comes from a president respected statewide by those within higher education."

After 15 years at APSU, Burke enjoys her work more today than when she began in May 1986.

"Austin Peay is a great university with limitless potential," Burke said. "We

Swier has been a member of the Lady Governors golf team for two years.

"I was honored to be the first recipient of this scholarship, especially after meeting the family and hearing the stories. They are great people, and I am truly appreciative," said Swier.

Describing the impor-

tance of this scholarship to the athletic department, Mark Leroux, head coach of APSU's men's and women's golf teams, said, "The scholarship is very helpful to the athletic department and the golf teams."

We are very appreciative to the Ilg family and to Ashley Wyatt who spear-

headed the whole idea."

Interest from the endowment will be used to award the scholarship annually to a member of APSU's men's or women's golf team.

For more information about the scholarship, telephone the Office of University Advancement at (931) 221-7127.

to Phi Beta Kappa at UK and began graduate studies at APSU.

In 1991, she was named APSU's Outstanding Employee of the Year in her category. Her office was featured in the June 1995 CASE "Currents" in an article titled, "Effective Organization in Campus PR Shops."

A member of the

Tennessee Higher Education Commission's Publications Advisory Committee, Burke wrote a publications handbook that was adopted statewide by all public colleges and universities.

A member of the Tennessee College Public Relations Association, she has made professional presentations to state and regional conferences.

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Track guns for second title

By T.J. Lusk
sports editor

Faces that sported toothy grins only a few days ago are now marked by scowls of intensity.

Casual banter has been replaced with focused silence, and everyone is strapping on her spikes just a little bit tighter than usual.

The Ohio Valley Conference Championships are only two days away.

"There's definitely more seriousness coming on," coach Elvis Forde said. "I can feel a little of that nervous energy. It starts with the athletes, and I can feel a little of that flowing from them to me."

As if the drama of the season-ending meet — the culmination of countless hours of work and preparation — wasn't enough, Austin Peay's track team has the added adrenaline shot that comes with stepping onto the track knowing that every team has its sights set on knocking you off.

The Lady Gavs ran away with the conference's indoor championship back in February, and are eyeing a sweep of this year's OVC titles.

The view's a little different from the top: For as much fire and hunger as it takes for a challenger to reach the sum-

mit, it takes that much more resolve and determination to stay on top of it.

However, Forde is hesitant to apply that much pressure to his athletes in that direct a manner.

"I've told them that I don't want them to try to go out there and win the championship for us," Forde said. "I just want them to focus on the event that they're in, and take them one at a time."

"They really want to be double champions, though."

There will be four legitimate contenders vying to keep the Lady Gavs from doing so: Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State, Eastern

Kentucky and Eastern Illinois.

The key to emerging from that crowded pack of challengers will be performing well in the so-called "swing events."

Forde has a good idea of which events he expects his athletes to dominate (the 200-meter dash, the 400, the long jump, high jump and triple jump) and which ones will provide little or no points (the 5,000, 10,000, and steeplechase).

But there are a few events in which the outcomes are anyone's guess. Interestingly, the burden of three of those events falls on a single athlete.

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photo by Alicia Archuleta
Elvis Forde's team is trying to win two OVC titles in one year.

Sweep not to be

Lady Gavs third at OVC Tournament

By Kyle Tucker
assistant editor

One might think Mark Leroux would be happy with a third-place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference championship, considering the women's golf program at Austin Peay is only three years old.

Nothing could be farther from the truth.

When the Lady Gavs finished behind Murray State in second and 21 strokes behind winner Tennessee Tech, it was like someone deflated Leroux's balloon — which had been sailing high just days earlier when his Gavs took the men's crown.

"Really disappointed," Leroux said, describing his thoughts on the Lady Gavs' performance. "We were hosting it. We were competitive with all the teams. We'd had split records with everybody in the conference. I thought we had as good a chance as anybody to win, and when we didn't, I was really let down."

Leroux had high hopes of sweeping the conference championships. The men came through, but even with a record-setting round and individual title from Amanda Phillips, the Lady Gavs just couldn't get it done.

Phillips' 69 in the first round put them in a tie for first. But Austin Peay fell to third in the second round and never made it back up.

A lack of quality play from the bottom of its lineup ultimately hurt Austin Peay. Jody Swier played well. She lowered her score by three strokes each round, finishing with a 74, tied for fifth.

But the next-highest Austin Peay golfer, Carrie Swier



photo by Tammy Sparks
Austin Peay's Jody Swier prepares to putt in last weekend's OVC Tournament at Swan Lake.

failed to break 80 in any of the three rounds. And from there, they didn't get any better.

For Leroux, it put a damper on an otherwise superb week.

"I was coming off the emotional high of winning the men's, and then suddenly it's over," Leroux said. "I felt like I could have ridden that emotional high until next year if we'd won both. We were counting on winning both."

"It's like we felt like we were champions and then we weren't. Even the guys felt that way."

It was an unusual place to

be for Leroux, who was able to come up with a plan and watch his men execute it perfectly. Things didn't go as smoothly for the women.

"I thought we would have a chance to win on the last day," Leroux said. "After the first day, I still thought that. After the second day, I still thought that. I think midway through the last round, when our No. 4 and 5 girls made the turn and they were each about nine over par, at that point I started wondering if we were going to win it."

Even with the loss, overall,

it was a successful year for the young Lady Gavs.

"We played well," Phillips said. "I think we'll have a better shot next year. We have a young team and the more experience we have, the better we'll play. I think we did really well for a third-year team."

Phillips, named OVC Player of the Year, and just about everyone else on the team will return.

Austin Peay will lose only Jody Swier, but she'll leave behind some big shoes to fill. Swier was named to the OVC All-Tournament team.

Softball stumbles into tourney

By T.J. Lusk
sports editor

It was picked to finish last in the conference in the pre-season, but Austin Peay's softball team has disproved the naysayers by finishing sixth and qualifying for the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament this weekend at Tennessee Tech.

