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## Reorganization highlights SGA forum

By GARY SUTTON  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association's Student forum on consolidation drew low attendance last Thursday night as a question and answer session was held between Dr. Bruce Speck, vice president of academic affairs, and students.

Close to 17 SGA senators were absent at possibly the most important SGA meeting of the semester.

Speck opened the forum with background information on the consolidation proposal. A revised proposal was then introduced, which was characterized by Speck as a "reaction to faculty and student concerns" and "very conservative."

One of the major questions of the night was in reference to the lack of student input.

"Policy for consolidation does not have any provisions for student input," said Speck.

However, the biggest issue of the night was the effect of moving a department to a new college and how that would affect graduate school applications. Dr. Jennifer Meningall, vice president for student affairs, and Speck both reminded students that the college they graduate from is irrelevant to whether or not someone is accepted into graduate school.

In the end, many students were less confused about the consolidation proposal and hope to get the information out to students who could not attend.

"It was very positive. This was something we needed as students to clarify. I think my goal for the forum was to hear from the person who made the proposal not from someone else," said Louise Morales, SGA President.

## SGA sponsors GHOST

By SARAH REED  
Features Editor

Austin Peay State University's Student Government Association is sponsoring the seventh annual Great Halloween Options for Safe Trick-or-treating.

GHOST will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31 in the intramural field on Drane Street. All activities are free and open to the public.

The purpose of GHOST is to allow members of the community to bring their children to campus for an evening of safe, fun-filled Halloween activities.

Various campus organizations and local businesses partner with SGA to provide this service to the community.

For the first time, GHOST will include a haunted house in the Memorial Health Building sponsored by the Sigma Chi fraternity and Chi Omega sorority.

"GHOST is an opportunity for APSU to reach out and bring the campus and community together. It is more than just trick-or-treating. It is a Halloween event with games, face painting and a haunted house," said Mary Ellen Ladd, chair of GHOST and senator for the College of Education.

For more information about GHOST, telephone the SGA Office at (931) 221-7262.

# Mid-Sweden offers cultural experience

By JOANNA HERNANDEZ  
Staff Writer

Students interested in a cultural experience should check out the Mid-Sweden Exchange Program.

Austin Peay State University and Mid-Sweden University encourage studying abroad by offering a student exchange program for students who understand the value of visiting places outside of their own country.

According to Mrs. Inga Filippo, a native of Sweden, studying abroad provides students with the opportunity to "explore their full potential as a person."

"Some of the most incredible people I have ever met, I met in Sweden," said Emilie McClain, a former student involved with the program.

The program is affordable to students because in this exchange MSU and APSU are literally trading students, so tuition is already paid. With this investment,

students open the doors to a world of experience by studying in another country.

In Sweden, APSU students are responsible for paying housing and food costs, which is very similar to everyday costs here on campus. Airfare is covered by the International Experience Scholarship, which is granted to first time exchange students.

Upon arrival, a local Swedish student is assigned to make sure students find their way around town and are comfortable in their new environment.

Every exchange student at MSU is required to take a course in Swedish language and culture, which is taught in English.

Students can select from classes in a number of different fields such as the humanities, social sciences, teacher training, nursing and engineering.

"School is quite different in Sweden than it is here," McClain said.

"They usually last about five weeks. You only have to take a couple at a time, but you are expected to focus on each class."

With a student population around 14,000, there are sure to be interesting people from many different places at MSU although the average classroom size is similar to APSU.

Prospective students will be interested in many of the affordable excursions in Sweden that ensure the cultural experience of a lifetime.

"Overall, Sweden is unbelievable, clean and full of nature. Everywhere there is a tree-covered mountain or a body of water.

'All Man's Right' protects the people's right to walk in the forests where they like picking berries, picking flowers and camping out at night," McClain said.

If you are interested in leaving the confines of your everyday living to explore another country and culture,



Austin Peay students enjoy beautiful Sweden.

perhaps you possess the courage to open your mind and dive into a semester of studies at Mid-Sweden University.

"Some of the most incredible parts of Sweden, though, are not the big things that sound exciting in the

telling but the little things you remember at odd moments six months to a year down the road like how the river looked as it started to freeze, the different ways of celebrating Christmas or the beautiful nature.

"If I were asked to go back,

I would say yes in a second," said McClain.

To find out more about your opportunities abroad at Mid-Sweden University, contact Mrs. Inga Filippo in the Woodard Library or e-mail her at filippo@apsu.edu.

# Housing hosts Carousel

By DAVID BROCKMAN  
Guest Writer

Saturday, the Office of Housing and Resident Life started the second leg of the resident assistant selection process known as Carousel.

Approximately 35 students filled out applications to become an RA, but only 20 made it to Saturday's event.

The candidates arrived at Clement Auditorium at 8 a.m. to see all the RAs cheering and looking forward to a great time.

The candidates were broken up into five groups of four and completed three different rotations set in different rooms within Clement. The rotations are called Design-A-Gram, Match Sticks and Role Play Reaction.

In the Design-A-Gram rotation, the candidates have 55 minutes to present a social or intellectual program. This demonstrates the candidate's ability to communicate and plan

within the group.

"It is very important that the candidates interact with each other in the group as well as the other groups and the RAs," said Doug Bell, residence hall director in Rawlins as well as this year's Carousel co-chair.

The Match Sticks are actually six wooden yardsticks, and the group has to make up to eight equilateral triangles using only the sticks provided. At the end the group is asked questions ranging from "What plans did you use?" to "Was it easy as a team?"

