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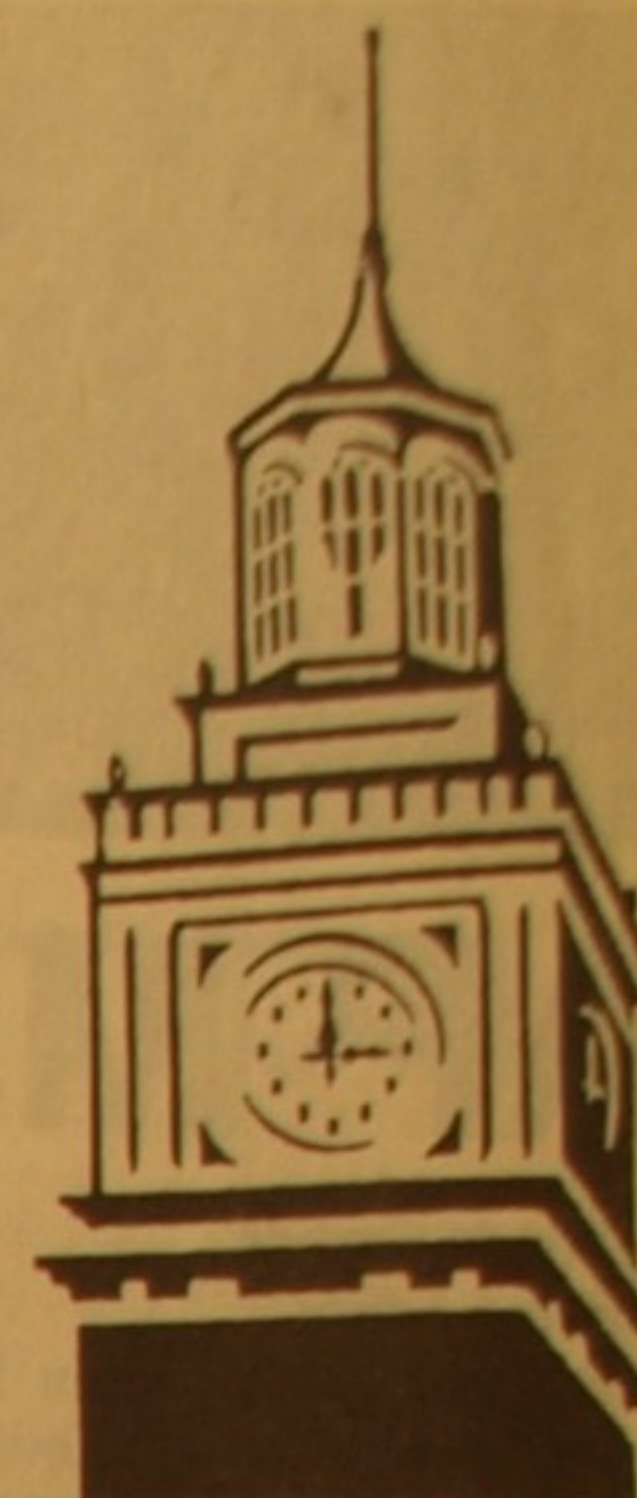
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Students call for tax reform today at Capitol

By Johnny Sparks
editor in chief

College students from across Tennessee will converge on the State Capitol today at noon, calling for lawmakers to reform the state's tax system and increase funding for higher education.

University officials and student leaders also have called an emergency town meeting at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow, in the

concert hall of the music/mass communication building, to kick off the *Students First* campaign push for tax reform in Tennessee.

Gov. Don Sundquist called a special session of the Tennessee State Legislature last week to address the state's budget crisis.

"It's in the students' best interests, regardless of their beliefs on the tax issue, to attend both of these events,"

Student Government Association President Michael Wall said.

"This is our chance to speak out. We are voters.

"The legislators say that all they hear is how much Tennesseans don't want tax reform. This our chance to say we do."

According to the State's own budgeting models, Austin Peay State University's annual funding is \$3.8 million lower than it

should be.

Without action in the called Special Session of the State Legislature, this already underfunded budget could get further cut by 1.5 million next year, the model shows.

Bus transportation will be provided by the Students First campaign for students interested in rallying at the State Capitol.

At tomorrow's town meeting,

the Students First campaign will kick off with a tax reform information session, including a drive for voter registration.

"We want your voice to be heard loud and clear at the next election," Wall said. "No matter what the outcome of this situation is, if you're not a registered voter, we want to change that."

Students could be returning to school next semester facing a

double-digit tuition increase similar to the 15 percent increase imposed at the University of Tennessee campuses this year.

"We're going to say, 'here is what you can do' to the Austin Peay community and especially students," Wall said. "We will provide postcards for you to send to your state representatives, email addresses and phone numbers."

"This is a genuine crisis."

Cadets compete in Ranger Challenge

By Mike Warren
senior staff writer

Faces painted like warriors on the warpath, ROTC Governor Guard cadets leaped into four UH-60 Blackhawks and flew in style to Fort Knox for the annual Ranger Challenge competition. The Blackhawks from the 8/101st out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky landed in front of the Dunn Center at about 1:45 in the afternoon on Oct. 21 and lifted off a few hours later with their precious cargo. The pilots gave the cadets a taste of their aviation talents, enhancing the cadets' military experience and giving them a thrill ride that would surpass any roller coaster.

"It's cool," Cadet Clifton Causey said of the opportunity to ride first-class on board the Army's premier helicopter, instead of cramped in a van like they did the year before. Charlie McKinney, a veteran Blackhawk commuter, said, "This is great. I'm really going to enjoy the ride." Better than getting packed into a van and driven for three hours over the bumpy Kentucky highway! The cadets of Austin Peay's ROTC battalion would agree these fearsome competitors had earned their right to arrive in heroic fashion.

For the past ten weeks, since this semester started, these 22 cadets have been involved in a series of rigorous training events geared toward making them the number-one team in the nation. From



photo by Greg Parker

events like rifle marksmanship to building a rope bridge, these cadets have labored for hours, honing their skills until they act by pure instinct. These young Governor's Guard cadets have already proved themselves by winning first place at regional competition held at Fort Campbell between five schools in their brigade. They won with ease. Now it was time for the big

show.

Can you imagine the look on the faces of the competitors when they saw APSU cadets vault out of those Blackhawks? With mouths opened wide, they must have wiped the sweat from their foreheads as they trembled in their boots, knowing the following day's competition would not be easy as they hoped.

Charities encourage participation in Board of Regents' campaign

By T.J. Lusk
guest writer

Austin Peay's annual Tennessee Board of Regents Employee Giving Campaign is fast approaching, and organizers are depending on high participation from both

students and faculty to reach this year's goal of \$25,000.

Proceeds from the Nov. 4 campaign will be distributed among the local chapters of 18 different charities, with donors having the option of giving to the charities of their choice.

The United Way, Child Abuse Prevention of Tennessee, the March of Dimes, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the United Negro College Fund are just a few of the selected charities, all of which serve the Clarksville area.

While the \$25,000 goal is ambitious, Campaign Committee member Dr. David Kanervo said that the mark is reachable with the right amount of cooperation.

