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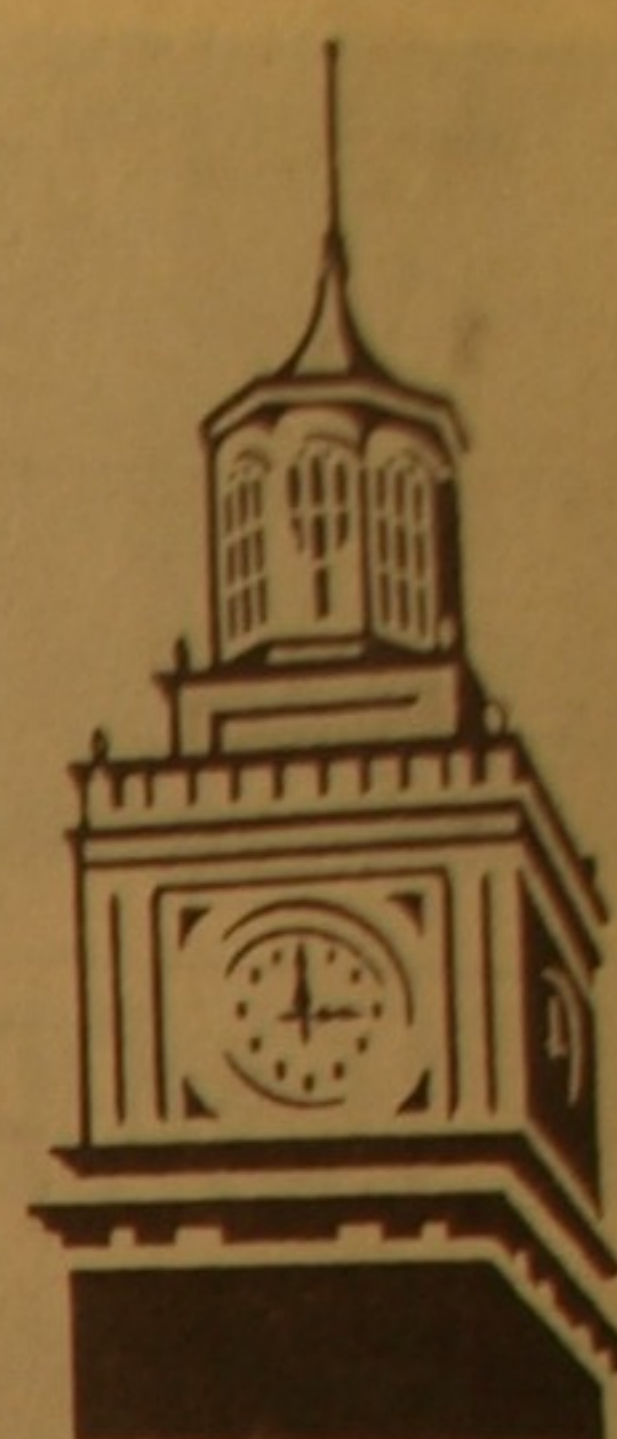
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APSU preparing for one card system

by Holli Froemming
editor in chief

Austin Peay State University is updating technology to stay competitive with other universities.

One of the steps in this process is installing a one-card system, a program already in place at other higher education institutions in Tennessee such as Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

This system would use student's ID cards to accomplish many things. For example, the card would be used in vending machines,

the bookstore, copy machines and for admission into computer labs and athletic events.

In addition, Andy Kean, director of student activities, says they are looking into the possibility of the card doubling as a calling card.

"We want to provide as many services as we can to students," he says.

Currently, to validate a student ID, the student has

to stand in line at the business office or office of student activities. After waiting in line, they receive a sticker for the back of the card.

With the one-card system, the magnetic strip will be connected to a computer and will work only if the ID is valid.

"It's a great benefit for students," says Kean. "No longer will they have to stand in line or fumble for change. Also, security-wise,

it's useful and convenient."

Currently, a student without a standard meal plan can put money on their ID card to use in the cafeteria and other food service areas on campus. This program will be expanded with the one-card system.

Students can put any amount of money on their card and it can be used all over campus. When the money is gone, the student can add more.