During the last rotation, Role Playing and Reactions, the candidate is led into a room and asked some questions as to how they would handle a situation.

At the beginning of the day, the candidates were told they would have to do a skit. The skit did not have to have a housing theme, but it did have to include the words: llama, Kim, banana and job in it.

Throughout the day, the

groups practiced the skits, and after lunch it was show time.

From catching a ride on a llama, to checking in to the Jabbit Inn, the skits truly were the highlight of the day.

"We had a very diverse group go through, and each had great potential," said Sarah Blackwell, RA in Sevier.

Planning for Carousel starts well before the semester begins. This year, the planning team for Carousel was Doug Bell and Steven Moore.

Stephanie Potts, a candidate in this year's Carousel said, "I hope I get the job of an RA. I want to be more involved in and around campus, and this will give me the opportunity to do so as well as be more assessable to the student body."

"Carousel was a success, and we all came through," said Steven Moore.

For more information on becoming an RA, contact the Office of Housing and Residence Life at 221-7444.



The housing and residence life hosted a field party on Sunday. (From left) Sara Brooks, Teresa Pigg, Justin Garrett, Doug Bell, Lorneth Fahie and Sarah Blackwell enjoy dinner in the great outdoors.

# Communication research center takes center

By JOSIE L. CURTIS  
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University's Communication Research Center, located in Room 187 of the music and mass communications building, will conduct its first research project of the semester this week.

Dr. Margaret Duffy, former communication professor, and Dr. Mike Gotcher, chair of the communication and theatre department, established the center in 1998.

"The research center provides students with educational as well as vocational opportunities in the development, implementation and analysis of public opinion research," Gotcher said.

Dr. Weiwu Zhang, communication professor, directs the center with Kim Grens, communication graduate student, as his lab assistant.

"I input the questions into the computer, supervise the students and make sure they're being productive," Grens said.

The center utilizes a computer-assisted telephone interviewing system, which allows questions to be programmed into the

computer to conduct its research projects.

Zhang said CATI makes the storage and analysis of data much easier than the earlier pen-and-pencil method.

"It (data storage and analysis) is time consuming to do by hand," Zhang said.

The research center uses CATI to perform three types of research projects.

Dr. Ellen Kanervo's, professor of communication, research methods class uses the center for class survey projects, one of the three types of research projects.

Client-based surveys serve as another type of research project that the center hosts.

"We want to do some surveys for outside clients," Zhang said.

Last year, the center conducted a survey for the city of Clarksville concerning how Montgomery County residents perceived life in the city.

Academic research is the final type of research project the center implements.

"We want to open the center as a training ground for students in the department and let them appreciate the importance of research in their careers," Zhang said.

The center plans to conduct four projects this semester, one client-based, one academic research and two class projects.

The first of these projects is a client-based survey of Montgomery County residents.

"We are genuinely seeking input from residents," Zhang said.

Zhang urges students to participate in these projects for the experience.

But Zhang says, "Once you sign up for that study, you need to devote yourself to that project."

For this first client-based survey, the center will be open Monday, Oct. 22 through Thursday, Oct. 25 from 5-9 p.m.

The center opens its doors both to other departments and to master's students doing their thesis who seek the approval of an advisor on their thesis topic.

As a graduate student and lab assistant, Grens says that the only thing she would complain about concerning the center is that the "computers are really old."

However, the center does serve a purpose.

"My goal would be to build a kind of database that can be made publicly available," Zhang said.



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(Above) Dr. Weiwu Zhang directs the Communication Research Center.

(Left) Dr. Ellen Kanervo (right) discusses potential research questions with Kelsea Erbatu (left), a graduate communication research methods student.





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## African American Cultural Center hosts forum

By KALEN McELHENY  
Assistant to the Editor

A forum entitled "Unity and Diversity amidst Terrorist Attacks on America" was held in the African American Cultural Center Friday.

The discussion was organized by Terry McMoore in an effort to help the Austin Peay State University community address issues and feelings felt after the Sept. 11 attacks particularly in Clarksville's African American and Muslim communities.

"I don't like using the term minorities because I think that makes us seem like we are minor, and we are not minor because we are all contributors to this society," said Seddiq Brown, an active member of the African-American Muslim community.

Brown discussed the reason for the meeting, comparing the recent tragedy to that of the Oklahoma City bombings where citizens described the perpetrator as a man of Middle-Eastern descent later to find out it had been Timothy McVeigh, a white man.

"I am proud to be a part of this country, but I also am challenged with what I see in my country right now. I say what I say about my perceptions based upon a love for this country. When you love something, you will look closely enough to find its strengths and its weaknesses so that it can be better," said Dr. Sheila Peters, an assistant professor of psychology at Fisk University.

Peters said the government and media have been sending false

messages. The media claim racial profiling is the most effective measure in combating terrorism, and the government tells Americans they are living their lives in safety.

"We hear a lot about Osama bin Ladin, and there is nothing to justify what he has done. We underestimate the evilness of his terror. If there's anything that we should know from Sept. 11, it is that we are more vulnerable today than we ever were before," said Peters.

Peters said she feels the government should not send food to the Afghanistan people while simultaneously bombing them, calling the actions "hypocritical."

Yasser Saleh Arafat, a member of the board of directors for the Islamic Center of Nashville, is a native of Yemen. He works to educate refugees when they arrive in America. He has lived in this country for 10 years originally as a computer science student.