That's the good news. The bad news is that the Lady Gavs are opening the tournament against a team who shut them out three times this year, third-seeded Eastern Kentucky (37-15, 15-5), the conference's overall leader in winning percentage (.712).

And yeah, it gets worse: Austin Peay is heading into Friday's first round in a serious slump, having lost a season-high seven straight games (the results of Tuesday's doubleheader with SEMO were not yet available at presstime).

While all the numbers are pointing toward a quick and quiet exit for the Lady Gavs (12-40, 7-13), head coach Tara Csernecky isn't nearly as pessimistic.

"I feel confident — when we face any team in this conference, it's anyone's game," Csernecky said. "They swept us this year, but we know what the wiser, and we know what we can expect from them."

"But it's going to come down to hitting. If we can bust open our bats and hit the ball, we can beat any team in this league."

However, that offensive weaponry — which has been MIA for most of the season — will have to provide the needed firepower with less than a full clip of ammo.

Like many teams at this stage of the season, the Lady Gavs currently find themselves hamstrung by an array

of injuries.

And for a team as slim on bodies as the Lady Gavs, there's no such thing as a "key injury." With only 13 players on their entire squad, you'd be hard-pressed to find an unimportant player in the Austin Peay dugout.

Leading hitter Christina Garza is nursing a sprained ankle, Heather Skeels has a pulled quadriceps, Megan Lane is still recovering from an illness, and Jenny Kelley returned to practice for the first time Monday after breaking her nose.

"We're real beat up right now," Csernecky said. "We're pretty thin. We've got people playing all over the place (out of position). It's been a rough time with all these injuries and illnesses."

Playing at full strength or not, beating Eastern Kentucky would prove to be a tall order

either way.

The Lady Colonels boast the league's lowest earned-run average as a team (1.12), including the top two individuals in ERA, Kristina Mahon (0.74) and Jonelle Csora (1.03). Csora pitched a perfect game against the Lady Gavs in the teams' first meeting this year.

Combined with their hitting woes, matching up against the strong pitching of Eastern does not bode well for Austin Peay.

Elise Burch leads the Lady Colonels offense with a .381 batting average, fourth-highest in the league.

Austin Peay counters with Holly Ricketts (.298, 8-22, 2.98 ERA) and Garza (.277).

If the Lady Gavs should beat Eastern Kentucky, they'd have the privilege of facing top-seeded Tennessee Tech — which receives a first-round

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Baseball Gavs falter, could fail to make OVC Tournament

By T.J. Lusk
sports editor

A season that began with so much anticipation and promise is teetering on the edge of disaster for Austin Peay's baseball team.

With only six more conference games to play, the Gavs — who were picked to win the Ohio Valley Conference prior to the season — are in seventh place out of eight teams, and are in danger of not qualifying for the OVC Tournament.

And the Gavs (23-25, 5-10) didn't do anything to help their cause this week, as they were swept in three games at home by Southeast Missouri last weekend.

Only the top six teams qualify for the tournament.

At presstime, Austin Peay stands a half-game back of sixth-place Morehead State (18-29, 7-11) in the conference standings.

The Gavs ended the week at 1-4 with a 6-3 loss to Evansville last Wednesday, and a 9-2 win over Samford on Tuesday.

Their losses to SEMO (30-14, 11-4) came by scores of 1-0, 11-1 and 4-3.

In game one against SEMO, Todd Pennington (10-1) handcuffed the Gavs, holding them to only three hits.

He overshadowed a very solid outing by Peay pitcher Stephen Pew, who allowed no runs and four hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Austin Peay's pitching performance in game two looked nothing like game one's, as SEMO batters touched Gavs hurlers for 15 hits.

Starter Mike Weel (5-6) suffered most of the damage, giving up four runs in three innings of work.

SEMO right fielder Tristen McDonald knocked in four runs on 3-for-4 hitting, including a double and a home run.

The Gavs looked as if they'd salvage something out of the series in game three, jumping out to a 3-0 lead by the third inning, but SEMO responded with four runs in the next inning and held the Gavs scoreless the rest of the way.

After traveling to face Evansville again today, Austin Peay will hit the road to face third-place Murray State (27-18-1, 9-6) for a three-game set on Saturday and Sunday.

They will then close out the regular season with a three-game homestand against fifth-place Eastern Kentucky (18-25, 7-10) the following Saturday and Sunday.

On the Gavs ...



Kyle Tucker

look back: It has been a good year for Austin Peay sports

Another semester is almost over the books, even if I'm not. It's time for *The All State* to say goodbye until August.

So before I go, I think now is an appropriate time to look back on the year in Austin Peay sports. And what a year it has been.

I don't think I'd be stepping out on a limb to say that this is quite possibly one of the best years for the athletics department in recent memo-

There are always peaks and valleys," APSU athletics director Dave Loos said. "But our athletic program had a really great year."

When the men's golf team claimed its Ohio Valley Conference championship last week (its first since 1989), it marked the third conference title for the school this year.

The track team brought home the first OVC hardware, winning the indoor title in late February. To the athletes, I say well done. To coach Elvis Forde, I say thank you.

Thank you for being such a standup guy. Thank you for being such a great champion. Thank you for quietly taking care of business, even when no one seemed to notice. And thank you for teaching your athletes it's not about what you've got, but how you use it.

To me, the track championship is perhaps the most amazing. For those of you who haven't heard, they're good.

It would be easy to miss Forde. His office is tucked away in what quite possibly used to be a Dunn Center broom closet, while money for the track program is apparently tucked away somewhere else.

Let him know when you find it.

But Forde and his impressive, though small, crew of athletes have done just fine. More than that — they are champions. So again, I say congratulations.

As for the women's basketball team, what can I say?

Yeah, that's certainly appropriate.

