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Referendums pass, recommendations made at SGA

By Jerome Parchman
assistant news editor

On Aug. 26, the Fifty-Third General Assembly of the Student Government Association of Austin Peay State University held their first meeting.

Senator Craig Emerson of, the College of Arts and Sciences, submitted a resolution to name the Student Health Services in honor of Dr. A. R. Boyd.

Dr. Boyd is Retiring after twenty-three years of selfless service to Austin Peay State University.

Senator Emerson requested

that Article VIII Section 2 to be suspended which says:

Upon petition of one-third (1/3) of the Members of the Senate, an amendment may be proposed and submitted to a student referendum at a time determined by the Senate and under jurisdiction of the Election Board. When the Amendment is passed, it shall become effective immediately. The sponsors of the amendment are responsible for making follow-up amendments that may be necessary in order to resolve resulting conflicts within this Constitution and its

associated By-Laws. All amendments will be subject to review by the Student Tribunal and examined for conflicts. The Student Tribunal will present its findings and make recommendations for resolutions of conflicts to the sponsoring senators.

The resolution was voted on and passed.

President Michael Wall presented his President's Report.

He welcomed each student who was running for SGA, and gave them details on where they could put up posters and that

they must follow the rules of campaigning.

He also talked about what a senator should do:

-they should have one office hour per week.

-write senate acts.

-talk to students and find out what problems they are having.

-let the students know that they are there for them.

-make the SGA what you want it to be.

President Wall also submitted his nominations for executive offices:

-Terri Stringer for Public Relations Secretary.

-Jill Petrey for Student Relations Secretary.

-Ashonta Thorpes for Assistant to the President.

-Rachel Longoria for Chief Clerk of the Senate.

These appointments will be voted on at the next SGA meeting.

Vice-President Jennifer Rimmer submitted her report, which included the dates on when new senators will be sworn into office. Those dates are Sept. 2 from 5 - 6:30 pm and Sept. 9, which will be a mini retreat discussing different procedures.

She also will present her recommendations for committee chairs at the next meeting.

Six new senators were sworn in at the meeting.

Those students were Eric Leegon, Gary Sutton, April Smith-Moore, Scott Starley, and Kristy Pickett.

Senator Gary Sutton says he looks forward to serving the students and hearing from the students any suggestion they would have about improving the campus.

Allocation of funds changes in SGA

By Terry Stringer
public relations secretary

The Student Government Association has developed a new and improved process by which funds will be allocated.

In the past, funds have been more readily available to those organizations with events occurring at the beginning of the semester. This was due to the mere four week notice that SGA required. In effect, those organizations in need of funds toward the end of the semester were subject to more strenuous review by the allocations committee because of a lack of funds.

The goal behind the new allocation process is to ensure that all organizations are informed of what type of funding is available and to distribute funds in a fair and organized manner. Also, by handling all requests for funds at the beginning of each semester, the SGA will then have the remaining months to deal with more serious issues that affect all students.

"The SGA wants to serve each organization fairly by allowing everyone who requests assistance an equal opportunity to receive funds," stated Michael Wall, SGA resident.

Another mission of the SGA is to encourage more organizations to host on-campus conferences and events. Therefore, the SGA budget has been divided so that 50 percent will be allocated to on-campus activities and 30 percent to off-campus conferences. The remaining 20 percent will be kept aside for a contingency fund.

"We do not want to cut all funding for off-campus events, but we do want to discourage organizations from requesting funds to send a large group of members to one conference that only benefits those students. Instead, we want to send only a few members who can, upon returning, host a lecture or an event that will spread information to many Austin Peay students. Thus, we are spending less money and benefiting more students," Wall explained.

Story is continued on News page 2.

Accident occurs at AP



On Thursday, Aug. 26 at 3 p.m., a construction was injured and transported to Gateway Medical Center after his bulldozer was overturned as he maneuvered it up the small slope of land in front of the Woodard Library. Officials from the local fire department, campus security, and emergency medical team secured the area within an hour of the accident. No information has been confirmed regarding the health of the driver.



TBR demands levelling courses

By Shana Thornton
assistant editor

The Faculty Senate gathered for a meeting on Thursday, Aug. 26, to discuss a range of new conditions arising on the Austin Peay campus and in the Tennessee Board of Regents school system.

The first item brought before the Senate was a visual display of the Institution Identities of Austin Peay State University. An article on this evaluation will be printed in the next edition of the newspaper.

The paramount concern of the Faculty Senate has been the implementation of policies directly related to the Tennessee Board of Regents. Those policies include academic course renumbering and levelling and the procedures for election of a new president for Austin Peay.

The TBR has called for all schools in its district to level courses and renumber them accordingly. The levelling of university core courses should match the core courses at junior

colleges also in the system. The TBR began looking at the process of course levelling two years ago, after it was suggested by the vice chancellor of Academic Affairs. The recommendation of the vice chancellor was initiated by two Tennessee legislators, who had received complaints from parents of students, who were trying to transfer schools.

The TBR is hoping course levelling will allow for an easier transfer of classes from one institution to another; however, some members of the faculty at Austin Peay hold a different perspective.

"TBR is pressing very hard to get the university core levelling completed," said Dr. Steve Pontius, vice president of Academic Affairs at Austin Peay.

Questions arose during the Senate meeting regarding the course content. The TBR will create sketchy guidelines concerning content within general education courses.

"In the State, we're allowing the tail to wag the dog. Now, we

are being told that we have to bring our course level down. The TBR is telling Junior Colleges they have to level their courses too. But for core courses within general education, whose template will be used, and why is it better?" Dr. Dewey Browder, professor of history, commented.

"Hopefully, it will be a compromise at all institutions, and it will be easier for parents and students looking at a catalog," Pontius answered.

"I'm very suspicious. It is being rushed and pushed by the Board. The way the Board is pushing this in regards to speed is academically irresponsible," Dr. Bert Randall, professor of philosophy, said of the course levelling.

"We are puppets of the most important word, its political," said Pontius.

"I resent a cookie cutter approach to education," replied Browder.

Some members of the Senate also questioned why the TBR system is making these course

changes, and the University of Tennessee system is not. However, the answer is unclear.

Further, the deans of several of the AP academic departments received the information on course numbering and levelling only two weeks ago. In regards to this press for time from the TBR, Randall suggested that the process be slowed down.

"It has been made emphatically clear, the deadlines are the deadlines. More specifics are coming," said Pontius.

A motion was passed during the Faculty Senate meeting to inform the TBR that Austin Peay needs more time to level and renumber the courses.

The institutions and schools in the TBR system are as follows: Austin Peay State University, East Tennessee State University, Memphis State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University, Chattanooga State Tech. Comm. College, Cleveland State Community College, Columbia

State Community College, Dyersburg State Community College, Jackson State Community College, Motlow State Community College, Northeast State Tech. Comm. College, Pellissippi State Tech. Comm. College, Roane State Comm. College, Shelby State Comm. College, Volunteer State Comm. College, Walters State Comm. College, Nashville State Technical Institute, State Technical Institute at Memphis, and many area vocational-technical schools.

The Senate also discussed and passed a motion concerning the procedures for election of a new Austin Peay State University president. The procedures and comments of that portion of the Senate meeting will be printed in the next edition of The All State.

For information concerning the Tennessee Board of Regents, log onto their web page at <http://www.tbr.state.tn.us/~boardmem/bylaws.htm> or call (615) 366-4400.



SGA President Wall: We are not a bank

By Joshua Meade
staff writer

The Student Government announced in their first initial meeting that the SGA is not a bank and will not act nor tolerate student organizations treating them as such.

Michael Wall, the president of the Student Government Association was quoted as saying, "WE are not a Bank!" It appeared that Michael wanted to send a message to all student organizations that the Student Government Association would

enforce a time frame for allocating of funds to organizations that applied.

President Wall wanted all student groups to turn in their requests for funding at the same time to help ease the workload and to improve the efficiency of SGA.