"It's like a debit card," says Sherry Hoppe, APSU interim president. "It will eliminate the need for stu-

dents to carry cash."

The only difference is there will be no pin number. Therefore, if the card is lost or stolen, the card can be used in vending machines.

However, Kean says the system can be accessed online and a student can cancel the use of their card at any time. In addition, the system will be able to track the card usage because it's all computerized.

"Students are always asking, 'Why don't we have this program that is at other universities?'" says Kean. "What other schools current-

ly have, this is it."

Most of the leg-work on the system is completed already, says Kean. The contract is bid and things are moving forward.

"We are working diligently so the system is working early in the spring," he says.

Despite all the efforts, however, certain components of the system will not be operational by then.

Kean says there are some issues the school has no control over. For example, hiring people to wire the build-

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Diversity addressed by campus seminar

by Holli Froemming
editor in chief

Austin Peay State University celebrates diversity through education.

A "Diversity Workshop" has been scheduled for Sept. 16 and will educate students, staff and faculty about diversity and how to honor and respect differences between people.

The workshop will be held in the Rev. Wilbur Nathan Daniel African American Cultural Center.

The center was rededicated last March to Rev. Daniel, who was the first African American to be admitted for study at Austin Peay.

The workshop is free of

charge and a lunch will be served to those who register for the event.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

You must register for the event by 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13.

For more information, or to register, call the Office of Multiethnic Services at 221-7004 or send a note to:

Multiethnic Services
APSU Box 4516.

You also may stop by Ellington, Suite 207.

Please specify if you prefer a vegetarian meal.

Student receives research fellowship

An Austin Peay State University student has been awarded the University of Tennessee Ronald McNair Post Baccalaureate Program Summer Fellowship.

Lakweshia Tibbs participated in an eight-week summer research internship.

Tibbs is majoring in social psychology and is president of the African American Student Association.

Tibbs worked with Dr. Suzanne Kurth in the sociology department.

Her research was entitled "The Break in Social (Interpersonal) Relation-

ships vs. Cellular Telephone Use.

The McNair Fellowship is awarded to academically promising students interested in completing the doctoral degree.

The McNair Achievement Program is a U.S. Department of Education TRIO-funded program designed to serve first generation, low income and under-represented college juniors and seniors.

The UTK McNair program, which began in 1990, is one of 160 in the nation.



Photo by Tammy Sparks

Employees work busily to build the carnival style tent, called "The Big Top" between the Harvill Cafeteria and the bookstore. The Big Top, which is currently being rebuilt, is used for overflow seating from the Grill and for activities put on by the office of student activities until the new University Center is built. The tent was paid for by Auxillary Services.

Black, Boone move to alumni development

Two appointments have been announced by Austin Peay State University's interim president, Dr. Sherry Hoppe.

Effective Sept. 11, Shelia Boone will be interim director of alumni relations and annual giving and Dorosia Black will be director of resource development for alumni and development.

"We are pleased to welcome Dorosia and Shelia," says Roy Gregory, interim executive director for development and alumni. "Both bring expertise to our area that will assist us in day-to-day operations, as well as in preparation for Austin Peay's 75th anniversary."

Currently, Boone is manager of special events for the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts where she has served since 1981. Prior to that, she was secretary to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and secretary to the director of public information/sports information.

She earned her bachelor's degree from APSU in 1971.

Black earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from APSU. She has been director of enrollment services at the Austin Peay Center at Fort Campbell since 1997.

Beginning in 1994, she was assistant director of records and registration.

Memorial scholarship in place for disabled students

by Jerome Parchman
senior staff writer

The first private scholarship for a student with a disability has been established.

The Cameron Ford Watts Memorial Scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Rip Watts, in memory of their son who died in 1993.

"We wanted to do something to keep our son's memory alive and to do something for other kids," says Watts.

For the past four years the Watts family has sponsored a golf tournament that has helped raise money for the scholarship.

"We have a lot of family and friends donate for the scholarship," says Watts.

"Many times students who come to a university with a particular disability may not receive enough financial aid to assist them in getting some of the things they really need for college," says Beulah Oldham, director of disability services.