"There are about seven million Muslims in the U.S., three-four million of them are Middle-Eastern. There are white, blonde and blue-eyed Middle-Eastern people that come from Serbia, Egypt, Lebanon and from other places. When you see them, you cannot differentiate them from any other American," said Arafat.

"Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world and in the United States. Thirty-five to 40 percent of those who come to the mosque are new Muslims. They are different colors, black and white and blue and green.

Arafat said the media consistently

refer to those responsible for the attacks as "Muslim terrorists," but when referring to others religion is rarely mentioned.

Arafat explained how many Americans have false ideas about Islam and Muslims because of the recent tragedy.

"In the Koran, God tells us that whenever someone takes one single soul, it is like he killed a whole nation. And whoever saves one single soul, it is like he saved a whole nation," said Arafat.

"The Koran says if a person kills himself he has reserved a seat in hell. No one is allowed to take a soul except the one who provided it."

The word Jihad literally means "struggle" and exists on two levels in the Islamic faith, a struggle within one's self against evil and a struggle for decency in the society.

"It is not another term for Holy war," said Arafat.

One of the panelists was Dr. Nancy Dawson-Suazo, associate director and professor of African American studies at APSU.

"When fear leads to misplaced anger and misplaced anger equals hate, it equals racism, it equals prejudice and it equals stereotypes. By thinking about some of the history of this country, we find out how we come up with many of these stereotypes. We have people who are mixing religion, symbols and certain racial characteristics," said Dawson-Suazo.

She compared the current stereotyping to racism and racial profiling that has existed in this country for years saying Muslim

people now know what it feels like to be black.

Dawson-Suazo criticized media for lacking news coverage from an African American perspective.

Dr. Carter Moody works in Nashville, Tenn., helping foreign-born citizens to accustom to American society by offering training and English as a second language.

He discussed the issue of globalization and the adverse effects it has on Third World countries forcing some to seek refuge in America.

The problem with globalization explained Moody, is that only a few gain wealth with many remaining poor.

Moody compared terrorism to members of the Klu Klux Klan, the respect that KKK members claim to be Christian in the same way present-day terrorists claim to be Islamic, both claiming fundamental religious ideas to create fear and terror.

Belma Ismailovich spoke of her experience as a refugee. She lived originally in U.S. as a foreign exchange student from Bosnia with a host family in Nashville.

"When refugees come to the United States, they have to go through many stresses, dealing with the war, leaving loved ones and going to a refugee camp. This is very stressful," said Ismailovich.

She said many refugees want to be successful in this country saving their money to buy homes and achieve the American dream.

## Eli performs at BCM

By STACY MURPHREE  
News Editor

Christian recording artist Eli will perform Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

Eli has recorded music for 10 years, and his unique style has caused him to gain more exposure over the past several years. His two previous albums include "Things I Prayed For" and "Second Hand Clothing."

A third album has just been

released entitled "Now the News" in which Eli addresses world issues. Eli believes this new album is a challenge to take a second look at the world we live in and the things that influence us.

During his concert performances, Eli promotes Compassion International, which is an organization that helps children in need worldwide. A representative from this organization will be at the concert Thursday to share information about ways you can help.

Tickets can be purchased at the door on Thursday beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the BCM today at noon. The cost is \$5, and all proceeds go to the Baptist Collegiate Ministry missions fund to support local and international mission projects.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry is located on the corner of College and Drane streets. For additional information, contact the BCM at (931) 647-6940 or visit the Web at [www.apsu.edu/bcm](http://www.apsu.edu/bcm).

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# Sports

## APSU ROUNDUP

### Volleyball sliding in conference standings

Lady Govs could miss tournament as tough OVC stretch remains

By T.J. LUSK  
Sports editor

Austin Peay's volleyball team dropped yet another Ohio Valley Conference match last week to fall to 4-6 in the conference with less than three weeks left in the season.

Following last Tuesday's 3-1 loss to Murray State (4-17, 3-8) the Lady Govs have now lost five of their past six matches in OVC play, and are clinging to the sixth and final spot in next month's conference tournament. APSU head coach Cheryl Holt, though fair-

ly pleased with her team's effort, is clearly looking for more results.

"At this point in the season, we're still looking for a lot of answers," Holt said. "It's probably been about 10 years since we've dug ourselves in a hole like this."

Most of the Lady Govs' woes are centered around a weak offense.

"I think we're being very tentative about putting the ball away," Holt said. "We're hitting it so weakly that the other team just digs it up and puts it right back down our throat."

It's not the most obvious remedy, but Holt has changed the team's defense in an effort to jumpstart the offense.

Whatever the solution is, though, it needs to be found quickly.

Of the Lady Govs' final six conference games, four are against UT-Martin, Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois — a tough slate for any team.



Members of Austin Peay's men's cross country team begin their practice run at the Dunn Center on Monday.

### Cross country hoping to break into upper tier

Forde's teams will try to crack top five at Saturday's OVC Championships

By T.J. LUSK  
Sports editor

While there are only three more days until the Ohio Valley Conference Championships, preparation for the season-ending meet is still in progress.

Physically, coach Elvis Forde has pushed his cross country teams about as far as they can go; mentally, there's work yet to be done.

"Physically, we're prepared," Forde said. "But I think the mental aspect of competition is what we need to concentrate on."

To the casual observer, a winning mental approach doesn't seem vital to a sport as simple as running a few miles.

However, Forde main-

tains that the difference between success and failure Saturday is all in the head.

"Running involves some pain," Forde said, "but you have to push through it. ... And to do that you have to be prepared mentally."