While all eyes and thoughts of championships focused on Trenton Hassell and the men, the Lady Gavs surprised everyone.

Brooke Armistead, Page Smith and Co. swept through the OVC tournament and knocked off heavily-favored Tennessee Tech in the title game.

And although the final score of the first-round game might not indicate it, the first half of the Lady Gavs' matchup with powerhouse Tennessee was fun to watch. Armistead did what she does best — score. And for maybe just a second, I think I may have seen Pat Summitt sweat. Nice work.

But these three teams certainly weren't alone in terms of success.

Both the men's basketball and women's golf teams came up just short of adding title No. 4 and No. 5 for Austin Peay.

After blazing a trail in Alaska, winning the Top of the World Classic to start the

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Miss Tharps will be graduating in May with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with a concentration in Accounting. She is the daughter of Ms. Beverly S. Short and Mr. Ron Ali.

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Rigo,
Congratulations.
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I LOVE YOU

Chasity



Keirstin Showalter

Your golden curls and sunshine smile, and the love of Jesus that shines through you is refreshing to everyone you meet. We are so proud of you and congratulate you on your accomplishments.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Layna and Matt and Mel

Annegellika (Bell) Buck



Rah, Rah, Rah!
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Baby Girl.

We love you.

Mom & Dad

Natalie,

What will
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Thanks
for the
memories.

—Johnny
Sparks



Malea Beecham

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We all are so proud of you.

Love,
The Beecham & Judkins Family



Heather White

To our little princess,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you!

Love,
Your Mom & Dad
Harlon & Jenarry White & Family

SPORTS

May 2, 2001



Tucker

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year, and recording 22 wins (the most in 25 years at Austin Peay), the Govs saw what seemed a sure OVC title and NCAA tournament berth thwarted by a controversial call in the final seconds against Eastern Illinois. Nevertheless, Playboy All-American Trenton Hassell was named conference player of the year.

And nothing was more exciting this year than watching the Govs make their run through the postseason.

Not to mention the impressive run by the Lady Govs of the links, led by Amanda Phillips.

Phillips shot an OVC tournament-record 69 in the first round of last weekend's conference championship and ultimately won medalist honors. Not to mention being named conference player of the year.

Though the Lady Govs faded from first place after the opening round to third place in the end, it was quite an impressive showing for a team that has only been in existence for three years.

And what's more is they're young. The Lady Govs will lose just one senior from this year's team, putting them in prime position to exceed this year's success.

And that's what is so exciting about Austin Peay sports. The possibilities for the future are very promising.

"I think the future is very bright," Loos said. "Our women's golf team made a

good run at it and they've got a bunch of people back. Our men's golf team is going to have another good team."

"The women's basketball team had a great year. They've got some terrific players coming back and what appears to be a really good recruiting class, so I think they've got a good future ahead."

The men's golf team, like the women, lose just one senior.

The Lady Govs basketball team returns Armistead, Smith, point guard Kelly Chavez and paint-dominator Gerlonda Hardin, coming off an amazing freshman year.

Coach Susie Gardner and her assistants also apparently hit the recruiting trail hard, signing six players — three junior college players and three out of high school.

All six have serious potential, and will likely compete for playing time. And the two guard signess will add depth to that position that the Lady Govs have been lacking.

Loos, also the men's basketball coach, didn't do so bad himself. And the future couldn't be more exciting for the basketball Govs, especially if Hassell decides to postpone moving on to the NBA.

The Govs signed two very promising post players and a guard out of California that, from the sounds of it, could join Nick Stapleton to form the most formidable backcourt in recent OVC history.

I am personally getting excited about seeing what this group can do.

And let me take just a moment to grovel.

PLEASE, TRENTON, COME BACK!

With Trenton Hassell on joining this cast, the possibilities are truly endless.

Track should, if Forde doesn't head on to greener pastures, do well again.

And football — well, we'll have to see. But things do look promising. The Govs, though they struggled to just two wins this year, have looked solid in the spring.

And if nothing else, they should be exciting to watch on offense, with Brian Baker at the helm under center and a stable of athletic running backs.

But like I said, we'll see.

Even the rifle team, that gets little attention, should be quite good next year.

They'll return several sharp shooters, including sophomore Kelly Peters, who has rapidly improved to become a leader on her team.

And with baseball, softball and outdoor track still in action, there could be another title or two in the cards this spring.

Either way, it has been a great year — one that has raised the bar for Austin Peay sports. One that has also provided a glimpse of more achievement to come. Congratulations, athletes. And another well-deserved bravo.

Softball

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bye — in the next round on their home field.

They certainly have a tough road to hoe, but Csernecky and her players have adopted a nothing-to-lose attitude. And why not?

"We talked today about how this is kind of like a new start for us," Csernecky said. "It wasn't always pretty, but we got to where we wanted to be. And right now, we've got a clean slate."

"Now's the time where we

learn from the past and play for today."

Even if Austin Peay doesn't play well enough at the OVC Tournament to experience another tomorrow, its season should be considered a success.

Last year's team finished a woeful 2-18 in conference play, while this year's team of mostly freshmen and sophomores managed to go 7-13 with barely enough players to require a second van for away games.

"We were predicted last in the conference, and we ended up giving a lot of teams a run for their money," Csernecky said. "So, in that respect, I'm very happy."

"And we're one of the few teams in this league with less than 18 people, so that says something about these kids. ... We've faced a lot of obstacles this season, but these girls have really seemed to stick it out when adversity hit."

Track

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"The key to our success in the Championships is Mandy Scruggs," Forde said of his sophomore discus-, javelin- and shot put-thrower. "We want her to register points in all those events, and we'd like for her to finish in the top six."

"She's got the tools and the skills, but she's going to have to bring a little more aggression this weekend."

If there is ever a time to get a little nasty, now's the time.