"We're hoping for very strong See Charity on the 2nd front

Student investigates crime and procedures on AP campus

By Astrid Barber
news editor

If you feel safe on the Austin Peay State University campus, you may not have read the crime report yet, which indicates the presence of several kinds of criminal behavior.

Last year, APSU campus police reported a number of incidents identified as crime, including rape, robbery, assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft.

The statistics indicate that burglary, at a rate of 18, is a major problem, beating motor vehicle theft and assault, which were reported at a rate of two. Sex offenses and robbery, on the other hand, are both reported at a rate of one.

In 1997, however, the

numbers were almost twice as high in each individual category, excluding robbery, which was reported at a rate of zero.

While the declining rates in 1998 give reason to think there is an improvement of the crime situation on campus, the statistics of 1996 prove this idea wrong. All rates were reported at zero in 1996, except for burglary, which was alarmingly high at 39.

Therefore, the statistics indicate fluctuations of the APSU crime curve, as the rates decrease in one year, and then increase again in the following year.

So what does all this mean to you? The APSU campus is a rather safe one in spite of the reported crimes, but especially

in comparison to other universities in Tennessee. According to Douglas A. Neely, director of campus police, the APSU campus is the second safest in the state. This may be related to the small size of Austin Peay.

However, this should not lead to a feeling of complacency. Austin Peay students are not immune to crime happening to them.

Crime prevention measures should be practiced by every student to ensure and improve everyone's safety. Moreover, all students need to be prepared for the appropriate action to take in the event of a crime.

APSU's campus police and Student Affairs office offer various events and activities to

promote crime prevention on campus. The best known examples are Operation I.D. and assault awareness presentations.

While Operation I.D. aims to prevent burglary by engraving identification numbers on valuable items, the assault awareness presentations advise students on methods of crime prevention.

"We do everything we can to promote crime prevention," Neely said. "We have not had any big crimes in the last two years."

Due to the frequency of fights at the dorms, campus police work with all student organizations, resident assistants and dorm residents in order to improve or even eliminate this problem.

Another factor of concern this semester is the construction all over campus, which creates ample opportunities for many sorts of crime, especially at night.

"I look for any kind of suspicious activity, like someone looking into vehicles or hiding behind trees," said APSU Campus Police Officer Scott about his nightly patrolling habits. "Speeding and running stop signs are also two alarming behaviors."

While Scott warns of leaving any valuable items in vehicles, he also reminds of the importance to secure windows and doors properly. Not only the lecture buildings are prone to burglary, but the dorms and family housing on campus as

well.

Any suspicious activity should immediately be reported to campus police.

The construction keeps many students from moving across campus at night due to the lack of light and the torn sidewalks. Dorm residents especially regard the campus as very dangerous.

"I really don't want to walk across campus all by myself when it gets dark," says Christa Hampton, 19, who is an APSU sophomore living in Sevier Hall. "Anybody could hide behind the construction vehicles, and no one could even see if there is anything happening. It is creepy out there."

Not only dorm residents See Crime on 2nd Front

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AP Magazine expands broadcast format

By Astrid Barber
features editor

AP Magazine, Austin Peay State University's television show, begins a 24-hour broadcasting schedule next semester.

A new computerized video editing system and a new philosophy aiming at more professionalism pave the way for the planned expansion. The new Austin Peay Television Channel (APTV) has grown from the original 30-minute AP Magazine show.

On campus, APTV will be available on Channel 72, while Charter Communications will continue to air AP Magazine on Channel 3.

Matt Nagel, executive pro-

ducer of AP Magazine and graduate assistant to the Director of Television Studies, Dr. Yvonne Prather, wants to offer the Austin Peay community more coverage of interesting and controversial topics with the new programming.

While the staff consists of 18-25 APSU students during the regular semester, the new spring schedule creates a need for more people.

"We are always looking for new students interested in working with us," said Nagel. "Anyone with experience or willing to learn is welcome."

AP Magazine currently airs four times a week: Mon., 2 p.m., Wed., 8 p.m., Thurs., 11:30 a.m. and Fri., 1 p.m.



(Right) Broadcasting students at work in the AP Magazine studio. (Left) Students working the editing room.



Lowboy rocks at the Warehouse



Photo by Astrid Barber
Scott Trotter, lead singer for Lowboy, and Charlie Grubbs, drummer, perform at the Warehouse.

'Of Mice and Men' plays at Roxy

By Patty Holliday
staff writer

"Of Mice and Men," the Steinbeck classic, runs at the Roxy Regional Theatre from Oct. 21 through Nov. 6.

The production features a professional cast drawn from around the country.

John McDonald, director, generates impressive performances from skilled actors Michael Bradecich and Josh

Ford.

The cast helps the audience feel the pain and camaraderie of the protagonists Lenny and George.

"Michael is incredible," said APSU freshman Jessica Holley. "I am so impressed with the way he is maintaining the character of someone who is supposed to be a little retarded or slow."

The supporting cast featured Mark Allan Jeter as Slim and

Margaret Ellerston as Curly's wife, who both offered outstanding performances.

Tom Thayer designed the realistic and versatile set to accommodate the scene changes on a small stage. This creates a perfect backdrop for the action of the migrant workers and their trials.

The men's bunkhouse makes up the main component and swivels around using all sides of

the set for other scenes.

"The small stage doesn't give the director much room to create a big set," said APSU freshman Leah Pineault. "But the rotating bunkhouse was extremely effective."

Expect

big laughs

at 'Blue Streak'

By Robbie Blue
movie critic

"Blue Streak" features Martin Lawrence as jewel thief Miles Logan, who was caught by police while fleeing an after-hours bank robbery with a priceless blue diamond.

Logan hid the jewel in an air duct of a neighboring construction site before the police caught and arrested him.

After being released from prison three years later, he returned to the site to reclaim the gem, only to discover the site had become the home of

the LAPD.

Now Logan must impersonate a detective in order to retrieve the diamond without gaining too much attention. Luke Wilson plays his inexperienced but extremely thorough partner, Detective M. Carlson.

Filled with laughs generated by the high-energy Lawrence, "Blue Streak" appropriately supplies the audience with a needed change from the season of demons, ghouls and goblins.

A little like "Rush Hour" and a lot like "Beverly Hills Cop,"

"Blue Streak" certainly does not qualify as a mushy emotional drama or sci-fi thriller.

Martin Lawrence makes the character, Logan, his first leading role, believable and extremely funny. He also proves he can hang with the other big comedic names.

All in all, it provides your money's worth, in a feel-good movie that leaves the audience laughing a "blue streak."

Weekly Events

Art at Trahern:

Polly Holt's sculpture exhibit runs through Nov. 14

Theatre Workshop at Trahern- Nov. 6

New York talent agent Phil Adelman will host "Response to Audition Material" at 10 a.m. and "Agents and Auditions" at 1 p.m.

Seminar- Nov. 6

"How to give a great backrub," 9-11 a.m. at Hopkinsville Community College. \$19. Call (270) 885-3921, ext. 6201

Fall Canoe- Nov. 6

Honker Lake 1-3:30 p.m. \$20. Full deposit required. RSVP at (270) 924-2020

Motocross Race- Nov. 7

Fort Campbell, starts 9 a.m. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. \$1 admission. Call 906-5589 or 647-0051

Irish Dance

Offered by APSU Community School Of the Arts, runs through Dec. 7. \$85. Call 221-7508.