He suggested that deadlines about funding for student groups be set in place. Those organizations who do not apply within a certain time frame be denied funding. Michael went on to say, "I will personally go

to those organizations, and explain the processes for requesting funds, at their place, their time, and on their turf."

Notifications would also be given to the various student groups through letters, bulletin boards, the All State, and other means of advertising. The Student Government leaders wanted to insure that the organizations that are requesting the funds fully understand the means for doing so.

The committee for funds

allocations will be held by Craig Emerson," as quoted by Jennifer Rimmer. Jennifer went on to say that Craig would make an excellent candidate for the position, and that she looked forward to working with all the new members of the Student Government Association.

Jennifer compared the SGA to a family, and she went on further to say that the SGA should try to maintain a family atmosphere.

Vice President Rimmer continued on to say that

consistency was the key to success in the SGA. Michael Wall quickly agreed and went on to suggest that all members of the Student Government Association should know the rules, policies, and procedures.

He added that if a member did not know the answer to a specific question, he or she should take the students name and number, tell them that they would find the answer from a more informed member, and make sure that they followed up on student inquiries.

When asked where Michael foresees the SGA in the future, he was quoted as saying "SGA is a river that has been held for too long." He wanted to expedite the process of change for SGA.

President Wall was quoted saying the the new policies allocations of funding would not be an easy transition, but that this first semester would be a trial run to see how efficient the new policy will be for students as well as SGA.

Allocations

Whether an event is on-campus or not, all organizations must submit any and all requests for funds by 4 p.m. Sept. 15. Every organization will receive an information packet by Wednesday, Sept. 1. If you do not receive the allocation

procedure or if you have questions, call the SGA office at 221-7262.

The procedure will be adhered to by the SGA and all deadlines will stand.

The steps to requesting funds are as follows:

1. Your organization must be

active and duly recognized.

2. Review your SGA allocations packet.

3. Have your executive committee and/or advisor develop an itemized Fall 1999 budget. The budget must include all revenues and expenses the organization

expects to encounter.

4. Decide on the activity for which your organization will need SGA funds. This portion should include the number of participants and a breakdown of the expenses incurred while attending/hosting the event. This information should be

written on the "Application for Allocation of SGA Funds" form, included in your packet.

5. Complete all forms within the SGA packet.

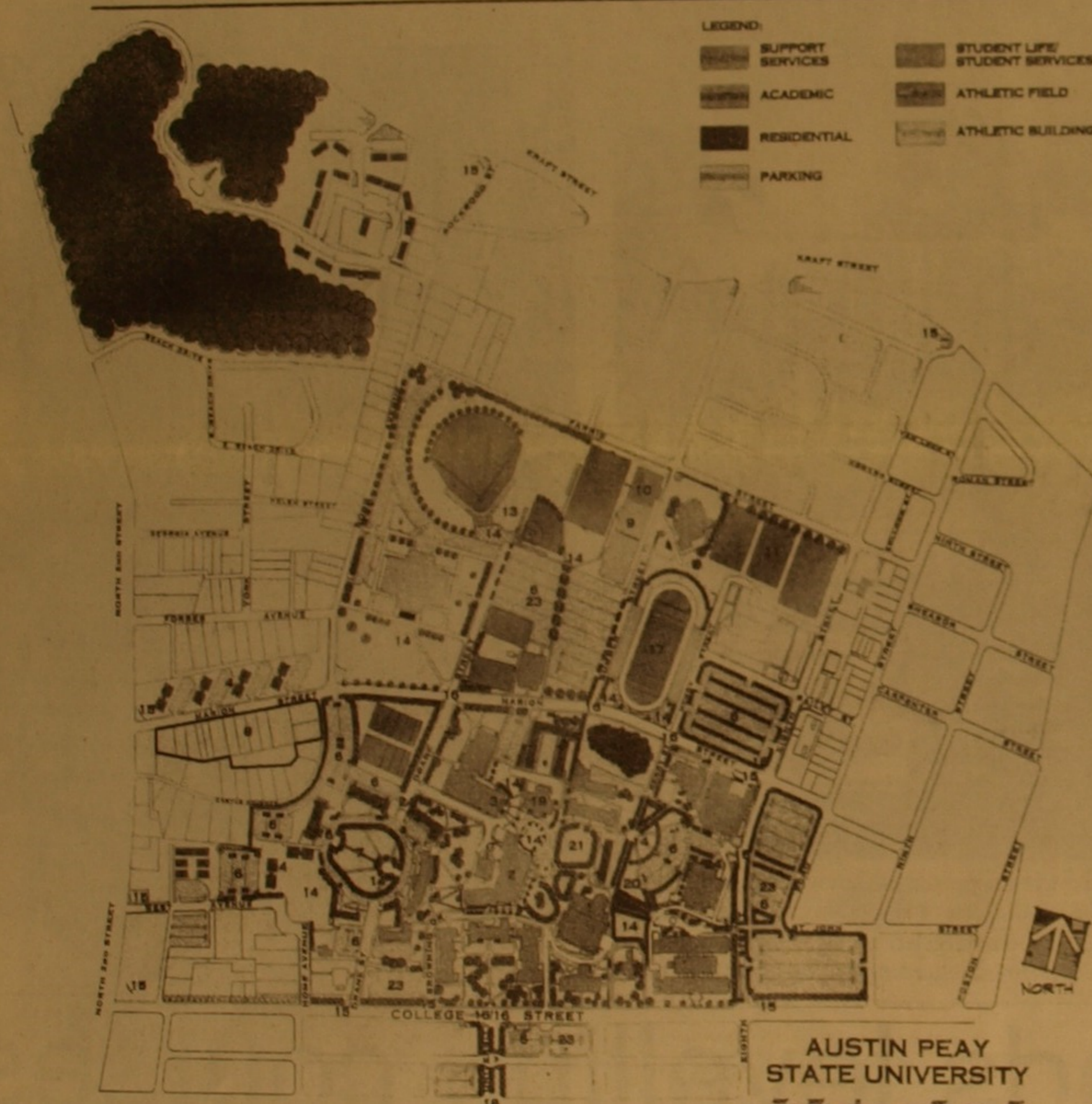
6. Submit completed SGA Allocation packet to the SGA, attention Vice President Rimmer, at P.O. Box 4506 or in

room 109 of the Red Barn

p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15. 7. Your assigned senator will contact you by Sept. 20 and serve as the representative of your organization through the allocations process.

Master plan gains approval from State

PROPOSED CAMPUS MASTER PLAN



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1. LIBRARY ADDITION
2. NEW UNIVERSITY CENTER
3. MEMORIAL HEALTH & FITNESS ADDITION
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7. RESIDENCE VILLAGE CIRCLE PARK
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9. NEW ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE
10. NEW PHYSICAL PLANT WAREHOUSE/OFFICES
11. FOOTBALL PRACTICE FIELDS
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14. PLAZA/GREEN SPACE
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17. STADIUM IMPROVEMENTS
18. IMPROVED ENTRANCE/GATEWAY
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21. NATURAL AMPHITHEATER
22. SOCCER PRACTICE FIELD
23. FUTURE SITE FOR PARKING GARAGE
24. CONTROL GATE

Buildings and Grounds improve for the future, 2000-2010

On Aug. 12, Tennessee's State Building Commission approved Austin Peay State University's "Campus Master Plan for Buildings and Grounds, 2000-2010."

This final nod is generating excitement on campus where already there is ongoing construction of new buildings, much-needed renovation of several buildings, installation of new outdoor lighting and creation of a campus arboretum via a landscape master plan that calls for strategically planted flowerbeds, varied species of trees and bushes, as well as benches and plazas.

Dr. Joyce Mounce, vice president for finance and administration, chaired the Buildings and Grounds Master Planning Committee. According to Mounce, the committee had broad campus representation, with input and work by APSU faculty, students, staff, administrators and Joe Bishop of the Clarksville/Montgomery County Planning Commission.

Additionally, there was even wider participation through five sub-committees: Land Acquisition, Athletics,

Building Space Utilization, Housing and Roads and Grounds.