However, if Forde does, in fact, find that his team has been knocked from its perch by the time the meet concludes Saturday at Murray State, he won't feel like he's been let down.

"Whatever the outcome, I'll take it," Forde said. "We just have to leave here knowing that we've done our best."

And, considering recent developments, if Austin Peay can do that, there's a good chance they'll end up keeping their title.

A good week of rehabilitation efforts is causing last week's concerns over nagging injuries to fade, and the Lady Govs are nearing full strength once again.

Nevertheless, Roni Hopkins, Lauren Maul and Sheena Gooding — some of the Lady Govs' biggest scorers — are still battling assorted ailments.

While it still hurts to have athletes of that caliber at less than full strength, Forde's too classy to use that as a justification.

"It's not something to make any excuses over," Forde said. "Anyway, I think everybody else is injured a little bit too. ... It's just part of the business."

Another part of the business of being a college coach is saying goodbye to your senior athletes, just as you've shaped their minds and bodies into the precise mold you want them to fill.

Such is the case with Forde

and this year's two seniors — Ayesha Maycock and Selena Lockridge — two of the school's finest track athletes in its history.

"It comes with sadness," Forde said. "Those are two athletes who have been very important to this program. But the challenge for me as a coach to go out and find two kids who will be able to do what they did. And that will be very difficult."

Many of those sentiments carry over to his team as a whole. No matter how it finishes this weekend, it will no doubt hold a special place in Forde's heart as his first team to win a championship.

"I've really appreciated the effort they've given this year," Forde said. "Not just from a running standpoint, but as people as well. They are truly a group of champions."

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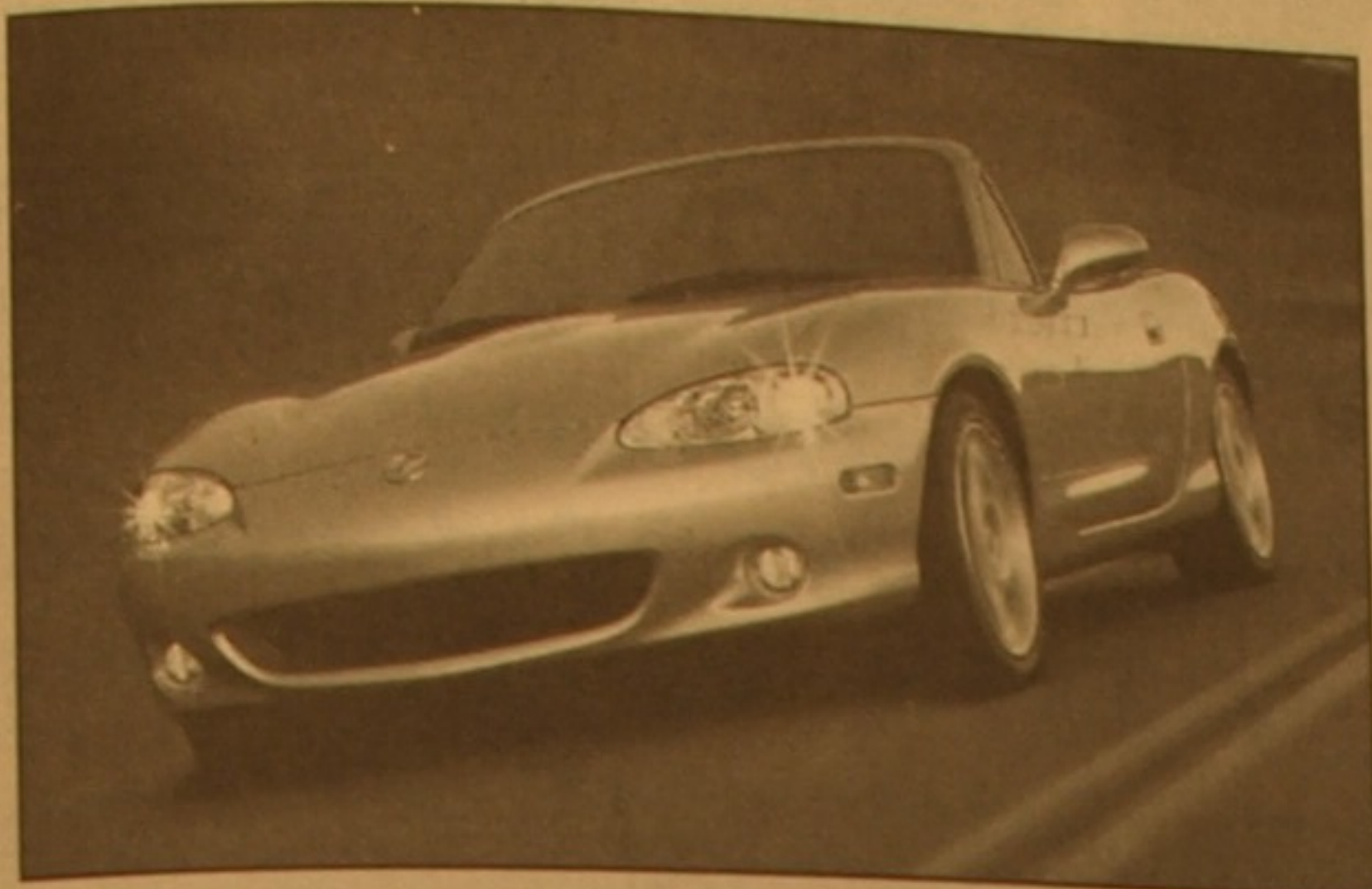
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May 2, 2001



Cut those cards

By Ashley Kettle
opinion editor

Over the course of my lifetime I have heard the root of all evils is none other than money. Truth be told the evil doesn't necessarily lie in the money itself, but rather in the illusion of money.