While Forde believes such final preparations could shave seconds off his runners' times on Saturday, his expectations are tempered with a healthy helping of realism.

"I think we're a middle-of-the-pack team — that's just a realistic perspective," he said.

"We can finish in the top five in both the girls and the boys, but the girls might have a little better chance."

The women's team is led by senior Sheena Gooding, who was named the OVC's top woman performer for last week's win at the Austin Peay Invitational.

The Championships will be held in Richmond, Ky.

## Confidence high after convincing Govs win

Blair catches four TDs in one half in 59-7 rout of Ky.-Wesleyan

By T.J. LUSK  
Sports editor

In the world of college football, where perfection is always the goal, rare are the times when a coach comes away from a game entirely pleased.

However, after yet another Sunday of intense film-watching and scrutinizing, Govs coach Bill Schmitz found it hard to muster much criticism after his team demolished Kentucky-Wesleyan 59-7 at Governors Stadium Saturday.

"I was very pleased," Schmitz said. "We prepared well in practice, we were focused, and we did exactly what we had to do ..."

The win over the Panthers (0-8) keeps the Govs' hopes for a winning season alive, as APSU will enter Saturday's game at Morehead State (3-5) with a 3-4 record.

And with the way the Govs are playing lately, Schmitz doesn't think that reeling off three more wins to end the season is out of the question.

"I've really been happy with the way we've played this past month," Schmitz said. "Our players are performing now at a high level of efficiency. ... We'd love to close out

with a 6-4 record."

The Govs' domination of the Panthers was thorough.

On the strength of three Brian Baker-to-Ron Blair touchdowns, APSU led 28-0 after only one quarter.

"We thought we could get some big plays on (the Panthers) early," Schmitz said. "Brian and Ron were able to hook up and make it happen."

So much so that the pair played their way into the Austin Peay record books.

With five touchdowns, Baker tied his own single-game record, set back in 1998 against Campbellsville.

And Blair, who added another touchdown reception in the second to finish with four, tied the single-game mark of Austin Peay great Harold "Red" Roberts, who accomplished the feat against Murray State in 1967 and '69.

"(Blair) is just an outstanding success story," Schmitz said of the 29-year-old senior receiver. "To have four touchdowns in a half is just an outstanding performance."

"He's gotten better and better every year."

While those of Baker (17-of-30, 273 yards) and Blair (six catches, 131 yards) were the day's most outstanding, the performances of several other Govs were noteworthy.

Behind an ever-improving offensive line, tailback Jay Bailey returned from a shoulder injury to

run for 139 yards and three touchdowns on only 18 carries (7.7 yards per carry).

"(Wesleyan) gave us some creases, and Jay came back healthy and made some nice cuts," Schmitz said. "And our offensive line just continues to get better and better."

On the defensive side, senior free safety Thomas Sexton accounted for a third of the Govs' nine forced turnovers, as he picked off three

Panthers passes, returning them for a total of 63 yards.

But Sexton was just one of many Govs who played well in holding the Panthers to seven points and nine first downs.

"(Defensive coordinator) Steve Haywood really came up with an outstanding gameplan, and our players executed it almost to perfection," Schmitz said.

An equally savvy gameplan will probably be necessary Saturday for the Govs' matchup with Morehead State, another power running team.

"(Morehead) is very, very difficult to prepare for defensively," Schmitz said. "They've been very efficient on offense the past few years."

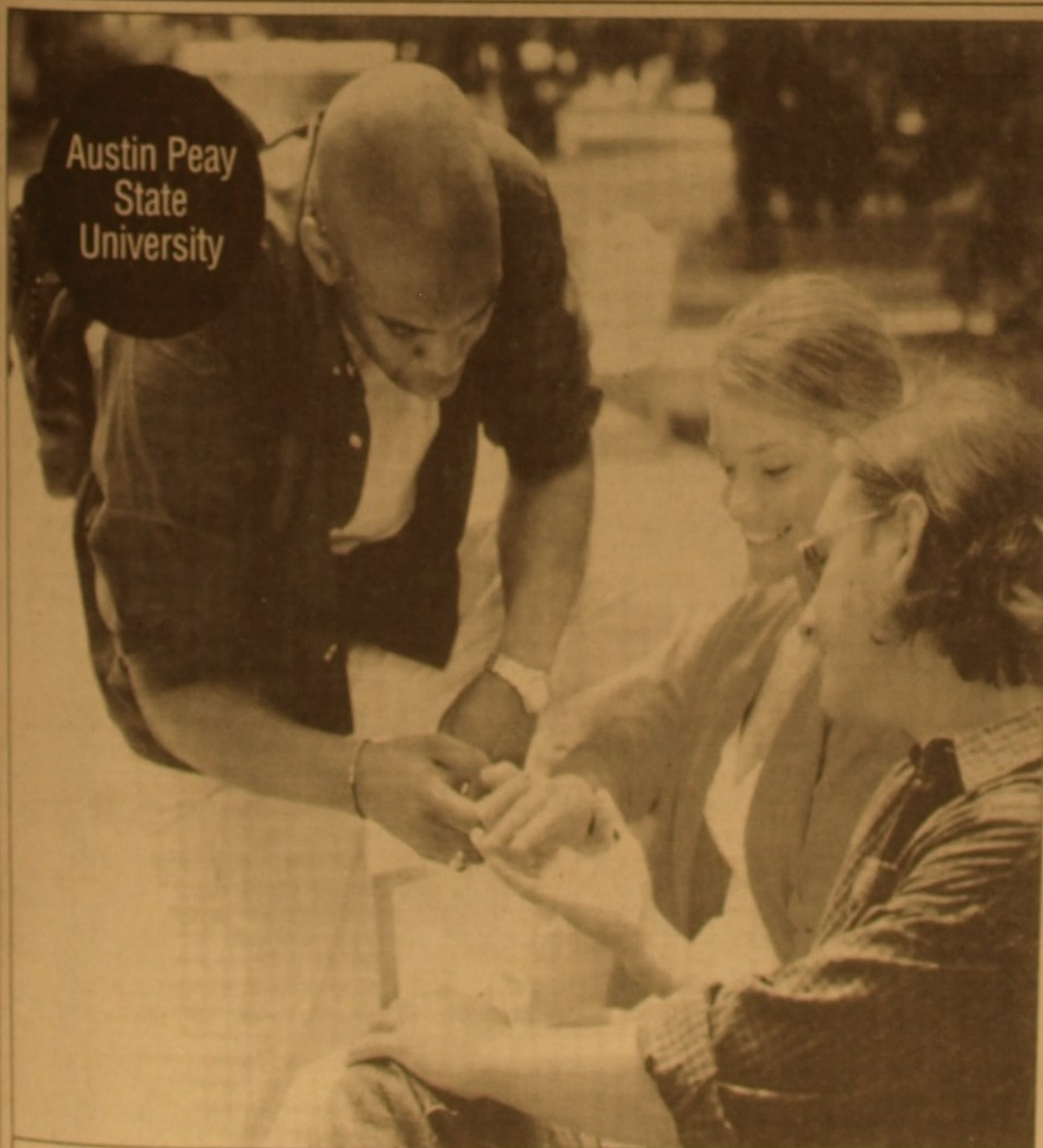
Though the Eagles don't appear to be quite as talented this season as in years past, Schmitz believes Saturday's Pioneer Football League contest will certainly be a tough game to win.