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Telecommunications connect campus

By Lindsay Chambers
features editor

With buildings going up and coming down on campus, signs of our university's growth can be seen everywhere. But as the APSU telecommunications department is quick to point out, some of the growth is not so easy to see.

"We've done a lot for people this year," said Mark Davis, APSU telecommunications manager. "A lot of people don't see that."

Some of the first telecommunications

improvements to affect campus have already been seen, such as a new long-distance carrier with lower long-distance rates, a caller ID on office telephones and the installation of additional outside emergency lines.

Among other improvements was the introduction of the University's new 221 prefix. All phone numbers within the system have been switched to this prefix, which leaves room for additional phone numbers. Increased telephone traffic has made it difficult for some to get an off-campus line; however,

additional outbound trunks are being installed to carry this traffic.

Perhaps the largest facet of the project is the installation of a second phone line in all on-campus apartments and residence halls. More than 200 rooms were completed this summer, and more have since been added. Five residence halls — Meacham, Harvill, Sevier, Blount and Miller — already have had additional phone lines installed.

Out of those halls, Davis said, only Blount and Miller have both lines currently operating. Other completed

buildings have not yet had their lines activated due to traffic concerns.

"The popularity of the newly installed lines and the traffic they generate caught us by surprise," said Davis, adding that APSU and BellSouth have given a high priority to the problem.

Davis said he expects the second line to primarily support the use of modems. "Students on the Internet create a big demand on phone traffic," he explained. "We're recommending that students use the second line for computers only."

He added that the new lines will not be

equipped with call waiting, a service currently enjoyed by students on existing campus phone lines. This means students using the Internet for research and communication will not be interrupted by incoming phone calls, as is currently the case.

Davis said it is difficult to estimate when installation in all residence halls will be complete. For now, the telecommunications department will continue to work as much as possible to improve the quality of life for the APSU community.

Second annual 'Chesspieces' show on campus

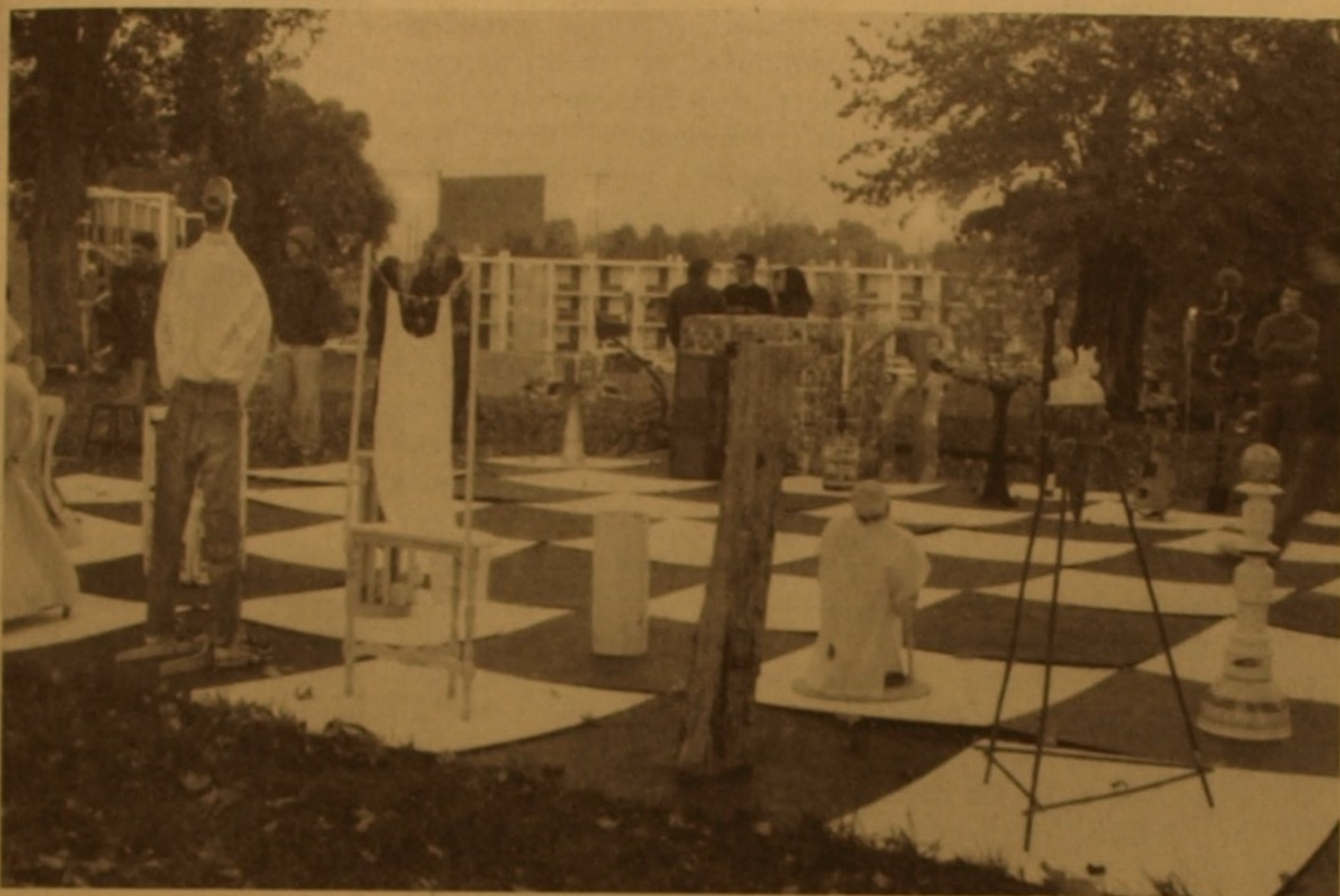


photo by Miranda Herrick

Students look on at APSU's second annual "Chesspieces" show, a tradition begun by art majors Chip Boles and Miranda Herrick. The exhibit, which took place earlier this month, featured large, moveable pieces created by students and faculty members.

Andean folk music ensemble to perform

The highly acclaimed Andean folk music ensemble "Andes Manta" will present a concert of its music at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, in the concert theatre of the music/mass communication building at Austin Peay State University, the second concert on this year's APSU/ Clarksville Community Concert Artist Series.

Admission is by series membership, and APSU students will be admitted free of charge upon presentation of a current Austin Peay identification card at the music ticket office.

The music ticket office will be open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 9 and 10 and again at 6:30 p.m. preceding the concert for student ticket pickup. Tickets also will be on sale at the music ticket office at 7:15 p.m. preceding the performance, at \$15 adults, \$7 students. All seats are reserved.

Recreating the haunting melodies of a civilization that is 60,000 years old, these Ecuadorean musicians present the sensual, pulsating rhythms of their homeland. Recalling the ancient culture of a people attuned to nature, strings, winds and percussion represent the rainfall of a humid jungle wilderness or imitate the wind piercing through the frozen peaks of the high Andes. Sometimes hypnotic and mystical, sometimes festive and uplifting, Andes Manta is always entertaining.