College students are by far the largest population that is deceived by this illusionary money, commonly referred to as a credit card. Of course there are instances when a credit card can come in handy right? Maybe, on one hand, getting a credit card can help establish a credit history, assure some security in an emergency and we as students are taught lessons about responsibility and independence. But on the other hand, carrying a credit card is not such a good idea. Not even for "emergencies only" since emergencies will begin to arise almost every day once the card is safely tucked away in the wallet.

Emergencies will happen at the mall, on a date and anywhere else that has merchandise for sale.

Using a credit card is an extremely quick way to cre-

ate debt long after graduation. Having a credit card can also lead the cardholder to believe there is more money available to them than there actually is. And that is exactly what these evil credit card companies are feeding on. Those students who spend more than they can afford to pay back. These companies expect their parents will pay the bills without realizing that it is hard for students to admit they have made a mistake to their parents. Especially a mistake of this caliber.

What college students don't realize and subsequently the credit card companies do, is that the students are not fully to blame. Yes, we must bear some of the fault if we rack up bills knowing that there will be no way to pay the bill when it comes due. But when it comes to the high interest rates on the card that is where the credit card companies should be held accountable. They are well aware that normally, the traditional college student is only going to be able to pay the minimum amount due each month. Month after

month of paying the minimum the bill never seems to get any lower. And it never will as long as these companies continue their somewhat deceptive practices.

College students are sucked in by not only by false sense of money, but also the claims credit card companies make on their cards. Many of the credit card applications that inundate our campus mailboxes claim to have a low introductory annual percentage rate, most commonly known as APR. Sometimes students fail to realize the APR will eventually go up. And by the time the realization sets in, it's too late.

So what's the answer? I don't know for sure. I too am a college student. But I can tell you this. If you don't have a credit card run for the hills and don't get one. Don't sign up to receive a credit card just so you can get a free T-shirt. Trust me, you would be better off purchasing a T-shirt the old fashioned way. With cash.

For those who already carry the demonic device in your wallet, be afraid ... be very afraid.

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Times launch college web

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE via COLLEGIATE PRESSWIRE)—The New York Times, in conjunction with NYTimes.com, announced today the launch of its College Times Web site at www.nytimes.com/college.

By organizing the news into more than 200 academic disciplines, the site allows college students and faculty to more easily locate information related to their specific areas of interest and to integrate New York Times content into their daily academic lives.

Janet Robinson, president and general manager of The New York Times, said: "We are pleased to be launching the College Times site to serve our next generation of readers in the college market. We look forward to broadening our reach and to further involving both students and faculty with New York Times content in a way that truly supports and enriches their academic activities."

Visitors to the college site can search for recent Times articles by subject and can sign up to receive free e-mail alerts when new articles related to their specific fields of study are published on NYTimes.com. In addition, users can access a number of additional resources, from career-planning information

for students to instructional resources for faculty.

"College students live and breathe the Web, so this is a natural extension for us," said Martin Nisenholtz, chief executive officer of New York Times Digital, the Internet division of The New York Times Company. "The ability for students and faculty to have the New York Times content most relevant to them delivered directly to their desktops as it is published provides a tremendous amount of value to the educational marketplace."

Additional student features include College News and Views, which highlights recent news events from various colleges and universities, as well as What's Hot, What's Not, a collection of recent book reviews, film reviews, technology reviews and more from NYTimes.com.

Students will also find weekly features that highlight a notable person from the past week's news as well as the story of greatest significance to them from the past week's Times.

The Faculty section includes Teaching with The Times, a set of free curriculum guides that offer innovative ideas about how to augment course content with The New York Times and suggest tips for

lectures, discussions, research essays and tests in various subject areas. Faculty will also find direct links to education news and other relevant content from NYTimes.com.

The launch of College Times is the latest step in the development of online and offline educational initiatives.

The New York Times Learning Network, www.nytimes.com/learning, a free service for teachers, parents and students in grades 3-12 that provides daily lesson plans and interactive resources based on the content of the newspaper, was launched in September 1998, and has been widely recognized for its continued innovation and service. In addition, The New York Times Newspaper In Education program offers curriculum strategies for pre-college teachers and various programs at the co

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A final word from the editor's desk



Johnny V. Sparks Jr.
editor in chief

Start the Survivor music. On second thought, make that "The Eye of the Tiger."

The editor's final column of the semester has been a goodbye for the past six semesters. Not this time.

I returned in January after signing off back in December of 1999 to pursue other things.

I returned because I believed in The All State and Dr. Jennifer Meningall.

I will stay because of the commitment of countless individuals and organizations in the APSU community. It takes a community to produce a newspaper.

The Office of Student Affairs' unrelenting commitment to Student Publications

keeps me here.

Also, I will survive because the Technology Access Fee Board tossed The All State a lifeline.

Since editors at the student newspaper have to be students, I must credit three very understanding communications professors for granting me immunity until next semester — Drs. Ellen Kanervo, Weiwei Zhang and Mike Gotcher.

It takes a tribe to produce a newspaper.

I was fortunate enough to find a small but powerful tribe of students with the will to survive.

Our team shared a common vision for the future. I admire my staff for their bravery.

The All State is the Austin Peay State University journalism laboratory.

Unfortunately, it is not my team's only priority.

The newspaper isn't on the top of anyone's priority list — including the staff's.

That space is reserved for — faith, family, school, jobs

— the other things that everyone else is too busy doing to work at the newspaper.

Each week, they make the time to do it. The only time they have left is time that should be spent sleeping.

So, with limited sleep and experience — the staff submits their "lab" work for consumption, display, examination, and criticism.

I wonder how many people would be willing to pull at least one "all-nighter" a week in addition to their normal responsibilities?

Then, how many would be willing to submit the work from that night for 3,000 mentors and peers to review?

That is the bravery of my staff. The All State survived another semester, in the future we hope to thrive.

To our fans and critics alike, we sincerely thank you for helping make us a stronger medium of expression each passing week.