"It's Morehead's homecoming, so it should be a very difficult atmosphere to play in," he said. "It's going to be a very interesting ballgame this weekend."

### OVC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

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Tennessee-Martin	9-2	.818	W7	18-6	.750	
Morehead State	9-2	.818	W7	16-6	.727	
Eastern Illinois	7-2	.778	W1	12-5	.706	
Southeast Missouri	7-3	.700	L1	11-9	.550	
Eastern Kentucky	7-4	.636	W2	12-8	.600	
Austin Peay	4-6	.400	L2	9-10	.474	
Murray State	3-8	.273	L2	4-17	.190	
Tennessee Tech	1-9	.100	L9	5-12	.294	
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# Features

## Pi Nu celebrates Hispanic culture

By ALICIA ARCHULETA  
Photographer

Hispanic culture will be celebrated at Austin Peay State University Friday, Oct. 26.

The National Theatre for the Performing Arts will perform the famous play *El Sí de las Niñas*, the *Maidens' Consent*, by Moratin.

It will be presented in both Spanish and English.

This troupe from Connecticut has performed at APSU many times and throughout the U.S.

The performance will begin at 10 a.m. in the Clement Auditorium.

"We want to bring the Spanish culture to our fellow Americans. For 19 years, I have tried and it seems to be working. More and more students are taking Spanish for the right reasons, and more are going abroad," said Dr. Ramon

Magrans, professor of languages and literature.

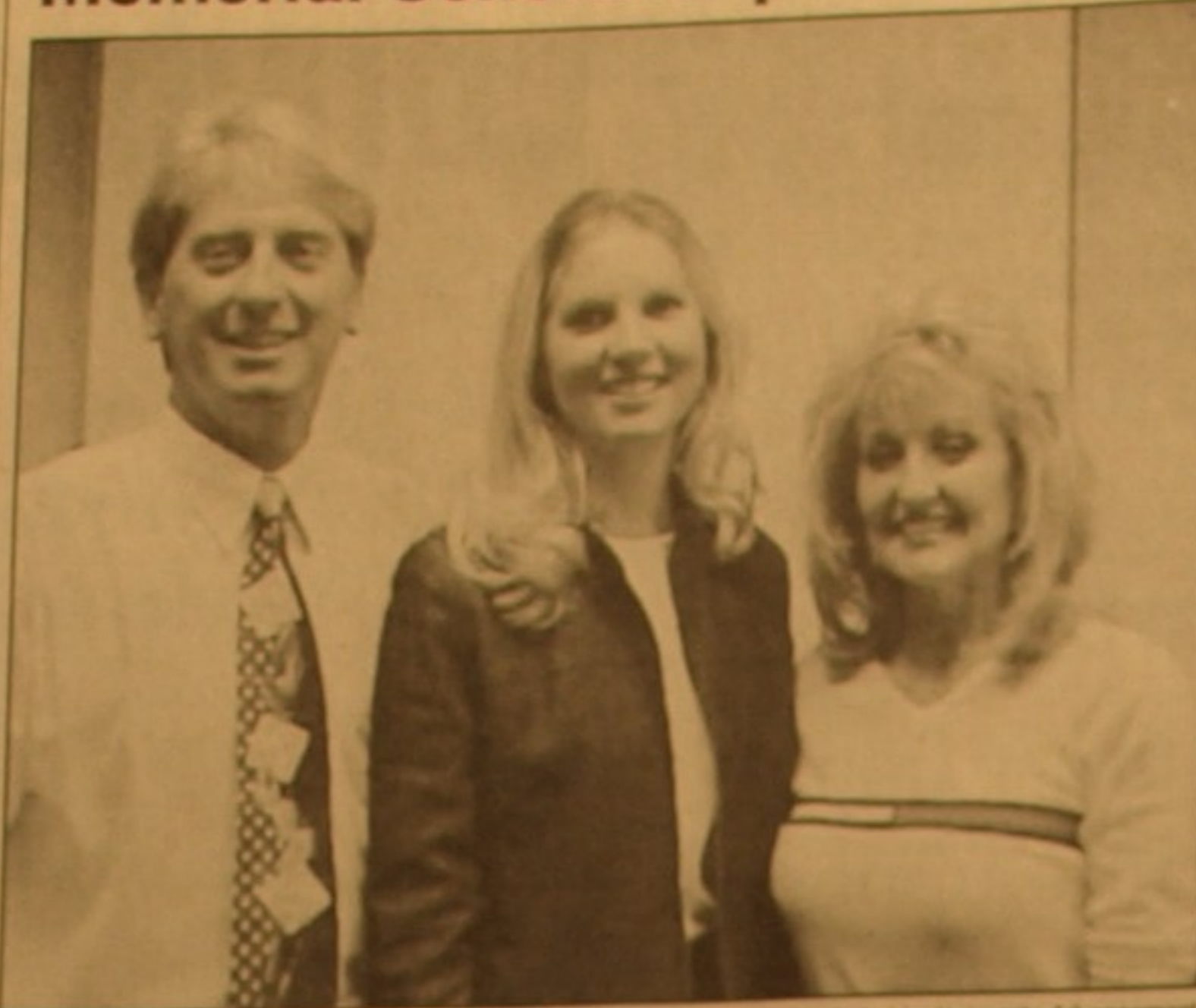
Tickets can be purchased from Magrans in Room 104 of the Harned Building or by phone at 221-7847. The cost is \$7 for the APSU community and \$12 for others.