The State Building Commission awarded a contract to McCarty/Holsapple/McCart y Architects (Knoxville) and Lane Lyle Associates (Clarksville) to assist the committee, in addition to a consultant hired specifically for the traffic study.

Mounce said, "The overarching design principle was to create a campus with a beautifully picturesque village atmosphere that is pedestrian-friendly and accessible for people with disabilities."

She indicated the planning guidelines call for maintaining Georgian architecture throughout campus, limiting the height of buildings to three stories, developing visual and pedestrian links to historic downtown Clarksville and the riverfront, developing a stronger gateway entrance to the campus and ensuring that the landscape plan is consistent with architectural goals, including placement of art within the landscape.

Mounce said a primary aspect of the planning was constructing a traffic and parking study, along with focusing on future land acquisition and use of

certain buildings. The plan includes: an addition to the library; renovation of the McCord Building when the sciences move to the new science building; an addition or renovation of the Trahern Fine Arts Building; the new science building, currently under construction; a new university center; new student housing; additional parking and several other projects.

According to Mounce, the campus master plan illustrates what the Austin Peay campus may look like in 232010. "The tornado actually allowed us to take a giant step toward the implementation of the plan," she said.

Dr. Sal Rinella, president of Austin Peay, said, "I am grateful for the fine job done by Joyce Mounce and the many, many people involved in this important project. Approval of the master plan by the State Building Commission is a big step toward a great future for our fine university."

"We now have a map that can guide Austin Peay State University as it moves through the first and formative decade of the 21st century."

Peay Briefs

APSU says goodbye

Austin Peay State University said "Goodbye" to an employee which has dedicated five years to the beautification of the AP campus. Horticulturist, Diane Snyder finished her final grooming of the Governor's backyard earlier this week. She has cultivated canas, shasta daisies, wood ferns, the Tennessee wildflower (aka the passion flower), column vines, geraniums, daffodils, and all sorts of trees, shrubs, and other plants. Students and faculty who have been at AP for a while know that Diane was always very giving of her plant talent. She delivered plants to any

office on campus that requested them. She was also available for conversation with students who would stop on the paths to admire her work. Good luck and thanks, Diane, from Austin Peay State University. You will be missed!

Internship available

Applications for the Tennessee Legislative Internship Program are now available. Students work as staff members of the Tennessee Legislature during the Spring semester. It is a full time, 40 hour a week job in Nashville, which pays either \$275 or \$250 per week, depending on the position held. Twelve hours of upper division academic credit is also earned.

Students must be a junior, senior, or graduate student with a 3.0 GPA or better.

To pick up applications, see Dr. David Kanervo, department of political science in Library 321A. The completed application is due Oct. 15.

SGA holds elections

On Wednesday, Sept. 1, the Student Government Association will hold fall elections for freshmen and open seats. SGA office is in Red Barn.

UPC sponsors event

The University Programs Council is sponsoring a lecture on Creative Dating, to be given by David Coleman, who is the three-time winner of The

Campus Lecture Program of the Year. The interactive presentation will take place Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 3:30 in the University Center Ballroom.

Artists are meeting

The Student Art League will be meeting in Trahern 401 at 4:45 on Thursday, Sept. 2.

Capsule reminder

The Capsule editorial staff is asked to remember the meeting scheduled for Friday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. Writers, photographers, and designers are not required to attend; editorial staff only must meet the requirement.

Have a nice Labor Day holiday!

compiled by Shana Thornton

Work on stadium changes parking

Construction work on Austin Peay State University's football stadium will close parking along adjacent streets temporarily.

According to Bill Coke, assistant director of the physical plant for buildings and grounds, streetside parking adjacent to the north side of Governors Stadium will be blocked temporarily from the grandstand area on both sides from Summer Street along Hannum Street and Henry Street. Work began on this

project Aug. 20.

Work on the south side of the stadium began Aug. 25. The streetside parking area adjacent to the south side of the stadium from the grandstand area both sides from Summer Street along Marion Street and Henry Street will be blocked until the project is complete.

Coke expressed appreciation for everyone's patience as work continues on various campus improvements.

For more information, telephone 221-7889.



Artist Gibbs displays modern primitivism

by Joseph Hardin
features editor

Mixed media and collage artwork by Gale Gibbs is being exhibited at the Trahern Gallery through Sept. 19.

Free and open to the public, the gallery's walls are adorned with Gibbs' art. Every piece jumps out and grabs your attention immediately, so allow yourself a little time to really absorb its beauty. You might have to stand and gawk for awhile -- there's so much to see in each busy creation.

Gibbs believes that we are all primitives to a future time and suggests that her work is a primitive response with contemporary tools.

"I use today's tools: acrylics, graphics, computers -- pretty much whatever today's culture allows," said Gibbs. "We're as primitive as we were thousands of years ago --

like cave artists. I go inside myself and paint what I see."

Gibbs, 52, lives in a Dallas suburb. She has a B.A. in fine arts from Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma, and was a teaching fellow at the University of North Texas, teaching undergraduates.

She's shown her art at several colleges and universities for solo shows, including Louisiana State, Cameron; Illinois Central College; Harrisburg, Pa. Area Community College; Eastfield College, Tx. and the Dallas Visual Art Center.

"Most of this is poetry- or journal-based," said Gibbs.

She described her piece, "The New Old Dance," as being about her 22-year-old daughter's coming into womanhood.

"The Captor, Captive, and the Capture" is a story-book

design hanging based on an Aesop's fable about a wolf, a cave, and the wolf's gluttony.

Like the wolf's doom, this piece is about "how we all seem to want more," said Gibbs.

You can step in the Trahern Gallery to see her many creations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, and 1 - 4 p.m. Sunday.

It doesn't cost anything, so feel free to view some of Gibbs' amazing, colorful artwork -- absorb it, digest it and definitely enjoy it.

You'll be glad you did.

For more information about Gibbs' exhibit, contact the Center for the Creative Arts at 221-7333 or 7002.



Alumnus reflects on successful journey

By Joseph Hardin
features editor

From a grocery store bag boy to the senior member of a prominent law firm, Kevin C. Kennedy's success story focuses incredibly on his APSU experience.

"Daddy was a barber, and Mom was a bookkeeper," said Kennedy. He grew up in an old 1830 farmhouse on his family's land in the St. Bethlehem area.

He said his family had a modest income. In high school he got a job at Martin's IGA as a bag boy. He used to ride his bicycle back and forth to work.

He continued to work as a cashier at Martin's through his college years at Austin Peay State University.

He graduated from Clarksville High School in 1974 - he was just an average student.

In 1978, he graduated with honors from Austin Peay -- receiving a B.S. in history and political science.

"History gave me the analytical ability to see the rise and fall of nations," Kennedy said. "Studying the military strategists like Napoleon and Robert E. Lee, and the political strategist Martin Luther King, Jr. benefited me greatly as a lawyer."

In 1979, at age 22, Kennedy got his master's degree. He was a graduate assistant and taught American history.

"I taught some students that I went to high school with," he said.

After receiving his master's at Austin Peay, Kennedy went to the Nashville School of Law to become a lawyer.

He topped his class in the Field of Evidence, graduating in 1983.

He was admitted to the Tennessee Bar in 1984, and to the U.S. Supreme Court to practice law in 1989.

He was a guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show following the Persian Gulf War, discussing divorces caused by or during that crisis.

He's currently the senior member of the Kennedy Law Firm P.L.L.C.

Kennedy also serves as Dean of Legal Studies for Draughon's Junior Colleges in Clarksville, Nashville, and Bowling Green, Kentucky.

He met his wife, Rhonda Fulkerson, while both were attending Austin Peay.

She received her B.S. and master's degrees from APSU, and is now the principal of Hazelwood Elementary School.

They have three children: Kevin, Jr., 14; Kenneth, 10; and Katie, 7.

"I want my kids to go to Austin Peay," Kennedy said.

His mother attended APSU. Both of his brothers graduated from here, too. One's a teacher; one's a lawyer.

"If it weren't for Austin Peay, I wouldn't have been able to help so many people throughout the years," he said.