The scholarship will help students purchase books, buy gas, lunch and to help purchase assistive technology equipment in order to enhance learning, says Oldham.

Currently \$25,000 has been raised for the memorial fund. The interest from the fund will be used to award a \$1,000 scholarship annually. As the endowment continues to grow, the amount of the scholarship will increase. To apply for this scholarship, contact the Office of Disability Services in Clement 140. The application deadline is Sept. 15, 2000.

Depression plagues many students free counseling is available

We all feel depressed at some point in our lives.

Moving away from home for the first time can be a strain on some students.

People of all races, religions and backgrounds can

be troubled with symptoms such as persistent sadness, feelings of hopelessness or worthlessness, sleep disturbances, fatigue, change in appetite or loss of interest in ordinary activities.

If these symptoms persist for two years or more, a person may be suffering from chronic major depression, which affects 14 million Americans.

More than 46 million

Americans suffer from depressive episodes annually. It is estimated that depression costs the United States economy \$53 billion each year.

If you or someone you

know suffers from chronic major depression, talk to your doctor about what treatment options are available or visit the campus counseling center.

APSU offers free counsel-

ing to students suffering from depression and other emotional disorders. The counseling center is located in Ellington 222. To get more information or to make an appointment, call 221-6162.

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APSU Scoop

Wednesday, Sept. 6

•Chi Epsilon Mu (Chemistry Club) will have an interest meeting for prospective and returning members at 5 p.m. in McCord 101. They will serve free pizza. For more information, contact Kristy Pickett at 221-5009.

Thursday, Sept. 7

•This is the first day of the following classes offered through the Institute for Learning in Retirement. Both classes will meet on Thursdays from 1-2:30 p.m. For more information, or to register for either course, call 221-7817.

•"Great Decisions Discussions Group." Fee: members, \$16 text fee; non-members, \$76, including text.

•"Calligraphy for Beginners." Fee: members, free; non-members, \$23.

•The first day of class titled "Watercolor I." This class is offered through the Office of Extended Education. The course fee is \$104. The class will meet on Thursdays from 6-8:15 p.m. For more information or to register for this class, call 221-7816.

•Students for Civil Liberties will have their first meeting to discuss plans for the semester. All students are invited to attend the meeting at 5 p.m. in Clement 133.

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

Monday, Sept. 11

•Monday Night Football will be shown in the Red Barn Cyber Lounge. The event is free to all APSU students. The game starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call the University Programs Council at 221-5431.

•The first day of class titled "Microsoft Office 2000." This class is offered through the Office of Extended Education. The course fee is \$112, including text book and lab fee. The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. For more information or to register for this class, call 221-7816.

•Austin Peay State University faculty Jean Ferraraccio, soprano, and Jeffrey Wood, pianist, will perform French vocal and piano works in a recital at 7:30 p.m. in the concert theatre of the Music/Mass Communication Building. The recital is free and open to the public. It is presented by the APSU department of music and Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts. For more information, call 221-7818.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

•The first day of class for the course titled "Study Group: Literature." This class is offered through the

Institute for Learning in Retirement. The course is free for members and is \$30 for non-members. The class will meet on Tuesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. For more information or to register for this class, call 221-7817.

•This is the first day of class for the following courses, offered through the Office of Extended Education. To register for either course, or for more information, call 221-7816.

•"Basic Spanish I." The course fee is \$150, including text book and lab fee. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m.

•"Advanced Darkroom Procedure." The course fee is \$104. The class will meet on Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m.

•"Women in Investing" is a one-day course with a fee of \$10. The class will meet from 6-7:30 p.m.

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

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

The All State
APSU Scoop
P.O. Box 8334.

Information for events taking place Sept. 13-19 must be received by Sept. 8.

The APSU Scoop is a free service provided by The All State for campus events.

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ings and making sure the vending machines are compatible with this system.

Kean is planning a big event in the spring to let students know about the program and to take pictures for the new ID cards.

The money for the project will come from money given by the Tennessee Board of Regents and possibly from some Student Government Association funds that have carried over.

This will be decided once SGA is reorganized.