Immediately following the performance, Pi Nu, the Spanish Honor Society, and the newly formed Hispanic Association will host a Campus Fiesta. Plates will cost \$4, and all proceeds will go to support activities for Pi Nu.

"PI NU knows that culture is heard, seen and tasted," said Magrans. "Thus, the play can be heard, seen and later food with Hispanic flavors will be offered. What a treat."

If you don't care for Hispanic food, feel free to come and enjoy the music and people.

## Swier earns Cameron Ford Watts Memorial Scholarship



Carrie Swier, center, a senior at Austin Peay State University, was awarded the Cameron Ford Watts Memorial Scholarship. Rip Alan, left, and Sandra Watts, right, Clarksville, established this endowed scholarship in memory of their son who died in 1993. The endowment has grown to more than \$25,000, and interest from it will be used to award the scholarship annually. The daughter of Floyd and Eileen Swier, Ramona, S.D., Swier is majoring in agriculture science. She is a 1998 graduate of Lake Central High School, Madison, S.D.

## Homecoming approaches

By SARAH REED  
Features Editor

Austin Peay State University's Office of Student Life offers a variety of activities celebrating "America on Parade" during Homecoming 2001.

Make Your Own CD- Provided by Legacy Entertainment, this new event allows students to sing their favorite songs and record them on a keepsake CD.

Make your own CD will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 29 at the APSU Book and Supply Store. This is a free event.

LipSync and Talent Show- Cosponsored by the Office of Student Life and the African American Cultural Center, students have the opportunity to spotlight their talents or lipsyncing ability. Entries in the lipsync contest will be judged on choreography, lipsync accuracy and showmanship. A \$30 prize will be awarded.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Life, or participants can register prior to the event. The LipSync and Talent Show is scheduled for 7 p.m.,

Monday, Oct. 29 in the Clement Auditorium. There is no admission fee.

Jazz Concert- Specializing in spoken word and modern jazz, Charles Cooper Quartet will entertain the crowd with music to take any song from Billie Spears to Sisqo and turn it into jazz medley.

The concert will be held 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 30 in the Clement Auditorium.

"It's our 75th anniversary and good for students to get involved celebrating our history as we move toward the future. There are activities catered to traditional, nontraditional students," said Kendrick, interim assistant director of Student Life.

"APSU is dedicated to making our community. We are proud to celebrate our heritage of being a military base. Many students are involved in the military or affected by it directly. We want to show our appreciation to them," said Kendrick.

For more information about any of these events, telephone the Office of Student Life at 221-7847.

## AP Magazine goes live with daily campus news

By KYSA OTIS  
Staff Writer

Dr. Yvonne Prather, assistant professor of communication and theatre, sits behind a panel of brightly colored blinking lights in the studio's control room like she is ready to launch a rocket into outer space to fulfill a great mission.

Although the television professional is not launching a rocket, she does have a great task before her—to broadcast her show, *AP Magazine*, live on television.

Numerous production members are preparing for this mission by

positioning cameras and lights in the busy studio, and other workers scramble to edit video on state-of-the-art editing systems that work ingeniously.

Think they are in a multi-million dollar sound stage? Think again.

All of this is located on campus in the music/mass communication building for students to use.

Thanks to grants that the department of communication and theatre received last semester, the department was able to purchase new digital equipment that students can use to create programming on the department's access cable

channel 99, or AP-TV.

"We are pleased with the amount of funding that went into making this happen," said Prather, who serves also as the executive producer of *AP Magazine*.

Prather created the show 13 years ago at APSU as a graduate student and is happy with the way the show, along with the department, has developed.