Renowned for its energy and captivating stage presence, Andes Manta also is recognized widely for its brilliance of musicianship. Members play more than 35 different instruments ranging from six-foot long panpipes and Andean flutes to goat toenail rattles and Spanish guitars. The group's dynamic performances have

brought audiences to their feet from Carnegie Hall to the Hudson Clearwater Revival.

In addition to performing at countless major universities and festivals, Andes Manta has been presented at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Smithsonian Institution and as guest artists with the Paul Winter Consort. The group's television and recording credits include the sound track for the Smithsonian Institution/Discovery Channel Special "Rediscovering Columbus" and the Simon and Schuster children's series on Latin American music.

Andes Manta's distinct traditional musical form expresses the richness of the group's culture and traditions. The group has journeyed from the Andes to bring North American audiences the exquisite sounds of its ancient and vital civilization.

Student group shares diversity

By S. Patrice Smith
guest writer

The office of MultiEthnic Services has established a new organization, UBUNTU, which is a first among universities.

UBUNTU was formed by Eleanor Graves, director of MultiEthnic Services, as a way of sharing information among cultures.

The organization met for the

second time recently. Members brought pictures of their families and told stories of their ancestry. Almost 20 people were present, which helped to provide an intimate yet engaging atmosphere as people looked at pictures and listened to each others' family histories.

After the sharing of photos, there was a speaker and a performance. Cynthia Michaels

spoke of her Hawaiian-Chinese ancestry, and presented a video of traditional Hawaiian dance. Zeineb Lebbabi spoke about her Moroccan heritage, and performed a traditional belly dance.

The next UBUNTU meeting is at 5 p.m., Dec. 2, in Miller 109, for those interested in sharing cultures and ideas.

Swift named new SBC director

Laurie Swift, a Clarksville business owner, has been named director of the Small Business Center (SBC), which operates under the Austin Peay State University Business and Community Solution Center. She began working Oct. 1.

Swift, a 1987 graduate of APSU, and her husband, Bruce, have owned Swift Cleaners since 1986. They expanded the business into fire and water damage restoration, grew to three locations in Clarksville and Montgomery County and computerized the business. The Swifts, with their two children, Chelsea, 9, and Mike, 7, live in Clarksville.

Since the Jan. 22 tornado, she also has served as disaster relief project manager at the North Tennessee Private Industry Council administering a temporary grant to aid the city, county and APSU, which has put 50 people back to work thus far.

"I look forward to working with existing and potential clientele for the Small Business

Center," she said. "I feel the time for small business growth has never been better in this market than it is right now, and I plan to work closely with the University and the Chamber of Commerce to reach the small business community with programs necessary for successful growth."

She previously has worked in real estate and has been working in areas of accounting, finance and small business development for the last 13 years. Swift may be contacted at (931) 221-1370.

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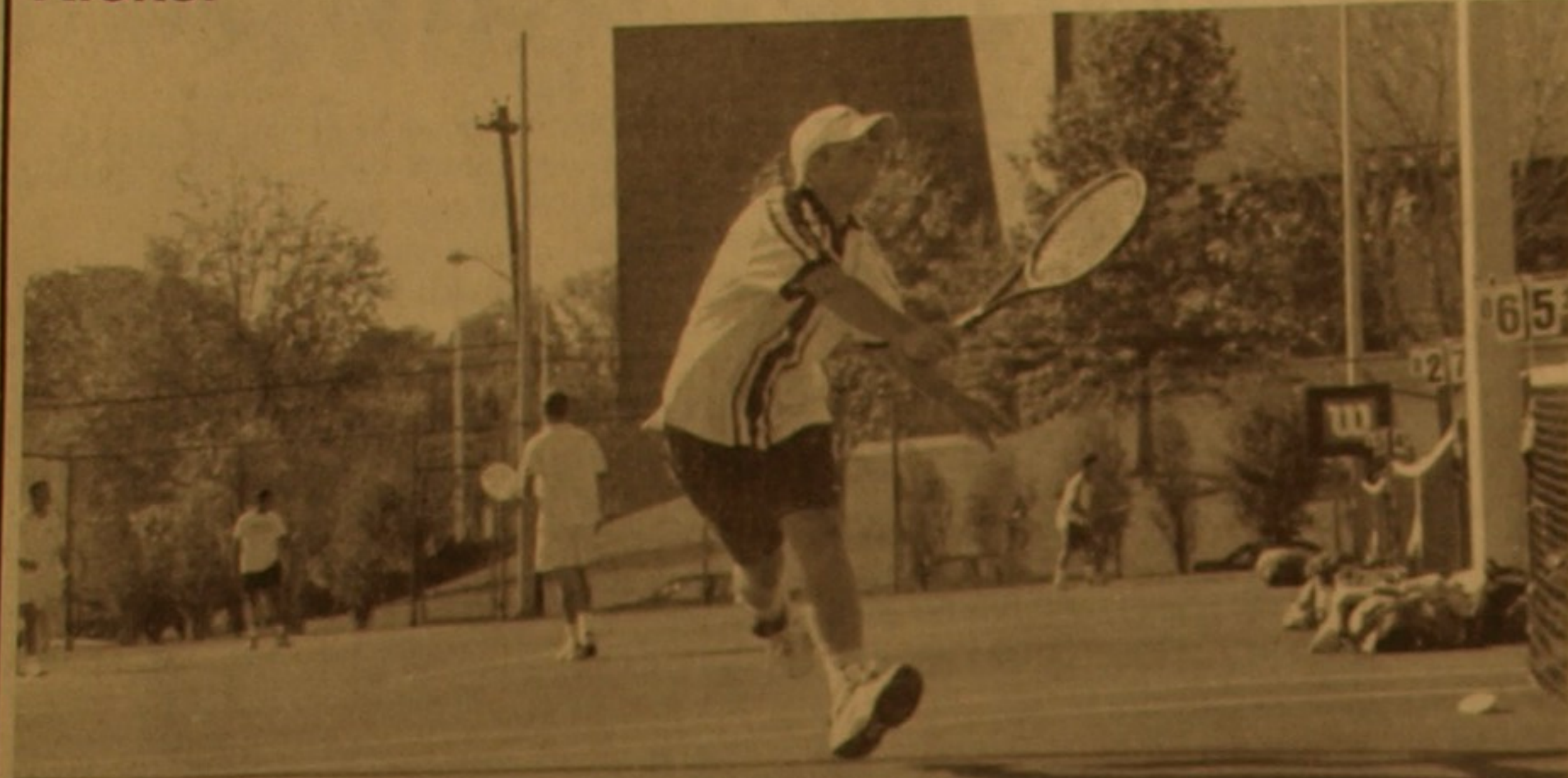
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Kicker

photo by Astrid Barber
Matt Gregory of the APSU tennis team prepares for competition.

Sports Roundup

Govs suffer letdown

By Justin Dickens
sports editor

Austin Peay State Governor's football team came up short this weekend at Morehead State 47-7. The Govs fell to 3-5 on the season.

The Govs cut the lead to 14-7 in the first quarter with a touchdown pass from Brian Baker to Ron Blair. Morehead State then scored the next 34 points.

"We played sixty minutes of poor football," Austin Peay coach Bill Schmitz said. "We can't let someone who's physical take us out of our game, and that's what happened."

Lady Govs win in OVC

Austin Peay State University's Lady Govs volleyball squad swept the winless Tennessee State Lady Tigers Thursday at the Dunn Center.