General Campus Job Advertisement

Job Title: Monitor for Computer Lab

Office: Chemistry

Approximate number of hours per week: up to 30 for both fall and spring semesters.

Qualifications: Must have at least one year of chemistry, be able to work well with students and faculty, able to accept responsibility and willing to work with or without supervision. Must be proficient in word processing, use of spreadsheets and graphical programs and trouble-shooting PCs.

Duties and Responsibilities: To help students in the lab and to assure no equipment or supplies leave the computer labs (McCord 115A and 117).

To apply for any general campus job, obtain a referral slip from the Student Financial Aid Office.

Now Hiring

Custodial Foreman - Physical Plant. Regular full-time position (on campus search - only regular employees may apply). High school graduate or equivalent and two years of custodial experience required. Must be able to work overtime and weekends as needed. A background check will be required for the successful applicant. Submit APSU application to Austin Peay State University, Human Resources Office, P.O. Box 4507, Clarksville, TN 37044, (931) 221-7177, Fax (931) 221-6345. Application deadline: Sept. 8, 2000. See the APSU Home Page at <http://www.apsu.edu/hrhomepage> for other employment opportunities and information on employee benefits. Minorities, women and members of other protected groups are encouraged to apply. APSU is an AA/EOE.

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All applicants applying for clerical and secretarial positions requiring a typing test must contact the career center at 648-5530 to set up an appointment for testing. Applicants should apply to Human Resources before the deadline date.

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Lady Govs sweep fall tournament

by Holli Froemming
editor-in-chief

The Lady Govs volleyball team comes away from the 2000 Days Inn/Lady Govs Fall Classic Tournament undefeated.

The two day tournament included teams from four schools, including Christian Brothers, College of Charleston and Belmont University.

Austin Peay State University's Amy Walk, a freshman from Neoga, Ill. had the highest hitting percentage with 47-percent, including 23 kills.

APSU's Annie Glierber, a senior from Brookfield, Wisc., placed second in hits.

In addition she placed sec-

ond in per-game assists.

Glierber achieved a place on last year's Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll. Placement on this honor roll requires a minimum 3.25 GPA and the completion of at least 12 hours each semester.

College of Charleston came in second in the tournament with two wins and one loss; Christian Brothers lost two for their one win and Belmont came away defeated on all counts.

The tournament was held in the Dunn Center on Sept. 1 and 2.

Last year, under the direction of Head Coach Cheryl Holt, the Lady Govs finished the season with 23 wins,

including 13 conference wins and 11 losses.

Holt is currently in her 19th season as coach and says part of her success at Austin Peay is due to Assistant Coach Melissa Luckey.

Luckey played two years under Holt and is in her eighth year as assistant coach.

The Lady Govs enter the season with four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and three freshman.

Holt says ten of the twelve players are evenly matched in skill level, whereas in years past, only six have been quality starters.



The Lady Govs defeat the Belmont Bruins in straight sets.

Photo by Tammy Sparks

Govs take third in cross country

Both Austin Peay State University cross country teams finished third in the five-team APSU invitational held Friday afternoon at the Three-Par Golf Course at Fort Campbell.

The Lady Govs (53 points) finished behind Tennessee Tech (24) and Tennessee State (47).

Middle Tennessee State University was fourth and Cumberland fifth.

Sophomores Sheena Gooding and Elisa Thomas led the Lady Govs with fifth and eighth place finishes, respectively.

"I am happy the top five runners did well," APSU head coach Elvis Forde said.

"But we have a lot of work ahead of us."

In the men's event, MTSU (21 points) placed first with Tennessee Tech (37) second and APSU third (82). Cumberland (112) and TSU (146) followed.

Jeremy Downes was APSU's top finisher in eighth place while Daniel

Watson ended 15th.

"I think the men ran reasonably well but like the women they have a lot of work ahead of them," Forde says. "It is good to get the first meet over with and we are looking forward to Alabama-Huntsville (next weekend)."

Governors drop season opener to Cumberland, lose QB Baker

Austin Peay State University's football team suffered a double dose of defeat Thursday night in Lebanon.

Austin Peay, plagued by four turnovers, dropped a 7-3 season-opening decision to Cumberland, Thursday night, in Lebanon.