"So many people helped me

in this community over the years. Now I've got a chance to help others."

Kennedy can still remember quotations from certain professors 20 years later.

When he was 20, he asked Dr. Vernon Warren, a political science instructor, if he had what it takes to go to law school.

He remembers what Dr. Warren told him: "I've never had a student that has had as much tenacity and determination as you. You can make it."

"At that point in my life I totally trusted his judgment," Kennedy said. "I set my life on a course that I'm still on today."

"When I passed the bar exam, I called and thanked him for his encouragement. I called and thanked him again when I got my own law firm."

The Kevin Kennedy family resides on the same land Kennedy grew up on, but his success allowed him to build the Kennedy Walking Horse Farm in 1987.

"We raise and breed registered Tennessee walking horses," Kennedy said. "It's one of the oldest horse farms in Tennessee."

Kevin Kennedy now teaches Sunday School at the First Baptist Church. "Christ and the church gave me spiritual anchoring to get me through to today."

"I love the church, my family,

horses, Austin Peay, Clarksville and helping people," he said.

The Kennedy Law Firm motto states: "We're Committed to Helping People."

Kevin C. Kennedy went to Austin Peay, just like us. His

successful story should be inspirational to all of us. Remember, he used to pedal his bicycle to work at a grocery store. It kind of puts things in a new perspective, doesn't it?

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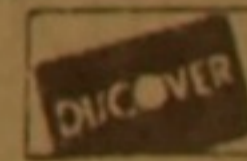
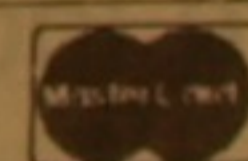
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Date: Sept 1 Time: 3:30 p.m. Place: University Center Ballroom Sponsor: Student Activities/Student Affairs



Riverfest '99 to rock Clarksville's riverfront

Schedule of events

Friday, Sept. 10 --

Cumberland River Center Stage

5 p.m. - Clarksville Dance Academy dance
6 p.m. - ND2000 contemporary jazz
7 p.m. - Connyee Florance jazz
8:45 p.m. - Joshua Kadison adult contemporary

Riverbend Stage

5 p.m. - local classic rock
6 p.m. - Michael Holloway blues
7 p.m. - Billygoats "pop-a-billy"
8 p.m. - Warren Brothers country
9 p.m. - Linda Davis country

Saturday, Sept. 11 --

Cumberland River Center Stage

11 a.m. - Natalie's Dance Network dance
11:30 a.m. - Velma Jo Williams gospel
Noon - International Boat Parade
12:30 p.m. - Young at Heart senior choral
1 p.m. - Tennessee Clogjammers dance
1:30 p.m. - Horizon variety
2 p.m. - Turning Pointe dance
2:30 p.m. - Combined Cultural Dance Groups
4 p.m. - Word in Motion dance
4:30 p.m. - Christy's Dance Connection dance
5:30 p.m. - TBA
6:30 p.m. - Animal Band family
7:30 p.m. - Adie Gray country
8:30 p.m. - Flashback oldies
9:30 p.m. - Bada Bing Bada Boom swing

Riverbend Stage

11 a.m. - Ballistic Pintos variety
Noon - Fresh Dairy alternative
1 p.m. - Dave MacKenzie blues
2 p.m. - Lowboy hard rock
3 p.m. - Animal Band family
4 p.m. - Ten Strings and Tom blues
5 p.m. - The Beagles rock
6 p.m. - Velvet Hammer alternative
7 p.m. - Bump City R & B
8 p.m. - M-PACT acapella
8:45 p.m. - Fireworks Showl
9 p.m. - EYC hip hop
9:45 p.m. - Inner Circle pop/reggae

Sunday, Sept. 12

Gates open at 11 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Festival concessions, arts and crafts vendors, games, children's area and Bass Master's Kids' Casting Competition from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Powerboat Superleague Boat Races begin at noon at the festival site.

By Joseph Hardin
features editor

Clarksville Riverfest '99 kicks off Friday, Sept. 10, and wraps up Sunday, Sept. 12.

Located at McGregor Park on Riverside Drive, the festival is a production of the Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department.

Special three-day Riverfest admission pins will be available in advance of the festival at a low cost of \$10. The pins will be available at all Amoco/Beach Oil locations and at the Parks and Recreation office, 1514 Golf Club Lane. The pins will allow admission to the event all three days, including headliner entertainment and Sunday's Powerboat Superleague Boat Races.

Once the festival begins, pins may be purchased for \$12.

Daily admission is free for children 12 and under and \$5 for adults. Saturday, everyone is admitted free from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; after 5, admission will be \$5 for adults.

At Riverfest '99, a huge assortment of live bands will take stages to rock, shake, sway and entertain event attendees.

Parking

Parking for Riverfest '99 will be available at Fairgrounds Park, with free shuttle service pick-up and drop-off points located at Fairgrounds Park, Public Square, Smith-Trahern Mansion and the Wendy's/McGregor Park main gate entrance.

No pets, coolers, outside food or drink, weapons or chairs are allowed at the event, with the exception of baby bottles for infants.

Certain street closures will occur during Riverfest. Look for Riverside to be closed during the festival. Also, the road between Jostens Printing and Publishing and the Riverside Drive location of Wendy's will be closed from 8-9 a.m., Saturday,

Sept. 11, for the Run to the River event.

Festival concessions, arts and crafts vendors, games, children's area and Karaoke Cafe add to the stages of dance celebration and live music. Last year's Riverfest attracted a large crowd and another is expected this year.

Expect to have plenty to see and hear, plenty of food and drinks, purchase and, most of all, plenty of fun.

To find out more details about Riverfest '99, call the City of Clarksville Parks and Recreation Department at (931) 645-7476, or check out the website at www.clarksvilleriverfest.com.

Pop Magnet plays for Student Center

Free food and a free concert -- sound like fun?

The Church of Christ Student Center on College Street was pretty much leveled by January's tornado.

Plans to build a new student center at the old location and a picture of the future structure will be shown and discussed at a free public event, Sept. 9, in front of the bookstore - Red Barn area.

The event's purpose is to inform students about the student center, and what it has to offer.

Starting at 6 p.m., anyone with a valid APSU student ID will receive a hamburger, bag of

chips, and soft drink. At 6:30, Pop Magnet will put on a free concert of original tunes.

Jeff Shocklee, director of the student center, writes songs, sings and plays guitar for Pop Magnet.

"We play power pop music, and most people don't know what that is," said Shocklee. "Some popular comparisons are Matchbox 20, the Gin Blossoms, and Seven Day Jesus."

"I think we sound like the Beatles meeting with Tom Petty," said Joseph Hardin, Pop Magnet's drummer and an APSU student.

Waitresses and coffee are recurring themes in several of

the songs.

Bassist Randy Bush is an APSU graduate, currently working on his thesis for master's degree in journalism.

Besides Pop Magnet, Bush plays bass for the band Cryin' Shame. He also will play the upcoming Vass-Turner Overdose show, along with drummer Hardin, at the Leslie Watson Memorial Toy Run.

Pop Magnet's power trio has a combined musical experience of over 40 years.

Check out the Church of Christ Student Center event, free food, free music, Sept. 9.

'Medea' production competes nationally

by Tiffanie Lee Cohoon
staff writer

Austin Peay's theater department has the opportunity to compete in a national theatre contest that will be held in Washington, D.C.

The cast will perform "Medea," the overall popular and successful enactment that was presented here last year.

Under the instruction of Sally Welch, the participants of the play will contend at the Southeast Regionals in September.

If victorious, they will advance to a national level of competition.

Even if the production is rejected in the contest, the actors still have a possibility to be recognized and awarded for

their performances.

Not only is this cast talented in theatrics, but they also have experience in music, graphic design and art.

Josh Horne, a 1998 graduate, composed the music for "Medea," and Scott Boyd, a professor in the theater department, created all the special effects and designed the setting.

"Medea" is a Greek tragedy written by Euripedes 2,500 years ago and later translated by Alistair Elliot.

The piece is about a sorceress named Medea who has done everything, even killed, for the man she loves.