APSU allowed the Lady Tigers to hang around in a sloppy game one, but won 15-10.

The Lady Govs took charge and coasted to victory in games two and three, winning both 15-5.

The match gave APSU head coach Cheryl Holt to give her reserves playing time.

She cleared her bench midway through game two.

Freshman Kate Talley and sophomores Jennifer Babcock

and Amber Grundhoefer saw extensive action in the win.

The Lady Govs improved to 11-3 in the OVC and to 18-8 overall.

The game was their final conference-home match of the season.

The Lady Govs closed out their 1999 home schedule against Evansville Tuesday.

Bell player of week

Austin Peay safety Johnny Bell was named Defensive Player of the Week after intercepting three passes and recording seven tackles in leading Austin Peay to a win against Kentucky Wesleyan.

It was Bell's first game at free safety after moving from a starting cornerback spot.

Gov's Balance Beats Ranked Wesleyan

By Justin Dickens
sports editor

Balance is something that has been missing from Austin Peay State University's attack since the season opener.

When talented running back DeAunta McAfee suffered a season-ending knee injury against Cumberland, the offensive weight fell directly on sophomore quarterback Brian Baker's shoulders.

Baker has responded well with multiple 300-yard passing performances, but the Govs entered their homecoming game against Kentucky Wesleyan with a record of just 2-4.

It took Baker and a rediscovered running game plus an opportunistic defense to give the Govs only their second homecoming win in the 1990's, 38-28, last Saturday.

The Govs improved to 3-4 on the season, while Kentucky Wesleyan, ranked No. 1 among Division II non-scholarship teams, fell to 6-2.

The game was filled with back-and-forth scoring, but eventually, Austin Peay's balanced passing and rushing attacks proved to be too much for the Panthers. Sophomores Brian Baker, Rory Gibbs and Curt Askew led the Govs. Baker, the 6-5 quarterback, completed 19-30 passes for 247 yards and three touchdowns. Gibbs rushed only five times for 84 yards, and Askew, who came off the bench to relieve Gibbs, rushed 22 times for 124 yards.

"We were able to do it offensively the way we wanted to do it," Austin Peay coach Bill Schmitz said. "We wanted to throw early and loosen things up. It opened up things for our ground game. I was real happy with Rory (Gibbs) and Curt (Askew)."

Kentucky Wesleyan quarterback J.D. Meyers, who entered the game with only eight interceptions this year, threw six last Saturday against the Govs. Further, the Panthers entered the game with a +2.0

turnover margin. Saturday, KWC had seven turnovers and no takeaways.

"Our defense has gotten better and better each week," Schmitz said. "They are playing with confidence now."

The Govs offense seemed to be clicking from the outset, as Baker capped off a six-play, 56-yard drive with a 13-yard touchdown pass to David Sweetland with 12:36 remaining in the first quarter.

Austin Peay's success continued as their defense stepped up, intercepting Meyers on Wesleyan's first two possessions and holding the Panthers scoreless in the first quarter.

However, the Govs' offense failed to capitalize on the two early turnovers, and with 12:52 left in the second quarter, Meyers threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Corey Jordan. After a key unsportsmanlike conduct penalty following the touchdown, the point-after attempt failed and the Govs maintained a 7-6 lead.

"The only downside offensively was we were twice inside their 35-yard line in the first half and didn't come away with points," Schmitz said. "We missed a field goal and then we went for it on fourth down and didn't get it. It was a chance for us to knock them out early."

After Dustin Wilson intercepted Meyers on the next Panthers' possession, kicker Dustin Anderson made a 26-yard field goal to increase the Govs' lead to 10-6.

The APSU defense stopped the Panthers again, and the next series of plays turned out to be the turning point of the half. With 2:39 remaining, a 95-yard touchdown pass from Baker to Michael Farrell was called back due to a holding penalty. The Govs were then forced to punt.

The Panthers' drive began with 1:37 remaining on the clock and ended with a one-yard touchdown rush by running

back Antonio Newton, capped by a seven-play, 76-yard drive. The touchdown gave the Panthers a 14-10 lead with eight minutes left.

"Halftime was like a funny emotion," Schmitz said. "We were emotionally."

Although the Govs were down at halftime, they bounced back in the second half with strong offensive and defensive performances.

Both teams scored twice in the third quarter, as the Govs scored on two touchdowns from Baker, the first by Daniel Herndon and the second to Farrell.

After the touchdown by Farrell, the Panthers answered back as Newton ran for a yard kickoff return, making the score 28-24. That, however, would be the last time the Panthers would see the zone.

With 13:36 remaining in the game, Gibbs rushed for a yard score to regain the lead.

On the ensuing drive by the Panthers, APSU linebacker Justin Schrader sacked Meyers for one of his fifteen sacks, causing a fumble. It was recovered by John Rone, who ran it back 34 yards for a touchdown. With 1:00 remaining, Austin Peay led 28-24.

Meyers ended the game as he began, by throwing interceptions. Chad Marshall intercepted the ball the two with 3:42 left.

Johnny Bell picked off his pass of the game with 1:00 remaining. Bell, in fact, named I-AA Independent Player of the Week for his efforts. It was Bell's first at free safety since moving to cornerback.

"This was a must-win game," Schmitz said. "It was a win in front of all of our fans and alumni."