However, the defeat also saw the Governors lose record-setting quarterback Brian Baker, who injured his throwing shoulder on the fourth play of the second quarter.

He sat out the game's remainder. APSU medical personnel are determining the severity of the injury.

His loss overshadowed a tremendous defensive effort by the governors, who allowed just 250 yards in total offense to the Bulldogs, despite being on the field for

nearly 34.5 minutes.

APSU held Cumberland scoreless until the 10:34 mark of the fourth quarter.

APSU could only answer with a field goal with 3:50 left in the game.

Redshirt freshman Justin Deardorf nailed a 32 yarder on his first collegiate attempt.

Junior running back Rory Gibbs helped pick up some of the offensive slack, gaining 85 yards on 19 carries, helping set up APSU's only score.

Defensively, inside linebacker Dustin Wilson was credited with 12 tackles while strong safety Shelton

Walker added eight.

Freshman linebacker Bryan Johnson was credited with a quarterback sack and a fumble recovery, which set up APSU's scoring drive.

"I was really pleased with our defensive effort," says APSU coach Bill Schmitz.

"We wanted to be more physical this year and I think we showed we are."

"It was really tough losing Brian, someone who has been getting 80-percent of the reps in practice and replacing him with someone (Matt Schmitz) who had only been getting about 15-percent."

Baker's injury came on a

run out of the pocket.

He collided with linebacker Kenneth Nevels, who also had to leave the game and later had to be taken to the hospital for precautionary reasons.

Presidential Research Scholars Competition Announcement

The Presidential Research Scholars competition is open to undergraduate students in biology, chemistry, geology/geography, math/computer science, physics and psychology.

Applicants must identify a faculty member who agrees to serve as mentor/collaborator for the proposed research project. There is a limit of one student application per faculty/mentor.

Awards will be based on a competitive proposal prepared jointly by the applicant scholar and his/her faculty mentor.

Students may apply for awards at \$3000 or \$1500 levels.

Interested students should contact faculty mentors no to start planning research projects; or if help is need in identifying potential mentors, contact a member of the Steering Committee:

Dr. Don Dailey, biology; Dr. Daniel Frederick, geology/geography; Dr. Todd Lafrenz, chemistry; Dr. David Menser, math/computer science; Dr. Nanci Woods, psychology; Dr. Pei Xiong-Skiba, physics.

Proposal Guidelines will be available in the office of grants and sponsored programs on Sept. 13. The deadline for submission of proposals is Nov. 7, and awards will be announced no later than Nov. 29.

For more information, contact the office of grants and sponsored programs at 221-7881 or send e-mail to grants@apsu.edu.

Important

Interested in volunteering to serve on one of the five Student Government committees for the 200-2001 year?

Committees include: Advocacy, Allocations, Governance Design, Judicial and Programming.

Plan to attend one of the following meetings:

**Thursday, September 7, 2000, 2 pm - 3 pm,
Kimbrough 119 (Gentry Auditorium)**

**Friday, September 8, 2000 12 noon - 1 pm,
White House on Drane Street.**

If you cannot attend but are interested in volunteering, call Student Life (or Activities) at 221-7431 or Student Affairs at 221-7341

Important

General Campus Job Advertisement

Job Title: Student Assistant

Office: Disability Services

Approximate number of hours per week: Time determined by student request.

Qualifications: Must be reliable and dependable. Have good communication and writing skills.

Duties and Responsibilities: Able to work with students with disabilities.

To apply for any general campus job, obtain a referral slip from the Student Financial Aid Office.

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Riverfest returns to Clarksville

by Tiffanie Cohoon
features editor

If you're tired of always wondering how you're going to entertain yourself night after night, look no further.

Coming Sept. 8-10, the yearly RiverFest celebration is back at the regular site, McGregor Park and the Clarksville River Walk.

There is a variety of activities and exhibits for people of all ages to encounter. From arts and crafts, a float parade, festival concessions, games, children's area, karaoke, a fireworks display and live music on four different stages, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Among the talent performing during these three days are

country swing band Confederate Railroad, and female harmony group Nobodys Angels, who recently toured with Britney Spears.