By the way, we didn't vote anyone off the island.

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Letter to the Editor

I would like to bring it to the The All State's attention of the poor conditions tolerated by some of the students involved in intramurals this academic year. Over the past year, it has come to my attention as well as many others just how poorly and unprofessionally the intramural programs are handled. To start with, I would like to address the poor scheduling and communication techniques. Austin Peay has entered the technological age of communication, or more specifically e-mail. Yet, it seems that somehow the intramural staff is a few steps behind this era of technology. They have e-mail addresses and phone numbers of the every coach, but neither are utilized. I understand there are times when a team needs to reschedule, and when rescheduling happens, intramural staff members in charge need to be

sure everyone is on the boat before the ship leaves port. They expect us to check every hour of the day to see when the games are going to be played. Plus, it doesn't help posting the game time only a matter of hours before it is to be played. All it takes is sending a one-line e-mail or picking up the phone and letting someone know when a game is. You are ripping off the students involved by causing forfeits due to poor communication skills.

Not only does the staff practice poor communication and scheduling techniques, they also display a lack of concern for certain teams. In other words, if your team is not among the "athletic elite," then they could care less if you played the duration of your season. I dare say that they lose sleep over canceling a team's season. We play for fun, which is what it is all about.

The "passing the buck" strategy that the intramural staff clings to stinks like the backed-up sewer outside the café.

In conclusion, the quality of the intramural program is very poor simply because of the organization and effort put in by the staff. Many other schools, whether they are richer or poorer than Austin Peay, have quality intramural programs at the students' disposal.

Sure, they may have their little problems because nothing is perfect, but their staffs do what they can to keep the focus on participation and enjoyment for all students.

If Austin Peay even hopes to in some way compete with other universities, then certain measures should be taken to insure the satisfaction of its students.

Shaun Armstrong
and Josh Perigo

May 2, 2001

College of Education students recruit area students

To get more students interested in becoming teachers, the Austin Peay State University College of Education is going straight to the source: College of Education students will serve as student ambassadors to area middle and high schools.

The new group, Helping Our Students to Succeed (HOSTS), will talk to area students about the advantages of the APSU College of Education and will speak at functions, such as homecoming, special group events and educational programs sponsored by the college.

"During faculty retreats in 1999 and 2000, the diversity committee talked about the possibility of forming a College of Education student ambassadors group," said Dr. Bobbie Weatherly, group sponsor and APSU assistant professor of education. "The members of HOSTS will be selected each year. Sophomores, juniors and seniors may apply if they have provisional admission to the College of Education. We are looking for a diverse group that is reflective of our student population."

Students who join the group will further their leadership and communication skills in educational envi-

ronments by meeting monthly with Weatherly and travelling as teams to area schools.

Students selected to serve as members of HOSTS this semester are:

Bruce Ganter, a former military member and sophomore living in Clarksville.

Laura Beth Nanney, Clarksville, is a member of the Dean's List, a drill team member and Alpha Gamma Rho little sister.

Duane Robnett has been on the Dean's List every semester. A sophomore from White Bluff, he works with elementary students after school and is a tutor for the Upward Bound program.

April Cole, Columbus, Ga., has been on the Dean's List and is an active member of Student Tennessee Education Association.

Wanetta Ortiz, Clarksville, is a member of the Dean's List and mother of a one-year-old child.

Steven Moore, Adamsville, is a residence hall director, a Gov greeter, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and maintains a high grade point average.

Jennifer Austin, Indian Mound, has been a member of the APSU marching band color guard for four years.

Tara Page, Big Rock, is a non-traditional student and says many young married

people who attend APSU can find programs and schedules that allow them to continue their education.

Melanie Miner, Clarksville, has been a camp counselor at Camp Rainbow and has worked with the Clarksville Dream Factory.

Jennifer Miller, Adamsville, is president of Alpha Sigma Alpha and has received many academic

awards.

Kelly Duprey, Clarksville, is a member of Student Tennessee Education Association.

Kristy Donahue, Nashville, has a weekly responsibility of meeting and working with middle school and high school students to talk about teaching. She is involved in APSU's intramural program.

Thomas Burkett, Clarksville, is a Dean's List student and has experience meeting new people as he recently served as a Washington, D.C., guide.

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1:30 - 3:30.....All MWF classes which meet at 12:00 p.m.

Monday, May 7

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1:30 - 3:30.....All MWF classes which meet at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 8

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10:30 - 12:30.....All T/TH classes which meet at 9:30 a.m.

1:30 - 3:30.....All MWF classes which meet at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 9

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10:30 - 12:30.....All MWF classes which meet at 9:00 a.m.

1:30 - 3:30.....All T/TH classes which meet at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 10

8:00 - 10:00.....All T/TH classes which meet at 2:00 p.m.

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Food service contract remains up-for-grabs

By Sheila Fisher
news editor

Three companies are vying to be next year's food services provider at Austin Peay State University.

The three companies, ARAMARK, Sodexo Marriott and Gourmet Services, have all presented their approach to how they will provide quality food and services to Austin Peay. The task now is for a panel of faculty, staff and students to decide which company is best for APSU.

"I think it's a balance between what is in the best interest of the students, the company and the university," said Director of Student

Activities Andy Kean. "We have to find that perfect match where we are able to work as a team."

The panel is also taking into account a survey taken in November 2000 of students living in campus housing. The students expressed their desire to have more branded concepts, such as Chick-Fil-A, Taco Bell and Arby's, along with declining balances instead of numbered meal plans.

"One of the most important aspects of the food services contract is trying to please the students in campus housing," said Director of Housing Administration Joe Mills. "It's important to

have a good meal plan to go along with housing, or students are not going to want to stay on campus."

The committee will grade each of the three companies on a 150-point scale that measure items such as organization and experience in food services, marketing, customer service, menu and price.

Mills said, "I think all we're wanting is the best food for the cheapest price."