"With the implementation of cable 99, we now are able to go live. I am pleased with the product we have been producing. There's a great deal of excitement in the air. There's a great deal of enthusiasm,"

Prather said.

Students can expect to see a new *AP Magazine* complete with a new look and format.

The show has regular anchors reporting the news and weather, as well as introducing the sports segment and video packages produced by students.

*AP Magazine* keeps the APSU community informed with the calendar of events segment.

Viewers can watch AP-TV 24 hours a day and see the live broadcast of *AP Magazine* Monday at 3:30 p.m.

"You can look forward to more

news and more in-depth pieces on what's going on around campus," said student Eric Lipford, assignment editor of the fast-growing campus television show.

AP-TV plans to broaden its horizons by incorporating more shows produced by students next semester. Shows in consideration include a dorm cooking show and a 30 minute yoga show.

Lipford, along with other communication students, believes that working on the show is the best "real world" experience they could ask for.

"If you're going into television

news, you couldn't pick a better place to start out," Lipford said.

Lipford urges all students to participate in any aspect of the show.

"We're off!" calls out production member from the control room.

After being live on air for minutes, the entire production in the control room lets out a sigh of relief.

The crew settles down to their voyage after completing another live broadcast successfully.

"Good job," says Prather, praising her students. Mission completed.

# Homecoming 2001

## Austin Peay State University

# "America on Parade"

### Monday, October 29th

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Make Your Own CD, APSU Bookstore  
7pm: LipSync and Talent Show, Clement Auditorium

### Wednesday, October 31st

11 a.m. - 1p.m.: Chili Cookoff, National Guard Amory  
5 p.m.: G.H.O.S.T.

### Friday, November 2nd

Noon: "Ebony & Ivory" (Greek Step-Off), Bookstore  
8 p.m.: "Peay Comedy Night" by Peay Connections  
10:30 p.m. - 3 a.m.: Comedy Show Alumni Event, Riverview Inn

### Tuesday, October 30th

7 p.m.: Jazz Concert, Clement Auditorium  
9 p.m.: Midnight Crossing, Clement Auditorium

### Thursday, November 1st

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Spirit Keychains, APSU Bookstore  
7 p.m.: Bonfire, Intramural Field

### Saturday, November 3rd

11 a.m.: Football Parade  
12-2:30 p.m.: Food and Fun  
3 p.m.: Football Game  
8 p.m.: NPHC Greek Stepshow, Clement Auditorium  
TBA: Stepshow Afterparty

# October 29- November 3



# Editorial

## Veggies unite everywhere

by LINDSEY REEVES  
Editorial Page Editor

Vegetarian. This simple word might strike fear in some hearts while others cherish the values and healthy lifestyle associated with vegetarianism.

As the falling leaves blow around campus, it shows that October not only brings football games and raking leaves but also brings National Vegetarian Awareness Month.

For those who are cringing about even the thought of being a vegetarian, there is a high possibility that you also have some lifestyle habits that are associated with this belief.

For the next week, watch what types of food you eat. Do you eat more potatoes?

Do you even go without eating meat for a day?

Sometimes, we as a society, are not aware of everything we eat on a daily basis.

On the contrary, vegetarians have to keep a careful eye on everything that enters their bodies.

The origin of vegetarianism

is rooted in Eastern dietary practices and many other religious sects, says "Nutrition Today."

Not only is it an old practice, but there are many different types of vegetarians contrary to the normal perception.

There are five recognized types of strict vegetarianism: ovo, lacto, ovo-lacto, vegan and fruitarian says the "Vegetarian Pages."

An ovo vegetarian is someone who only eats eggs in addition to their normal vegetarian diet.

A lacto vegetarian is an individual who eats milk products with their food intake.

Also, there is ovo-lacto vegetarian, which includes both milk products and eggs in a vegetarian diet.

A vegan is a sect of vegetarianism that does not consume or wear any animal products.

The last type of vegetarian is the rare fruitarian, who only consumes foods that do not kill plants.

A fruitarian can eat an apple but cannot eat a carrot because the carrot was killed when it was pulled out of the ground.

Since there is so many different types of vegetarians, it causes many different false types of so-called vegetarians.

These types are pescetarian, semi-vegetarian and pseudo-vegetarian.

Pescetarian is a person who consumes fish in addition to the vegetarian lifestyle.

A semi-vegetarian is someone who eats less meat than the average person.

Last, there are pseudo-vegetarians who claim to be vegetarians.

With all these different styles of vegetarians and so-called vegetarians, the main causes for these individuals to give up meat are religious and health reasons.

In a survey conducted by "Jupiter Rising," 72 vegetarians out of 100 people said they gave up meat because of the ethical situations it causes.

The other 25 vegetarians listed health reasons for eradicating meat from their diet.

And the last three listed reasons such as environmental factors.

Even though the reasons differ for those who decide to give up meat, the facts do prove that vegetarians have longer life spans and avoid diseases such as cancer, arthritis, type one and two diabetes, obesity and others.

Even though you might not ever become a vegetarian, as the month of October comes to an end take one week and avoid eating meat to celebrate National Vegetarian Awareness month.



## Advice goddess speaks again

Dear Advice Goddess:

I've got a really good roommate. She doesn't do too much that bothers me. She respects me, my privacy, and is easy to get along with. I couldn't ask for a better roommate, looking at it from that perspective. The only problem is, she just recently told me that she was a lesbian. I feel extremely awkward around her, even though I know she knows I'm not gay. It's strange how this barrier could have popped up between us like it has, but I just don't think I can continue to live with her. I feel so uncomfortable around her now. What should I do? Do you think I should just move out?