Also appearing are the Tashians, who have opened for the Beatles and appeared on the Grand Ole Opry; and dance group Schrodinger's Cat, who are similar to the style of Stomp and blues guitarist Terry Goose Downing.

Also performing are various choirs, high school bands and dance groups, including Lil' Mexico International Group, Tropical Island Dancing Group and the Filipino International Group.

"Last year we had a great turnout of about 25,000 people.

This year we hope that more of the community will come out and support this wonderful city," says Missy Wooten, communication specialist for Clarksville.

So don't let the hot temperatures keep you from one of the biggest celebrations of the year.

No outside food or drink is permitted inside, so be sure to eat before you come or bring some cash to purchase something from one of the many vendors.

The three day festival starts on Friday, Sept. 8th. The gates open at 5 p.m. and admission is \$5. Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. is Free Super Family Saturday and after 5 p.m., the cost is \$5. Sunday, the gates will open at 11 a.m. and the festivities will conclude with a final concert that begins at 5 p.m.

There is also the option of purchasing a three-day admission pin. The pins cost \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Pins are available for purchase at all participating Texaco Food Stores.

For more information about Riverfest, call 645-7476 or visit the Web site at www.clarksvilleriverfest.com.

Graduate degree pays off

Andrea Batson's day begins with a chorus of affectionate greetings. "Hi, Sweetie," "Good morning, honey," "How are you, child?"

She returns the greetings with equal affection.

As director of social services for Spring Meadows Health Care Center, a position she's held since her graduation from Austin Peay State University in 1994, Batson has developed strong bonds with the 80-something residents under her care.

"I love the people I work with. I've learned a lot from them," she says.

Batson is one of thousands of people now working with America's burgeoning over-65 population. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number

of seniors is expected to increase by 31.9 percent by 2015, which means the demand for knowledge in age-related issues will reach critical levels in the next decade.

To meet that demand, APSU now offers a master's degree specialization in gerontology, the study of aging.

"This program is ideal for students with a bachelor's degree in health care administration or management, psychology, social work or sociology who want to prepare for a career working with older people," says Dr.

Parris Watts, dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

Some gerontologists offer direct services in the form of counseling, therapy or case management, as Batson does.

Others design and implement programs, oversee the operation of organizations, or work

in marketing and product development.

"A person with a master's specialization in gerontology could become an administrator for a nursing home, an assisted living facility or a hospital geron-

tology unit," Watts says. "They might oversee a senior citizen group, or operate an adult day-care facility. There's a broad range of careers in the field."

In addition to an array of career options, graduates of gerontological programs can look forward to a high level of job satisfaction. Eighty-four percent of the professionals in age-related careers plan to continue their employment in the field.

"I get satisfaction from knowing that I'm not just helping the people who become our residents, I'm helping their families live normal lives and have peace of mind," Batson says.

"Yes," she affirms, "I would choose this career again."

"I get satisfaction from knowing that... I'm helping their families live normal lives and have peace of mind"

Little pleasures fuel year-round romance

Any time of year can be the right time for a couple to plan a romantic getaway where they can remember and celebrate the things that brought them together.

If a getaway isn't in the cards, however, there are ways couples can set the stage at home to fall in love all over again.

Barbara De Angelis, author of the book *Passion*, offers suggestions of how couples can keep the fire of romance alive.

•Intimacy fuels passion. Take time for intimate conversation, intimate walks

and intimate moments together.

•Give your mate a 20-second kiss, three times a day.

•Look for what is lovable about your partner, rather than always focusing on what is wrong and irritating.

•Set up a "date" once a week, even if it's just for an hour - no kids, no television - just you and your sweetheart alone.

•Give your mate a long, tender hug; a simple embrace can often express more than conversation.

•Indulge in your passions - even the simplest ones.

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Student pleas for Christian's corner

It is so nice to see *The All State* grow. I know that it has grown a great deal in the past four years. I am so excited and pleased that you, as editor, are reaching out to the student body for ideas to try to make *The All State* more well-rounded and interesting for everyone.