She finds out that he is about to marry another woman, and instead of killing him, she

murders their children.

The dramatic composition includes everything from tragedy, action and revenge, love, anger and prejudice.

With the combination of a legendary tale and a tremendous cast, the turn of last year was phenomenal.

Audience members of all ages came to witness glamour, passion and pain in this ancient story.

The theater department encourages everyone to support the production and immerse themselves in the drama of a bygone era.

"Medea" is scheduled to perform 7:30 p.m. shows, Wednesday through Saturday, Sept. 22, and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

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Titans open Adelphia

By Johnny Sparks
editor in chief

The Tennessee Titans defeated the defending NFC champion Atlanta Falcons, 17-3, in the inaugural game of Nashville's Adelphia Coliseum before a franchise record-setting crowd of 65,279.

A national cable-TV audience watched the Titans improve to 1-2 in NFL preseason play.

Although it was the Titans first preseason home game, the historic night had a Super Bowl atmosphere.

"That was a long time coming. It was a long, hard road. I was very, very impressed. The crowd was electric. Everything associated with the stadium, the crowd, everything was really, really big-time," Titans head coach Jeff Fisher said. "The players themselves were so excited, at halftime and at the end of the game. I'm very fortunate to be a part of this. I want to thank everybody who's worked so hard over the last three or four years to make it all come true."

The Titans jumped on the Falcons early scoring in each of their first two possessions. Titan's running back Eddie George scored the inaugural Tennessee touchdown in Adelphia.

"It was just another pitch

play," George said. "I cut inside, put my head down and went into the end zone."

Neil O'Donnell started for the Titans at quarterback in place of the injured Steve McNair.

O'Donnell connected on 14-of-21 passes for 180 yards.

O'Donnell's longest completion of the night was on the first play of the game. He hit a streaking Titan Yancy Thigpen for 48-yards down the east sideline helping setting up George's touchdown run.

Thigpen had five catches for 180 yards, an average of 23.4 yards per reception.

"I didn't want to stop," Thigpen said. "We wanted to come

out and establish ourselves early, and we did. I can come out and do this every week, and it feels good against a team as good as Atlanta."

The Titan defense held the Falcons to only first half field goal.

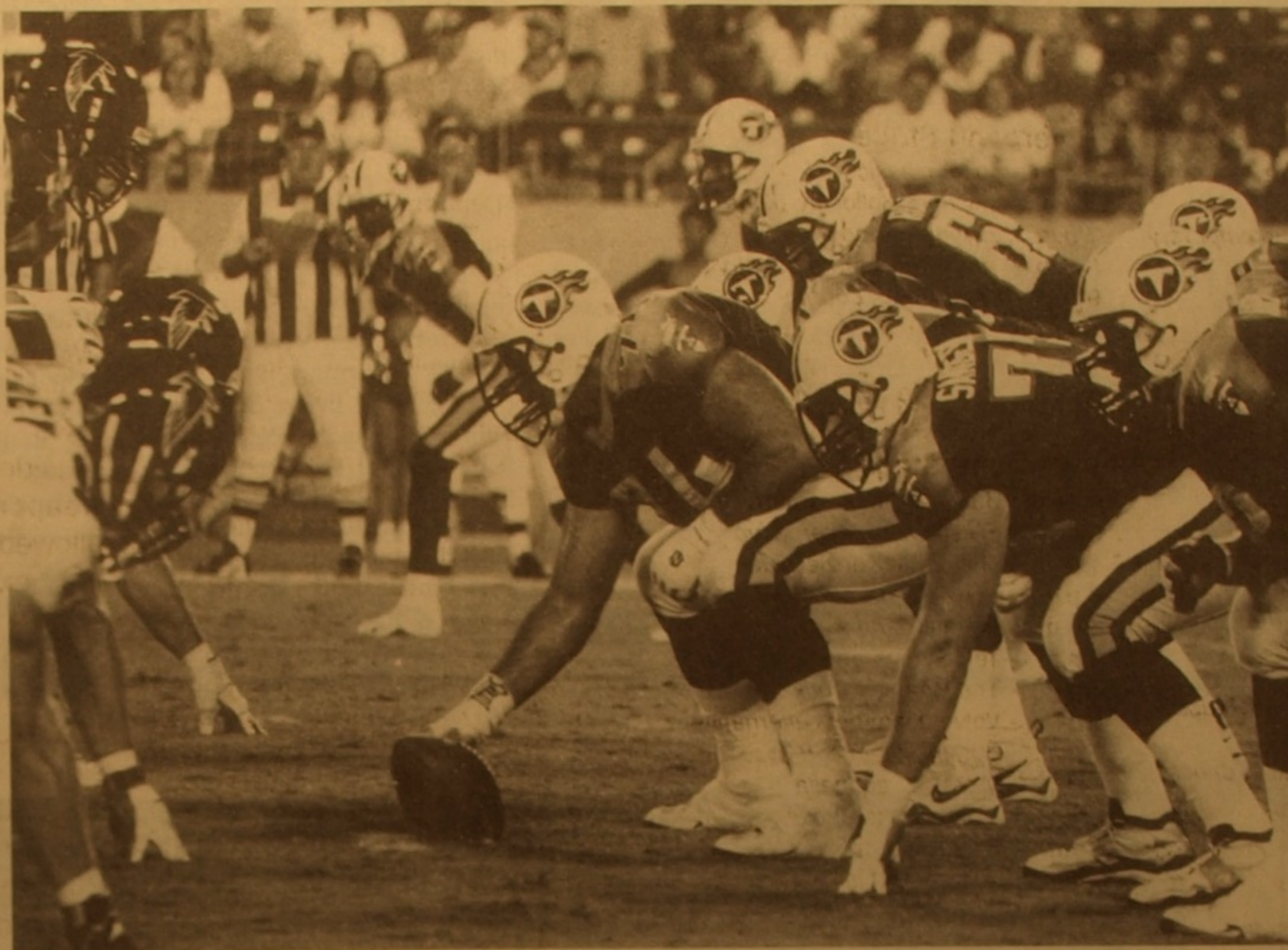


Photo by: Shannon Hester/photographer
The Tennessee Titans in action at Adelphia in Nashville during their inaugural game.

Atlanta running back Jamal Anderson rushed for only 30 yards on 11 carries.

Rookie defensive end Jevon Kearse recorded his first professional sack.

"It was very emotional to me.

I was definitely down. There was many times when I got to the quarterback tonight, but I finally got a sack," Kearse said. "It was kind of emotional to me to finally get a sack because I had so many sacks in my college career, and

getting one tonight felt real good."

The Titans close out the preseason against the New Orleans Saints at Adelphia Coliseum on Thursday night at 7 p.m.

Govs kickoff football

By Jeremy R. Legg
sports editor

Austin Peay State University is seeking to win its first season opener since the 1994 season on Thursday night against the Cumberland University Bulldogs of Lebanon at 7 p.m. at Governor Stadium.

"They are kind of a mystery team in some respects," APSU coach Bill Schmitz said.

Hopefully the mystery of the Bulldogs will be solved in Thursday night's opener.

In Last season's opener, the Govs were stunned by Campbellsville, 36-23, in Clarksville.

APSU's last opening win came against Kentucky Wesleyan in 1994, a 62-7 decision.

This is the ninth meeting between the Dogs and the Govs with Austin Peay holding a 5-2-1 lead in the series.

The Govs walked away with a 29-21 victory in last season's meeting in Lebanon, which marked their first meeting since 1948.

Bill Schmitz is in his third season as Austin Peay's head coach. His Govs improved to a 4-7 record in 1998 from a disappointing 0-10 in his coaching debut in 1997.

Cross country opens season

By Johnny Sparks
editor in chief

Austin Peay State University men and women's cross country season starts on Saturday at the Belmont Kickoff in Nashville at 4 p.m. Cross country season promises to be a fun time in 1999.

Head Coach Elvis Forde expects his 11th season at APSU to be one his most enjoyable, thanks to this year's spirited personnel.