The committee will then present their proposal to the President's Cabinet for approval. If approved, the new company will begin operating June 1, 2001. The contract is for five years.



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Food vendors displayed their culinary capabilities during a portion of the bidding process for the new campus Food Services contract.

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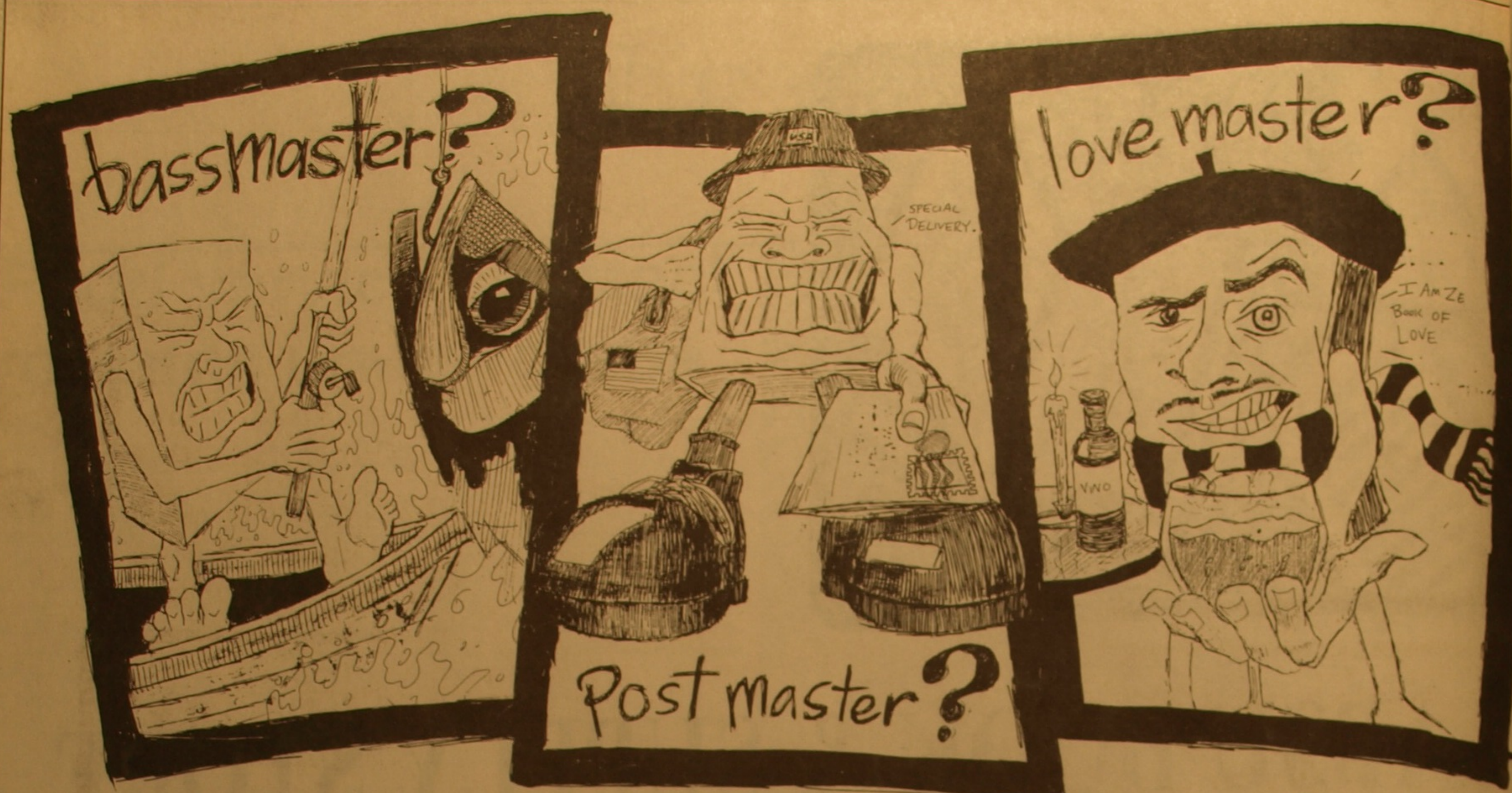
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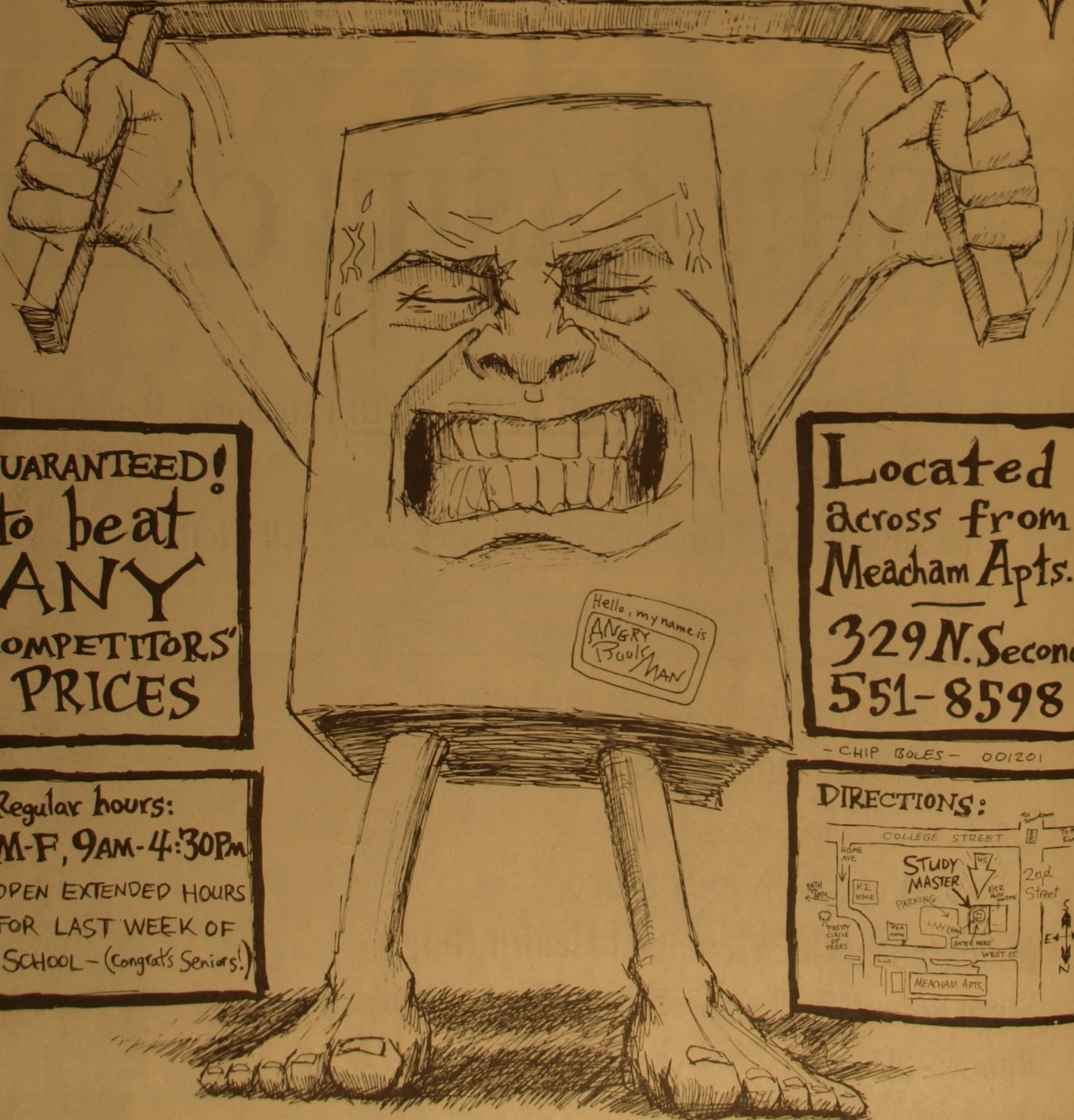