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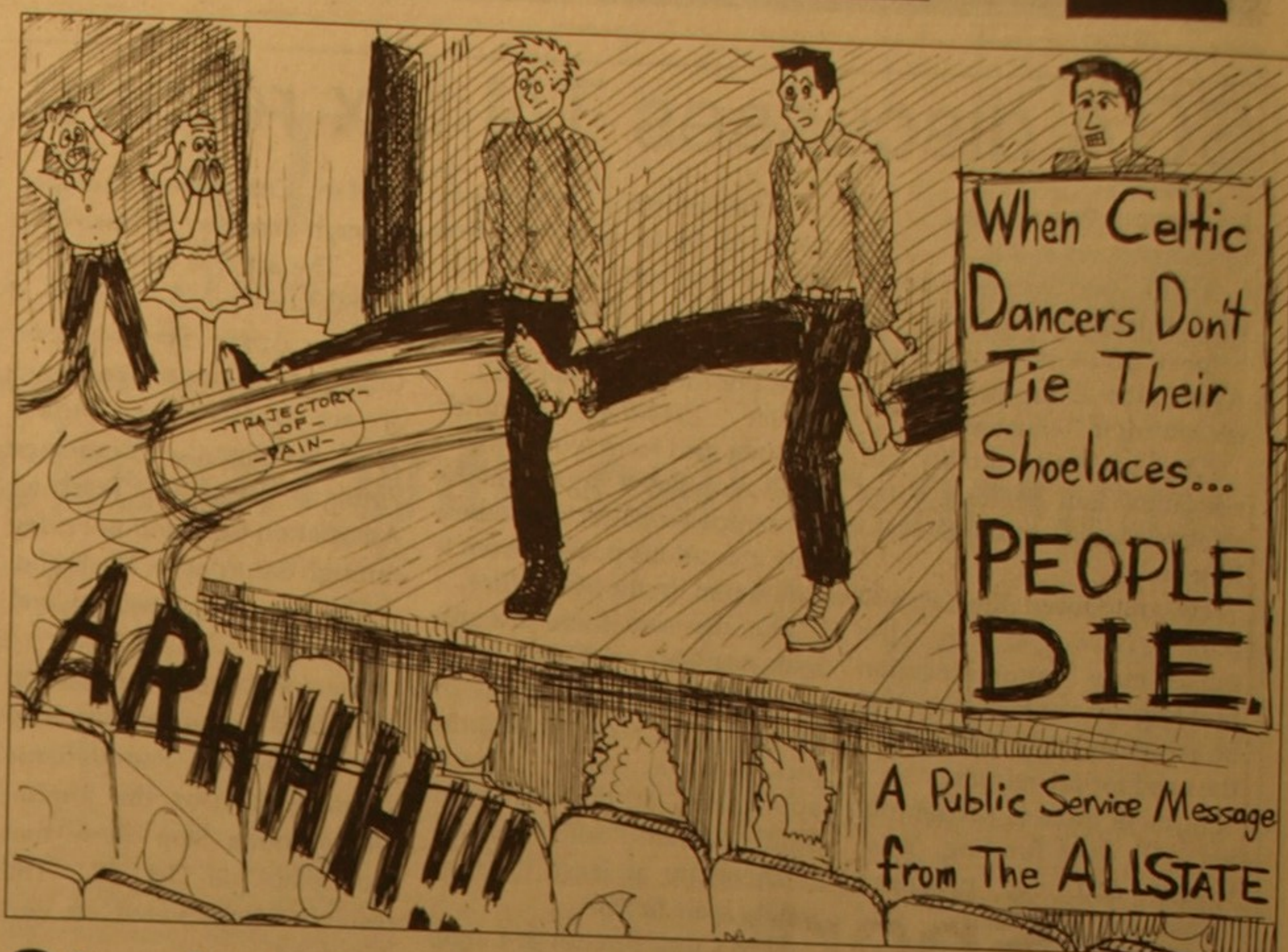
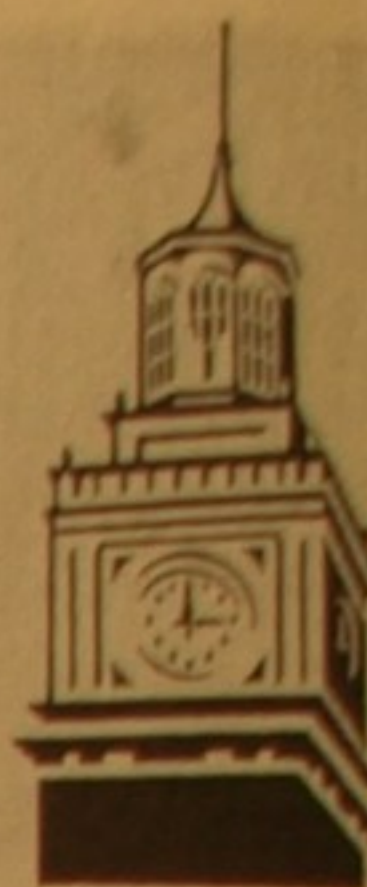


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Ticket me Elmo? Parking police

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You guys are going to love this. Last week my car got towed. Now, we've already discussed the parking fiasco here at the big Peay, and how we must adapt to the ever-changing parking conditions. Unfortunately, it seems the local constabulary has about as much tolerance for any minor parking violation as Hillary has for cigars.

I had just left my Algebra class, as if that wasn't painful enough, when I ran into my buddy Joseph, who was the first to notice that my car wasn't parked in its usual place by the Mass Comm building. If you knew the kind of car I drive as a single-parent college student, you would realize why my first thoughts weren't "Oh no, someone stole my car!", but rather, "Hey! Who the hell towed my damn car?"

Immediately it dawned on me. Once more, I was the victim of the University gendarmes, who seem to wield their pens like junior John Waynes, picking up parking pilgrims off one by one. When it comes to writing proficiency, Shakespeare pales in comparison.

Now, normally, I would have been hotter than a two-dollar TV about someone towing my car. But past experience with the Peay patrol told me that once again, I was about to pass through the looking glass into a world of logic that would have put Einstein in a rubber room.

You see, I had already been ticketed this semester for parking in a handicapped parking spot. Twice. And yet, I have a handicapped placard. How can that be, you might ask? Good question, and I asked it. So, check this out.

It appears that the handicapped placard used all over the country, and as far as I know, the world, doesn't quite cut the mustard here at Peay. I had to have a Peay placard. Inevitably, this will start a trend, leading to the McPlacard, the Kroger parking placard and the Sam's Club placard for when I have to park in bulk, until I end up holding more cards than a Vegas blackjack dealer.

No one explained to me exactly why that was. Maybe there's some rogue element of handicapped people here in Clarksville, commandeering all the handicapped parking spots on campus, only to go wheel-chairing their way down to Riverside Drive.

Did someone suspect those of us with varying degrees of physical limitations of conspiring to create some kind of campus chaos with the parking? Could the handicapped parking spots at the Peay be our grassy knoll?

But for that adventure into idiocy, all I had to do was go to the DMV twice, where all these little blue-haired old ladies kept whizzing around on rolling chairs from file cabinet to file cabinet like they were on some office furniture freeway. Then it was back to the Shasteen building, where I had to plead insanity — the whole thing was crazy — prove my innocence in the Lindbergh kidnapping, and perform a few magic tricks like pulling a rabbit out of my, well, you get the picture.

Well, sure enough, I called the pharaoh down at the Shasteen, and like Moses, cried out, "Let my Mustang go!" The only thing that went was my buddy Joseph and me, on a crusade that would have made Richard the Lion-Hearted proud.

We went down to the cop-shop, and it was there that I found out the reason for the tow. It was explained to me that the trunk section of my car was hanging over into the yellow section of a wheelchair entrance. It wasn't blocking the entrance, nor did anyone file a complaint, as far as anyone I talked to could tell.

Being a reasonable guy, I told

them I could understand their technical interpretation of the law. But I explained to them that conveniently for me that morning, there was a guy in a wheelchair cruising by that very area, who did a quick check for me and said I had plenty of room, as I wasn't blocking the entrance.

Suddenly, the plot thickened. No longer was I merely guilty of hanging my trunk over a section of yellow paint, I was now some kind of evil road warrior that had bumped up against the red car in front of me and was touching its rear bumper. "But when I got there, the car in front of me was blue," I said. Red, blue, same thing I was told. Same thing? I hope this guy doesn't get a job as a homicide detective. "Hey? Who shot and killed that guy over there?" "I don't know. One of those people standing around. Just grab one, same thing."

Deciding to just get my car and pursue this matter at a later date, I inquired as to what I had to do to become mobile once more. First I had the pleasure of paying my \$35 towing fee. That seemed fair, as the guy had to drive twice as far to get here, as he did to park my car two blocks from where it was originally.

I won't say where we had to go to pay, but all I could think of was that the character Cooter from "The Dukes of Hazzard" TV show looked like Donald Trump at a business meeting compared to this guy. I handed him my credit card to pay my bill, not blaming this opportunist for my troubles, when out of the blue he tells me he can't take a credit card.