"I hope we can translate it (fun) into the performance out on the courses," Forde said.

The addition of key newcomers to the women's squad and the return of senior Luis Delfin, 1998 second-team All-Ohio Valley Conference runner, to the men's squad fuel Forde's optimism.

Forde looks for Delfin to lead the Govs as the team's No. 1 runner again this fall.

"I am expecting an outstanding year from him (Delfin)," Forde said. "If he (trained) as well this summer as he is capable of training, I'm going to expect him to contend for the championship."

Delfin earned All-OVC second-team honors in 1998 and finished 24th at the NCAA South Regionals in Birmingham, Ala.

The success of the men's team depends on the emergence of a strong No. 2 runner that can close the gap that existed between the No. 1 and No. 2 runners in 1998.

Daniel Watson, the freshmen, may be the answer for the Governors. Forde expects Watson, a Murfreesboro native, to make a tremendous impact for the Govs, contending for the No. 2 spot. Forde also looks for sophomore Jeremy Downs to be one of his top runners.

The 1999 Lady Govs roster is

packed with talent and could be coach Forde's best squad ever.

"We may run faster than we ever have this year," Forde said.

The Lady Govs top three runners in 1998 - Kenya Avant, Ayesha Maycock and Ann-Marie Browne - return and should be among the OVC's best.

Newcomers Elisha Thomas and Jecinda Hughes are both of East Tennessee which is an area rich in cross country talent. Both are expected to provide consistency in the middle of the lineup.

Veronica Hughes and Sheena Gooding round out the list of talented newcomers who are expected to make an immediate impact.

In addition to the newcomers the Lady Govs will seek leadership from their one senior, Melissa Olivo.



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Lady Govs volleyball, it's fantastic

By Johnny Sparks
editor in chief

Sports fans, I have the best kept secret in town: Lady Govs volleyball.

It's hot, and best of all, it's free for Austin Peay State University students with a valid I.D.

For the thousands of fans that see the Lady Govs in action each year at the Dunn Center, it is no secret that Austin Peay volleyball packs a punch.

The Lady Govs are high flying, hard hitting and sometimes humorous athletes.

The crowds the team draws are as rambunctious as you will find. Every game night is like APSU and Murray State in basketball.

There are no cheerleaders, well, not in uniform anyway. The cheerleaders are witty Lady Govs basketball stars like Quin Sullivan, Candie Smith and Kelly Chavez.

The teams play on the court of the Dunn Center and Dave Aaron Arena. Most, if not all, of the fans sit in the court-side bleachers on one side of the action, only a few feet from the athletes.

Because of the proximity of the athletes and fans, and since the crowds are typically only a few hundred, the opposition — and everyone else — can hear everything Sullivan and company say when the rest of the crowd falls quiet.

These cheerleading hoopsters have a knack for taunting the visitors, but they do it all in the name of sportsmanship and school spirit.

Visiting coaches have complained. Lady Govs fans love it. The crowd takes pride in its ability to rattle the brains of the visitors. It gets very loud when games are on the line.

In a game of momentum, the crowd often makes the difference. That's not to take anything away from the talented Lady Govs and their capable leadership.

Coach Cheryl Holt is first class, and you can see it in watching her ladies in action. Holt's athletes excel on the court and in the classroom.

This year's edition of the Lady Govs promises to be great. I disagree with the OVC coaches' fifth place preseason prediction. The Lady Govs will work out their road woes of a year ago, kick butt and take names.

In fact, if you go ahead and bet that they will be Ohio Valley Conference Champions when the season ends, you are likely to have some extra Christmas cash to throw around.

Speaking of throwing things around, public address announcer Johnny Sparks — a very cool guy, if I do say so myself — throws free Lady Gov T-shirts to the crowd each time the Lady Govs have a "stuff block."

For those of you who do not know, a stuff block is the equivalent to basketball's slam dunk and football's quarterback sack.

A stuff block is when a Lady Gov goes up and breaks back with a little in-your-face action on the opposition. The stuff block is a somewhat subjective call. But when you see an opponent hit the ball to the Lady Govs and at the net and a Lady Gov skies to block the ball back into the waiting face of a startled opponent on the other side — subsequently causing the ball to hit the ground — be advised a T-shirt will fly.

If you like sports, you will love Lady Govs volleyball.

Most matches are during the week at 7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It is the perfect fix for the sports fanatic.

Before you know it, names like Sowinski, Smith, Gieber, Rossier, Waldrep, Wenning and Brooks will be as commonplace in your vocabulary as Manning, Farve, Elway, Montana, Hassell, Bird and Wells.

Lady Govs' volleyball starts

By Johnny Sparks
sports editor

Austin Peay State University's veteran volleyball squad starts its 1999 season tonight at 6 p.m. at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Without a single senior on the 1998 roster — five freshmen, four sophomores, and two juniors — the Lady Govs were 19-12 and finished fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"We've got everybody returning. We do have some seasoned veterans," APSU head volleyball coach Cheryl

Holt said. "There are a number of bright spots in this year's group of girls. We've had a good preseason, but we've still got a long way to go. I do think we are a lot further along than we were last year at this time."

Holt, in her 17th season as the Lady Govs' coach, welcomes back all six starters from last year's squad, including two talented seniors, Kim Smith and Jenny Wenning.

Smith, a 6-foot-1-inch Fort Gratiot, Mich. native, is the team's offensive leader at middle blocker, while Wenning, a 5-foot-10-inch San Diego, Calif. native, serves the team at

outside hitter.

Smith and junior setter Annie Gieber are All-Ohio Valley Conference preseason team picks. The OVC coaches named Smith to the All-OVC first-team, while Gieber was selected second-team.

"We are going to rely very heavily on those two, but it's such a team sport," Holt said. "It is so critical that we play together as a team and have good team chemistry."

Also returning is junior outside hitter Becky Sowinski, who was equally effective on both sides of the net in 1998. She ranked among OVC and

NCAA leaders with a 4.12 dig average.

Sophomore Natalie Rossier, the team's hardest hitter, also returns, making the move from middle blocker to outside hitter.

As practice began three weeks ago, Holt hoped to develop a more balanced attack, especially offensively.

Jennifer Brooks, a 5-foot-10-inch sophomore, may be Holt's answer.

According to Holt, Brooks made the greatest strides in the off-season and is expected to be a force in balancing the team's offense.

"Kim (Smith) has carried us

for three years offensively," Holt said. "Ten (Brooks) rotating to the frontline, Kim is out, that is going to be an uplift."

"Ten has really worked hard. She has a lot of potential and natural ability. She could be one of the best players in the conference. She's just got to be mentally tougher. If she continues to work hard, she's going to be a nice player and help us offensively."

Also adding some depth to Holt's seasoned troops are three newcomers, one of whom is outside hitter Blair Vollmer, who wore the 1998 season's redshirt from the 1998 season.

The Lady Govs posted a 10-11 record in the upper half of the OVC's preseason coaches' poll. The coaches predicted a fifth place finish for the Lady Govs.

While the top five teams appear to be clear-cut picks, their order of finish may be too close to call.

"It is just so close that it's very difficult to pick," Holt said. "The first five teams were in the upper point system, but there was 10 to 15 points between us and the sixth place team. I hope the coaches are right and that we are a top-five team. I think it's going to be a close fight."

In order to make a run for the conference crown, Holt's team must win on the road in the OVC.

The Lady Govs lost only one game at home in 1998, compiling an overall home record of 10-1, 8-1 in the OVC.

"We were successful at home last year," Holt said. "I attribute that not only to my kids but our crowd. We had some terrific crowds. I think we have one of the best home crowds."

Last year's team was also successful at neutral sites, boosting a 4-2 record.

But Austin Peay struggled on the road with losing records of 5-8 overall and 4-5 in the OVC.

"We were basically two different teams last year," Holt said. "We were a different team at home than we were on the road. If we're going to be in the top four, then we've got to win on the road. That's the secret to winning the conference."

The team will be tested immediately. The Lady Govs are scheduled to play nine matches in 14 days. Seven of those will be away from home.