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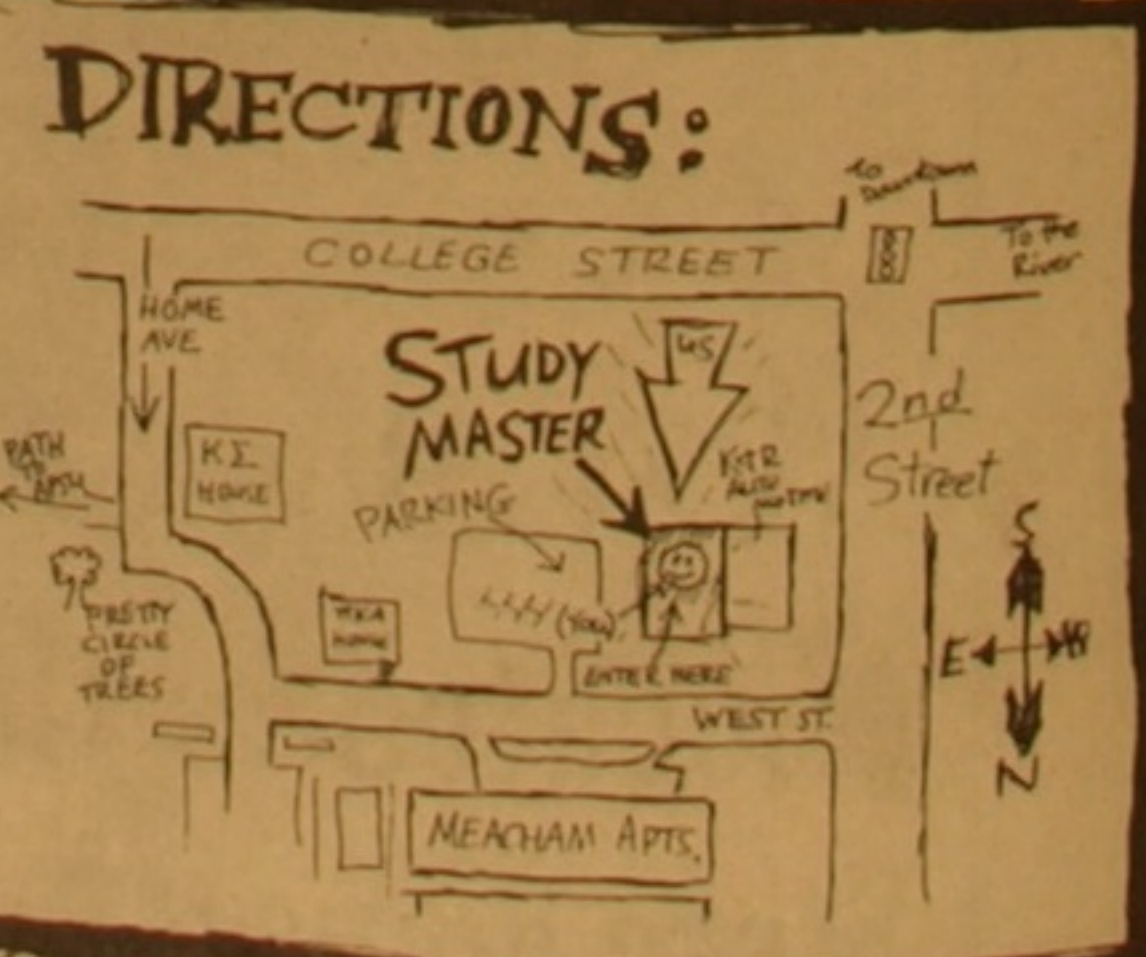
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