"Hey, get with the program!" I said. "We're heading into a new millennium. What did you expect me to pay with, beaver pelts?" Well, needless to say, Joseph and I were off to the bank.

After squaring up with the towing magnate, it was back to the Shasteen for more fun and games. Apparently, only needing my receipt from the towing charge to once more secure my car and leave, there was one more final snafu. Somehow, there was a communication breakdown between the two officers and me. You would think it would be hard to do that among three people that speak the same language, but we managed it. Of course, Joseph was there, but I don't think that sitting on a couch and observing complete absurdity is the same as participating in it, so he doesn't count.

Three times I asked what the delay was, and three times I was told they were waiting for the towing receipt. Three times I held up the one in my hand and said, "You mean this one?" That's where we lost communication. Still, Joseph and I were able to persevere, and at last I was once again motorized.

As for my expert witness in the wheelchair, the officer explained to me that he must have had one of the smaller chairs. I left school that day and went to visit a friend of mine that is himself wheelchair-bound. And after discussing it at length and allowing for various guess-timations of how much of my car was over the yellow paint, we concluded that my two experts should trump a colorblind officer and that this was so stupid it was funny. A hundred and thirty-five dollars all totaled funny, but funny none the less.

And so, lucky me has once again entered a new frontier in legalese. I have got to be the only person in the world that has been ticketed twice, and towed, for parking in a handicapped zone with a handicapped placard. But to show there's no hard feelings, the next time I park I'll do a "donut" first.

Students deserve tax reform

By Johnny Sparks
editor in chief

It's time for tax reform in Tennessee.

While other states have reduced the burden on their college student residents, Tennessee has increased the burden by 6 percent since 1985.

The burden blocks Tennesseans from higher education.

The number of Tennesseans earning a bachelor's degree lags 4.3 percent behind the national average.

It would take 15-17 years for Tennessee to catch up to the national average if we added 7,500 additional students each year. Right now we can't afford the ones we have.

If Tennessee hopes to attract business, quality professors and top-notch graduate students, we must reform our tax system. If Tennessee's students hope to compete with other college grads in the workforce, we must increase spending in higher education.

Kentucky, for example, led the southeast the past two years, increasing higher education spending by 25.6 percent.

Tennessee increased higher education spending by only 2.7 percent during the same period.

What that means to you is, that as a college student in Tennessee, you are paying more for an inferior education.

Leaving Tennessee is not a reasonable solution for most students. Residents who leave for a "higher" education in another state can expect to pay a lot more.

Murray State University, Murray, Ky., costs almost \$4,000 per semester for undergraduate students from Tennessee.

Kentucky residents at MSU pay only about \$1,200, the same as Tennessee residents at Austin Peay.

Lawmakers are forcing students out-of-state in search of a quality education.

Tennesseans will pay about \$20,000 more for a bachelor's degree in Kentucky than they would if they stayed home for college.

The old tax system doesn't work. Tennessee's budget is in a state of crisis.

A state income tax is the solution. An income tax would help higher education.

Implementation of an income tax and elimination of the sales tax on food would help students and Tennessee families.

If a state income tax were passed in Tennessee, the rich would pay their fair share of taxes.

The state's current sales tax taxes less-advantaged Tennessee families at an unfair rate.

These families pay taxes on each dollar they earn because each dollar earned is a dollar spent.

It's no wonder that the state house has been overrun with tea-bags and emails opposing tax reform. The wealthy have a sizable interest in blocking tax reform.

A state income tax would mean that the wealthy would have to pay taxes on every

dollar they earn, just like the poor.

The wealthy have a powerful voice in Tennessee. Logically, they have greater access to the news media they own.

While students are busy going to class and working back-breaking jobs, lobbyists are hard at work against them.

The propagandists have been successful in rallying the troops against tax reform and against higher education.

Poor college students don't have as much time to write letters as the people living off the interest from their father's untaxed income and we can't afford to waste a tea-bag, but we have a voice and must speak out.

Everyone will pay. Tennesseans will pay for education or pay the price of not funding higher education.

The money will come out of our paychecks and go to our children or come out of our paychecks and go to our children's murderers and rapists.

States spending more on higher education spend less on welfare, healthcare and corrections.

The future of our state depends on the decision of our lawmakers. Their decision depends on who they hear loudest.

At noon today, join students from across Tennessee at the State Capitol in Nashville. You have a voice — use it.

Letters to the Editor

The Student Government Association is the only organization that receives coverage on a weekly basis in The All State, and that is wrong. At a recent SGA meeting, President Michael Wall made a comment that his public relations secretary had written an article to be placed in The All State but it was not. He also said that there was nothing about SGA in the last issue.

The African-American Student Association, the different fraternities and sororities, College Democrats and Republicans, different clubs pertaining to a certain major and many other different organizations, should get the same coverage that SGA does. But why don't they? The reason that other organizations do not receive equal coverage is because of the lack of writers at The All State.

The All State is a staff of only 13 people with only two staff writers. One staff writer is an opinion writer, while the other

one writes for the features section of the paper. The news and sports sections of the paper have zero staff writers. It is very hard for the staff to try to cover every event that takes place on campus. If a member of the staff is unable to do his or her assignment, it is very hard to try to get someone to cover for them.

For the newspaper to function properly, each organization should have a beat writer assigned to them. This way each organization would receive the same coverage just like SGA. To accomplish this, The All State is going to need more writers. I am urging those students who are interested in a career in journalism to come and write for The All State. It is a great learning experience and will help you become a better writer. If any student who has good writing skills, we are encouraging you to come write for The All State as well. Professors of English, history, political science and other

departments, if you notice one or two of your students with good writing skills, please encourage them to come and write for The All State.

The All State also needs a better relationship with the Department of Speech, Communication and Theatre. Only two or three members of the staff are mass communication majors. If you are a mass communication major, why are you not working for The All State? The All State is a great learning experience, and would look good on your resume.

For The All State to be a better newspaper, we are going to have to have more writers. If you are interested, come to our weekly meetings every Monday at 6 p.m. at the Student Publications building between the Dunn Center and the baseball field. We will gladly have you.

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SGA discusses TN tax reform

By Jerome Parchman
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Austin Peay State University President Sal Rinella spoke before the Student Government Association about the need for tax reform in Tennessee.

"Access and quality of education will be hurt if tax reform is not enacted," said Rinella.

He announced that at 3:30 p.m., Nov. 4, in the music/mass communication building concert hall, there will be a town meeting to talk about the need for tax reform.

"Unless there is tax reform, we will lose funding, raise tuition and cut programs across the university," said Rinella.

Rinella encouraged the SGA to spread the word to other students about the importance of the town forum.

"If tax reform is not enacted, there could be a 15 percent increase in tuition at APSU, similar to University of Tennessee campuses," said SGA President Michael Wall.

Vice President Jennifer Rimmer said from Nov. 1-Nov. 8, all recognized organizations on campus can pick up their new allocations packets from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the SGA office.

She also said there are still seats available on SGA.

"Any student interested in becoming a senator should pick up a senate board application at the Office of Student Affairs," said Rimmer.

There are at least 15 open senate seats in SGA.

Shiri Curd, Senator-at-Large, submitted an act to assist the African American Student Association in attending the Association of Black Cultural

Centers Conference Thursday through Saturday in Nashville, TN. The act was approved by the SGA.