After tonight's season opener on the road at UT-Chattanooga, they travel to Dayton, Ohio for the Flyers Invitational beginning Sept. 3 against the home-standing Flyers at 1 p.m.

They are scheduled to face Marshall and Belmont State at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively on Sept. 4, the second day of the invitational.

Southern Illinois visits the Dunn Center at 7 p.m. Sept. 7 for the Lady Govs home opener.

The Lady Govs return to the road on Sept. 10 for the Belmont Classic. They are scheduled to play Western Kentucky, Troy State and Belmont in the two-day classic.

Meet our Lady Govs



AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY
1998 Lady Govs Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	CL	Hometown/High School
2	Natalie Rossier	OH/MB	5-10	So.	Paso Robles, Calif./Paso Robles
3	Becky Sowinski	OH	5-9	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis./Wisconsin Lutheran
4	Annie Gieber	S	5-8	Jr.	Brookfield, Wis./Plus XI
5	Amber Grundhoefer	MB/OH	5-10	Jr.	Dale, Ind./Heritage Hills
7	Kate Talley	OH/DS	5-9	So.	Carmi, Ill./Belleville Area CC
8	Casey Kelley	OH/DS	5-7	Fr.	Menomonee Falls, Wis./Plus XI
9	Jennifer Brooks	MB/OH	5-10	So.	Boca Raton, Fla./Olympic Heights
10	Karen Jolly	S/BS	5-7	Jr.	Heiskell, Tenn./Anderson County
11	Danielle Waldrep	OH	5-10	So.	Houston, Texas/Cypress Creek
12	Jenny Wenning	OH	5-10	Sr.	San Diego, Calif./Lakeside Christian
14	Kim Smith	MB	6-1	Sr.	Ft. Gratiot, Mich./Port Huron
15	Jennifer Babcock	OH	5-6	Fr.	Franklin, Tenn./Page

Head Coach: Cheryl Holt (Ohio State, 1967)
Assistant Coach: Melissa Luckey (Austin Peay, 1993)

Seniors

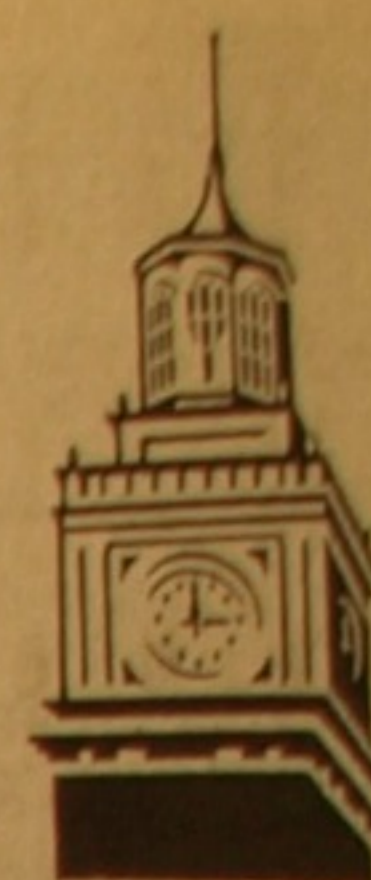


Senior Lady Govs Kim Smith (14) and Jenny Wenning (12)

1999 LADY GOVS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

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Sept. 1	UT-CHATTANOOGA	Chattanooga, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Sept. 3	FLYER INVITATIONAL DAYTON, OHIO		
Sept. 3	DAYTON	Dayton, Ohio	1 p.m.
Sept. 4	MARSHALL	Dayton, Ohio	9 a.m.
Sept. 4	BALL STATE	Dayton, Ohio	1 p.m.
Sept. 7	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	BELMONT CLASSIC NASHVILLE, Tenn.		
Sept. 10	WESTERN KENTUCKY	Nashville, Tenn.	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	TROY STATE	Nashville, Tenn.	10 a.m.
Sept. 11	BELMONT	Nashville, Tenn.	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Sept. 17	ST. LOUIS INVITATIONAL ST. LOUIS, Mo.		
Sept. 17	WESTERN ILLINOIS	St. Louis, Mo.	5 p.m.
Sept. 18	UNC-CHARLOTTE	St. Louis, Mo.	11 a.m.
Sept. 18	ST. LOUIS	St. Louis, Mo.	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	*MURRAY STATE	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	*SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	*EASTERN ILLINOIS	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	*TENNESSEE STATE	Nashville, Tenn.	12 p.m.
Sept. 30	BELMONT	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	*TENNESSEE TECH	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	*TENNESSEE-MARTIN	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	*MURRAY STATE	Murray, Ky.	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	*MIDDLE TENNESSEE	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	*TENNESSEE-MARTIN	Martin, Tenn.	2 p.m.
Oct. 22	*EASTERN KENTUCKY	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	*MOREHEAD STATE	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Oct. 26	*SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	11:30 a.m.
Oct. 28	*TENNESSEE STATE	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Nov. 2	EVANSVILLE	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Nov. 5	*EASTERN ILLINOIS	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Nov. 9	*TENNESSEE TECH	Charleston, Ill.	7 p.m.
Nov. 12	*MOREHEAD STATE	Cookeville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Nov. 13	*EASTERN KENTUCKY	Morehead, Ky.	6 p.m.
Nov. 19	OVC TOURNAMENT TBA	Richmond, Ky.	1 p.m.
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Driving: a lost art

By Gary Arnold
assistant opinion editor

Through all the years I've both visited and lived in Tennessee, there has been one constant throughout the state. Both men and women, from the time they are mere children, are taught to drive everything from huge combines to the family pickup. Being from the big city, whenever I would come down with my father to visit family over the summer, I would be envious of cousins who would joyfully volunteer to drive down to the local market for their parents at age 14, 15, or even younger. Skillfully, they would fly around on single lane country roads like little Richard Pettys, maneuvering around dead opossums and various forest creatures that seemed to pop out of nowhere. So, when the decision to move down here became final, I felt that perhaps my driving skills might not quite be up to snuff, despite years of dodging winos, pimps and hookers on the city's south side, not to mention tourists, bicycle couriers and Pakistani cabbies that can't speak good Pakistani, much less English, while on my way to work downtown. Well, I've been living here three years now and all I can say is, WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?

A drunken Stevie Wonder drives better than some of the licensed mental midgets I've had the misfortune to share the road with. One would think that living in NASCAR country, it would seem to be a source of pride to be able to operate a motor vehicle with some degree of competence. Oh, no. Not here. Driving in Clarksville seems to be part skill and ability, mixed in with an equal part of chess knowledge and psychic ability.

Now, certainly I don't mean to say that Tennesseans have become the brain-dead of the byways and highways, but obviously there is some kind of problem. Maybe it's not their fault. Perhaps in the quest for the perfect tomato through chemistry, accidental ingestion of chemicals over the years by farmers have left them incapable of basic thought process, and yet still left them with an ability to grow an entire garden from one seed, belly lint, and an eighth-grade chemistry set.

Maybe it's the governmental crackdown on tobacco. Perhaps farmers have exchanged growing one smoking product for another, and everyone has switched from Marlboros to "Wow"boros. But if it is not the good sons and daughters of Tennessee who are at fault, then, who? Could it be the evil Hoosiers?

What is a Hoosier, anyway? Hoosier mother, Hoosier father? I just don't get it. Maybe spending your formative years growing up and watching corn grow is like an American form of Chinese water torture. So, by the time you get old enough to drive, your brain has been cashed by the hot, searing, summer sun of Indiana and the unescapable acres of surrounding corn. And yet, if not these merchants of maize, once again I ask you, who could the culprits be?

Certainly those from Illinois make good suspects. Years of breathing steel mill spawned black, toxic, polluted air and eating three-eyed perch caught off of Navy Pier could be a

factor. Come to think of it, years of listening to Harry Cary sing "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" at both Comiskey Park and Wrigley Field is a lot like watching corn grow in Indiana: both make your brain want to commit suicide.

Could our roads be under attack by some renegade unit from Fort Campbell that snapped because of years of handling vehicles that are meant to attack? Then again, maybe some soldiers have just been standing too close to the howitzers, or saluting their superiors too hard.