I would like to work for this organization and contribute to it the religious views of the campus. I am a Christian and I know that there are many others like myself. I know of a few different religious organiza-

tions on campus and others, like myself, that are more involved in their particular church organization.

I believe that an added page or even column devoted strictly to religion would not only diversify the paper, but increase the circulation of it throughout the campus.

I am also aware that there are more religions than Christianity. I am not extremely familiar with them and do not agree with them, but if you would like to reach everyone, reach out to these religious communities on campus and see if they would like their own column.

To tell you a little about myself, I am a 22-year-old single mother. My daughter will be 2 in October. I am a junior with a double major in marketing and finance and a minor in broadcast media. I attend Amazing Grace Apostolic Church and I have been saved or born again for a little more than a year. The story of my life is a testimony to the greatness of Jesus Christ and I would love to share it with others and to hear the testimonies of others. That is why I would like to write a "Christian's Corner" or "Testimony" section in this publication.

Thank you for your time

and consideration and may God bless you.

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Knowledge of other religions should be persued

Mat LaVigne
opinion editor

It is unfeasible for *The All State* to devote an entire page to Christianity or to religion in general. This editor personally does not think that there should be a column devoted to religion either, but that is yet to be decided.

All religions are valid because, when it comes down to it, religion is a matter of values and opinions. Therefore they are neither right nor wrong.

It would be a good idea for everyone to study and get a better understanding of other religions before we deem them wrong or invalid. We need to get a better understanding of other people and their cultures that may differ from our own. Then maybe we can realize they are not wrong because they are different. In all actuality, people of different religions are very similar.

They believe just as strongly in their religion as you do about yours.

I know some people will disagree adamantly. They'll say, "My religion isn't something I do on Sundays, it is my entire life." That's fine if it is what is right for you. They'll also say "Well, there is a supreme right and a supreme wrong. My religion isn't opinion, it's right." It is egotistical to think like this.

People of other religions are only doing what is right for them. What is right to you and what is right to them is once again a matter of opinion.

Yes, this is an opinion page and everyone has the right to their own opinion. I encourage you to write in and have your opinion printed. In doing so, however, realize that not everyone is going to agree with you, including me, and they have that right not to. Be prepared to have your opinion challenged. The point of an opinion page is to provide a forum for discussion of issues. This isn't kindergarten anymore. Not everyone is going to play nice, nor do they have to. Personal attacks, however, will not be printed.

Contrary to popular belief, even the belief of myself sometimes, this is

still a newspaper. It is our job to print the news and opinions correlating with the news. It is, in my opinion, that religion (either promoting or Challenging) is appropriate in a paper when it has context with social or political issues. Even though a newspaper should be a tool of the people, I also believe that it should not be used as a pulpit. That is what religious publications are for.

Question of the Week

How do you feel about same sex marriages? Should they be recognized or not? Do people in same sex marriages deserve health care benefits?

Let us know by sending your response to:

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Question of the Week
P.O. Box 8334

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

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

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Workers need to respect campus

Holli Froemming
Editor-in-chief

I don't mind the construction so much.

Sure, it's inconvenient and loud, but I can see past all that to a new place for students to congregate. I used to work for student activities so I realize the importance and necessity of this new University Center.

I do, however, feel the construction workers, not all, but some, need to respect this campus more than they

apparently do.

As I was walking from Miller Hall to the post office the other day, I saw a construction worker get into his recent-model truck, the vehicle of choice for many. He proceeded to dump out a soda that had been sitting inside getting hot and then threw the styrofoam container onto the ground.

I couldn't help the look of disgust that crossed over my face.

It made me so angry. To

know this man had more respect for the inside of his truck than he did for the Earth.

It is not hard to put garbage into a receptacle; nor is it difficult to purchase recyclable materials and then recycle them.

I'm not a "tree-hugger," but I do think we all have a part to play in keeping the environment as clean as we can.

The action showed a complete lack of respect for the

university, the students and not to mention the earth.

Next time, Mr. construction worker, before you throw your trash onto the ground, remember who is paying for you to be here and why you are here.

Finally, if you're going to continue to litter, at least try to make sure that no Earth-sympathetic young adult has to watch your terrible act of violence against the earth.



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