Sen. April Smith-Moore, College of Business, sponsored an act to assist the "Future Teachers" in the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association Convention Friday through Saturday in Nashville.

The act was voted on and approved.

Senator-at-Large Eric Leegon sponsored a resolution to help the National Pan-Hellenic Council sponsor the annual Homecoming Step Show that took place on Oct. 23. The resolution was voted on and approved.

Sen. Paul Burke, College of Business, was selected as member of the week.

Charity

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participation from faculty and students," he said. "To my knowledge, student participation recently has been a little weak. We understand that it may be a bit more difficult for them to contribute, though we certainly welcome student contributions if they are able to give."

"Austin Peay has been successful in reaching its monetary goal the past few years. We're hoping to meet it again this year, and we'd like to surpass it if we could."

Sandy Wooten, United Way's marketing manager for the campaign, said that more than likely, people who donate will see their money come back to them in one form or another.

"The campaign is really for everyone, because we're all protected by these agencies, and I think the tornado really showed that," she said. "The day of the tornado, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army were right there in my neighborhood assisting people in need, and that really made

me see my money at work."

"A lot of folks who donate have seen their money in action. They really do see the benefits."

Although the campaigns monetary sights are set high, Wooten stressed that no one should feel obligated to raid their mattresses to make a huge donation.

"People will apologize to us for small gifts like five dollars," she said. "But I like to reiterate that one dollar will supply meals for a Meals on Wheels client for a whole week. Every little bit makes a difference."

"I don't get checks in the mail for thousands of dollars. It's the people who give a dollar or five dollars a week — those are the people who raise that \$1 million a year for the United Way."

Organizers hope that the economy's current health will encourage students and faculty alike to be a little freer with their dollars, but that shouldn't be the only reason you should loosen that grip on your wallet.

Said Kanervo: "A great degree of what a university is

about is educating leaders the future and getting them become active in community. I think students need to look at how they themselves as part of community — to see whether not they see themselves people who are responsible contribute to the community and make it a better place."

"Students might also put themselves in place someone who has M.S. or is a battered spouse. think about what services might need and what they want the community to do them. And that's really what campaign is about."

The campaign will be Nov. 4 from 1-3 p.m. in Memorial Health Building (Red Barn), and representatives from all charities will be available to answer questions. Food and door prizes will be available at the event and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Peay Briefs

PASS hosts workshops

The PASS staff, Promoting Academic Success for Students, will host several workshops for students in Ellington 214. A Study Skills: Managing Your Time Workshop will be Thursday, Nov. 4, 9:30-10:15 a.m. The Study Skills: Note-taking workshop will be Friday, Nov. 5, 11-11:45 a.m. The Study Skills: Test-taking workshop will be Wed., Nov. 3, 1-1:45 p.m.

Students must call the Student Development Center at 6269 to register for the workshops.

Store expands hours

The Killebrew Hall Lobby Convenience Store has expanded their hours of operation and also their selection of snacks, meals and drinks. The new customer hours are Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 7-11 p.m., as well as Sat. and Sun., 7-11 p.m.

Club celebrates meeting

The No Name Club met for the first time Oct. 20. Freshman Dick Liszt encourages others to attend the next meeting at midnight, Wed., Oct. 3, in front of the Green Man. "I'm glad Scott from my 1010 English class invited me to the No Name Celebrates meeting. Being a freshman I wasn't sure what clubs to join, but this one is great. I suggest others try it." The club will move to another location for the meeting, so do not be late.

Counseling services assist students

By Jerome Parchman
assistant news editor

The University Counseling Center provides a variety of professional counseling services to assist students with their emotional, interpersonal, intellectual and social development.

"While I strongly believe that counseling can benefit people who are coping with extenuating circumstances, I also believe that counseling is a natural and viable option for individuals contending with normal issues of change and adjustment," said Jeff Henderson, counselor.

The following services are provided by the center either directly or through referral: individual counseling and/or short term psychotherapy in areas of personal, educational, interpersonal relationships, family and social problems; group counseling to help students establish satisfying personal relationships and to become more effective in areas such as interpersonal processes, communication skills, decision-making concerning personal and educational matters and the establishment of

personal values; couples and marital counseling; psychological testing and assessment appropriate to foster self-understanding; decision making; various outreach programming to address typical developmental concerns for students; crisis intervention and emergency coverage as appropriate to the university community; and alcohol and other drug education.

"Individual counseling in a confidential setting can help with current personal relationship issues, and can also strengthen skills to cope with future issues," Henderson.

Some reasons students seek counseling are depression, test anxiety, low self-esteem, academic skills and other mental health issues.

"Our primary goal as a department is to create a strong mental health community to assist students in reaching their full potential during their academic career at Austin Peay State University," said Stanley D. Murphree, interim director.

Any currently enrolled student is welcome to meet with a counselor.

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feel uncomfortable. Even commuter students prefer to avoid going to the library at night.

"I would rather not turn my paper in on time than expose myself to the risk of having anything happening to me after leaving the library at midnight," said Angela Gardner, 19, who is a freshman at Austin Peay. "I can't even defend myself, other than with pepper spray."

The APSU campus police do offer an escort service for traveling across campus at night. The shuttle bus also is available for Emerald Hills and Two Rivers Apartments residents. Dorm residents are advised to pair up with friends, or call campus police for assistance.

Many students involved in a criminal activity on campus find themselves uninformed about the legal proceedings in the aftermath of a crime. Therefore, it is important for everyone to know the university's own judiciary system.

While APSU regulations on campus conform with Tennessee law, campus police also report and prosecute any violations of state law in cooperation with the Clarksville Police Department.

Student Affairs Vice President Barbara Phillips explained the disciplinary steps for any violation of university regulations, which are also published in the student handbook and

Crime Scene

Oct. 4
• Library; theft of property; John D. Rone of 2836 Maryland Lane, Chicago, IL, charged with theft of property 2 p.m.

Oct. 8
• Killebrew Hall; theft of property, 1 a.m.

Oct. 12
• Sevier Hall; harrasment, 9:09 p.m.
• Library; theft of property, 9:57 p.m.

Oct. 15
• Harvill Hall; drug and narcotic violation; possession of drug equipment violation, 8:15 p.m.

Oct. 17
• Drane Street; drug and narcotic violation; possession of drug equipment violation; Clark J. Waller of 144 Sulhridge, Nashville, TN, charged with drug and narcotic violation, 11:56 p.m.

calendar.

"We do not support any form of criminal behavior on Austin Peay campus," Phillips.

Therefore, a housing member, university official campus police officer press charges against an individual student involved in an offense after the discovery of a violation. Then the accused student has several choices.

The defendant can plead innocent or guilty and has the right to request a disciplinary hearing.

According to the student handbook, the university hearing board consists of five people. It can be compared to the grand jury in a criminal state court.

In case of personal conduct students can file a complaint against another student or faculty member based on a violation of his or her individual rights, or of campus regulations. This action can be compared to filing a complaint with a regular state or federal court. The disciplinary action taken in this case is the same for any other offense on campus.

The university does offer a certain level of safety on campus police and campus regulations. However, it is up to the individual student to actively practice crime prevention in order to ensure everyone's safety on campus. Crime prevention is everyone's business.

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