Well, no matter who is at fault, or whatever combination of people here in Clarksville there are, the fact remains that people here are about as qualified to operate a motor vehicle, as a one-legged man is to win an ass-kicking contest.

Could somebody please explain to me the mystery of the stop sign? I have no idea what the fascination is with these colorful little signs of information, but by my house, you might as well have put up a Rubik's cube. Once, I got caught behind some genius stopped at one of these common sense killers by my house. By the time he moved, I had missed an entire semester of school, there was a new apartment complex built on the field next to the stop sign, and the plates had expired on my car. I watched a guy die of old age at a stop sign once. He was 23 when he first pulled up to it.

And why is it, that when you pull up to a traffic light, people feel the need to give themselves at least one football field's length between cars? Are they afraid that if their foot slips off the brake, they are somehow going to suddenly jet forward at the speed of sound? I've seen cars at traffic lights that couldn't win a race against a dead horse, yet these blacktop boneheads seem to be under the impression that they are at the helm of the U.S.S. Enterprise, and are about to go to warp factor 10.

Turn signals? Forget it. It's much more fun to play the life and death game of "Guess Which Way I'm Turning?". Coming to a four-way stop here is like playing automotive Russian roulette. You start to turn left, everyone starts to turn left. You start to turn right, everyone starts to turn right. You go, everyone goes. You stop, everyone stops.

I'm also concerned about the physical fitness of these drivers. Short walks must be tremendously physically taxing, for the most popular parking spot at all restaurants, grocery stores, and other places of business seems to be right at the front door. Or maybe these poor, misguided souls have just not yet learned the art of parking, and so they are doomed to forever cruise the streets, pausing at the front doors of America's business establishments, unable to stop, for they never took the time to learn the ancient art of parking.

Actually, I would say it's a good bet that it's nothing more than impoliteness, some lack of knowledge and common sense, and a whopping dose of having one's head so far up their rear end, they would have to yawn to see daylight. As for me, I'm a survivor, and so I'll adapt. I'm starting by mounting some 50-caliber machine guns on my Jeep this weekend. Puts a whole new perspective on "right of way." See you in the passing lane.

THIS SEMESTER'S PUZZLE: Make it through the Orange Constr. Fences



Rules, rules everywhere are rules; do this, don't do that can't you read the rules?

By Shana Thornton
assistant editor

This is part one of a series on public school education.

I adore eavesdropping; I think I mentioned this habit last semester. But I especially like large groups, because I don't like the sneakiness of hearing a private conversation when I'm not an original member. Large gatherings of small clusters of people are truly interesting. You have the ability to both stare and listen, meaning truly observe, without seeming odd or drawing too much obvious attention. I like listening to one group of people, then diverting my attention to another, until I am perceiving five interesting dialogues for my entertainment. So, the point: I was practicing my usual habit in the Wal-Mart check-out lane (a place which can get very hectic). Two women were discussing some new rules at a high school:

"Well, they don't need to carry packs anyway, when they've already got lockers," Lady One said.

"Yeah, I know you think they've been so much violence that this is necessary, but I think it's awful," Lady Two returned.

"Well, I just don't see any sense in letting them carry a thing they can hide a gun in," Lady One restated.

"Yeah, I still can't agree. Gena was carryin' some tampons in one of those little shiny zipper bags, you know, the kind with the stars on it, and teacher told her to empty it. Said it could be holdin' some drugs or a small handgun or even a small bomb. Now, what the hell is that about, Martha? That just ain't right. I'm tellin' you their a-messin' up," Lady Two pointed out with conviction.

"Well, I hadn't—" "Ma'am, Ma'am. That's 19.45, alright?" the cashier warned me.

I missed the last of the conversation. But Lady Two inspired me to ask around about this rule of NO BACKPACKS. I found more new rules being imposed upon high school students than I could honestly ignore. I discovered information about three school systems: Cheatham, Houston, and Wilson Counties have implemented new rules. I did not contact the school systems themselves, but spoke with some parents of children.

In Cheatham and Wilson Counties, students may carry their books in a backpack to school; however, upon arrival they must place the pack in their lockers, and carry their things (books, notebooks, pens, pencils, paper, gum, tampons, wallets, diaries, notes, staplers, magazines, toys, rocks, lighters, crayons...) outside of a

protective container. ("AHHH!!!" I scream!!!)

Second rule: Students must wear waist-level pants (underwear color and style is obviously a sacred thing, which cannot be shared) of a solid color with belt loops. They don't have to wear a belt, but the loops are important (I'm not sure why????). Now, if fashion hasn't been disgraced enough, Third Rule: Spaghetti-strapped tanktops and V-neck shirts are forbidden. ("Give me the straitjacket!" I demand.)

Finally, Rule Four: If a student wears a "regular" tanktop, his/her bra cannot be showing. ("Don't wear a bra," I whisper. "Shhhh.") I just learned some new rules about Sumner County. Every time I tell someone about this article, they cite a new rule, and a new county ("Did I become transported to a new country by aliens in the night or something?" I question of my surroundings).

In this new country, Sumner County has Rule Five: Students cannot wear any facial or body piercings, and haircolor must be brown, black, blonde, white, red or auburn: "normal." ("Where are the Nazis? They must be here somewhere," I whisper and glance over my shoulder in paranoia.)

Finally, a parent of a student attending Harpeth Junior High in Cheatham County told me the procedures of leaving school facilities have changed. Rule Six: When the vehicles of parents circle the parking lot, a student can no longer simply get into the car, so the parent can leave. Now, all students must stand beside the passenger door, silently, until every student is in place, outside of the car. ("Let's all stand on one foot," I'd plot. "Or hunch over and waddle like apes; will that guarantee in-school suspension so I can escape this mundane Order?")

Then, the teacher permits them to get inside of their guardian's vehicle, and finally permits the parents to drive their own vehicles out of the parking lot ("Are we all going home together too?" I ask).

Houston County controls Rule Seven: The school Rule Book must be carried by students at ALL times while the student is on school property. ("If I stand on my chemistry book to reach the kitchen shelf at home, must I have the Rule Book?" I naively question. "Oh hell, I'll just become inventive and sew it to the loops in my pleated Dockers." Uh-oh, in-school suspension for starting a fashion trend.)

Okay, I don't know the punishment of any of these rules, but the form of punishment is obsolete. That

students are being punished for freedoms we enjoy every day is ludicrous enough. So now imagine being a teacher at one of these schools, and reciting these rules to the students, enforcing these rules, and further believing in them. After all of that, you, the teacher, then begin your American History, American Government, Economics or American Literature class, which teaches students that they live in a Democratic, Free, 100% American Country, Which is the Land of opportunity, a place where the Pursuit of Happiness contests people against one another for the good of a Brave World, which Speaks English Damn IT! Sure, these rules protect from violence and gangs. The students are nicer to one another, right. They're nicer to their teachers. It is superficial, a facade which is not truth.

How can parents and students accept these rules? How can teachers practice these rules? A student can never wholly respect a teacher who limits their freedom. A person cannot respect another person in general if this basic acceptance is broken. This mutual understanding that we have freedom to be ourselves, physically, mentally, and/or both, is the acceptance which creates trust.

Students cannot be trusted if they cannot trust the system into which they are forced. A system that tells them it's teaching and helping them, but that tells them how to dress, when to speak, how to speak, how to look, and what they should believe. Individuality has been burned by the public school systems. Education has become a disgrace to the country which it promotes. If students cannot react through individuality, they will react through shock.

I cannot believe that officials in school systems fear the students they educate so severely. Or is fear merely an excuse to abuse power and control? TIP: People do not enjoy remaining passive without a choice to be otherwise. This country has a history of people demanding freedom, but we continue to breed control, which is unnatural. Our country is a LIE! and it is being proven in the public school system.

Note: All rules and evidence are not documented. The author has gathered information about rules based on public opinion and information. Further, the author is not interested in precision, but in the educational and humane irony of the situation.

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