Confused

Dear Confused,

There really isn't much to be confused about here! Let me lay it out on the table for you.

Look back at what you told me in the beginning of your letter. You said yourself that you couldn't ask for a better roommate, which is something very hard to come by in the first place.

You never had a problem with her until you found out about her sexual preference. And by the way you make sure I know you really do like her, it even appears you feel a little guilty for writing me.

Is this because you know you do like her as a person? You may be

uncomfortable with what she's doing, but it will benefit you more to look at what you do like about her.

My challenge is for you to think about what makes you so uncomfortable living with her. She's not going to make a move on you, especially if she respects you like you say she does.

Knowing this, there's really no reason to feel uncomfortable around her.

Keep in mind that she is the same person she was before she told you she was a lesbian. She trusted you enough to tell you this, now it's your turn to trust her as your friend.

## My perspective: I'm a Muslim

by FARAH AZARBARZIN  
Staff Writer

If I told you that I was Muslim what would you say?

Better yet, if I told you that I was an Iranian-American female who is a Muslim what would you say?

I think I know what you are thinking or feeling right now.

Some of you might be shocked while some of you might think so what. At first glance, I look normal to most people.

I am your average white person, but there are some things that set me apart from the rest of the group, which at times tortures me.

All my life, I have had to wonder what people's reaction would be if they found out who I am.

My family is made up of my Iranian father, my American mother, my sister, my brother and me.

When people ask me, "Where are you from because you have an accent?" I get tense.

I don't know what to tell them. I have to think a minute before I answer.

I am Iranian-American, but what tell people will be how they judge me.

I remember living in Iran and not being able to tell anyone that I was Iranian-American.

I would sit around and hear people talk about Americans, and I couldn't say a word.

I could not defend my other culture.

I would see people in demonstrations burn American flags, and in my 10-year-old mind I could not figure out why there were so many bad feelings for Americans.

When I came to the U.S. 11 years later, I faced the same problems.

I couldn't tell anyone that I was

part Iranian.

From previous experience, I knew how their feelings would be.

I would sit around and hear people talk about my culture, and still I could not defend it.

When I did defend it, I could not make people understand.

I quit giving people my opinion long ago.

The events of the Sept. 11 didn't make things easier.

I remember turning the TV on that morning as they showed the image of the WTC burning.

I remember the feeling of pain and shock.

I thought about who could be so heartless to do such a thing.

I was dazed and confused for the rest of the day.

When they put the blame on a Muslim terrorist group, my whole world came crashing down.

I could not understand what the reasoning behind this was, and to this day I am still confused.

I remember my sister coming to me crying and telling me that a friend had called to her from across the campus and said, "You better hope that it was not Iranians who did that."

How could this be a friend I wanted to myself?

I also remember sitting in the lobby of the Kimbrough Building thinking.

I overheard a group of students talking about the events of the day and giving their opinions.

I remember one lady saying, "Those damn Muslims better not leave their houses if they know what is good for them."

I was shocked and scared at the same time.

It did not hit me until that moment what the level of anger was.

I had secluded myself from the Muslims who had done the horrible

act, but everyone else had put the blame on all Muslims.

For the rest of my life, I will be tortured for who I am.

In the past, I had a fear of belonging.

I felt that I would never fit in either culture.

I knew that my American culture would hate my Iranian culture.

Until the Sept. 11 incident, I thought I had been able to belong to my American culture better.

Now I am not sure.

I feel very much American, but it's up to everyone else whether they want to accept me or not.

I have always tried to bring the best of my cultures together.

I have tried to show my American friends parts of my culture, so that they would understand me better.

At the moment, I can only hope that everyone will accept me for who they know I am.

The events of Sept. 11 will be a scar that will always be there as a reminder.

Americans will always remember. I will always remember.

Not all people of Muslim faith are the same.

I am Muslim, but I also am American.

There are a few people who do things in the name of Islam, but that should not reflect on the rest of us.

I hope that we as Americans can give each other a chance before making our own judgment.

America is the melting pot of the world.

This country is made up of many races with unique religious beliefs.

That is supposed to make us strong because we have the resources to gain knowledge and co-exist in a world that is very diverse.

## Homecoming remains mystery for some APSU students

by AUDREY PARHAM  
Guest Columnist

So it's that time of the year again, fall is just approaching, and for most universities homecoming is right around the corner.

Homecoming is a time when school spirit shows its face through football games, floats, and parades.

Being a student at Austin Peay, my mission is to find out if students on this campus are excited about homecoming or if they are walking around unaware of this annual event.

Broadcast major, Laura Sones' feelings about homecoming are positive. Sones said, "I look forward to homecoming every year. I enjoy the football games and love seeing all of the school spirit."

Freshman Nick Emerson was not fully aware of the homecoming activities. Emerson said, "students should have more information

about homecoming. I don't even know when it is."

Junior Lisa Houston has similar feelings. Houston said, "It's my first semester here, I'm not excited about homecoming. Maybe if it was better advertised I'd be more pumped up."

Other students made the point that they went to a smaller high school where homecoming was not a big deal, and therefore knew nothing about the multiple events that it offers.

So, what can campus officials do to inform more students about homecoming? Suggestions might include placing more fliers about the events homecoming offers or even have bigger tailgate parties to excite students about the games. If you would like to find out more information about homecoming and all of the events it offers, please contact the Office of Student Life at 221-7431.

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