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## HRL offers Great Change Day today, set to sponsor Govstock

By Justin Darden  
Guest writer

Anyone living on campus who wants to change rooms and/or halls may do so today from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Today is Great Change Day for the Office of Housing/Residence Life.

Great Change Day represents residents' final opportunity to change their housing assignments.

The Office of HRL will also will sponsor Govstock, scheduled for April 7. The musical event that will feature a variety of music groups including a perfor-

mance by the Voices of Triumph.

The first half of Govstock will be held on the hill between Rawlins and Cross Halls. Then from 7-9 p.m., there will be a talent show in the Clement auditorium, followed by the conclusion of Govstock in the courtyard

between Blount and Sevier Halls.

"I think we'll have a good turnout because it will be good clean fun instead of that acid rock," said Craig Emerson, RHA advisor.

In other housing news, representatives from the Office of HRL are in the con-

tracting process of providing a food service vendor for APSU.

This contract will include specifications on the student meal plan structure and will take effect July 1.

"This food service will give students more flexibility," said Joe Mills, director of

HRL.

There are plans in the works to have new chairs installed in Harvill and Miller Halls on Thursday at 8 a.m. According to Pete Blutreich, assistant director of Housing/Residence Life, students wanted the new chairs.

## Archwood reverts to President's Residence

During a recent meeting for all Austin Peay faculty and staff, APSU President Dr. Sherry Hoppe announced that historic Archwood will revert to its former use as the president's home.

Subject to the approval of the state building commission executive committee, proceeds from the sale of the Dunbar Cave Road home, which has been the president's residence since 1980, will be used to construct a privacy wall around Archwood, add closets and convert the kitchen and bathrooms for residential use. Facing College Street, Archwood sits between Claxton and the new science building.

Archwood, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1878 by prominent businessman Samuel Rexinger on a lot purchased by his wife for \$2,500 in 1869. The total construction cost of Archwood was \$6,000 during a time when a family of four could live well on \$900 a year.

The architecture is Italianate, with elongated door and window arches. Designed to be airy, the front rooms have 14-foot ceilings. The fireplaces in the downstairs reception rooms have their original mantles and all woodwork is walnut. The stairway ends in the front entry hall with a carved newel-post.

Amazingly, the important, etched-glass front door was not broken by the 1999 tornado that lifted the roof off the building.

Throughout the 1890s, the home was owned by various faculty of Southwestern Presbyterian University since the home was adjacent to campus.

After Southwestern



Archwood makes its return as the President's Residence in July of 2001.

photo by Johnny Sparks

vacated the campus in 1925, the house was owned by several families.

During World War II, it became an apartment building. In 1948, it was renovated back into a one-family residence.

It was purchased by APSU to use as the President's Residence in 1965, and Presidents Joe Morgan and Robert O. Riggs lived there. In 1980, during its occupancy by the Riggs

family, it suffered interior fire damage, but the exterior remained intact. Shortly thereafter, APSU purchased the home on Dunbar Cave Road as the president's residence.

During 1981-1982, Archwood was converted into faculty offices and used as such until the 1999 tornado tore away the roof, resulting in interior water damage. By September 2000, Archwood was restored to

its original glory with care taken to ensure each detail is true to the original.

A French wall hanging, which dates to about the same period Archwood was built, was installed in the foyer in September—a gift from the widow of the late Eddie Rabbit. A duplicate of the artwork, called a Zuber, hangs in the White House.

Hoppe said Archwood will be "a gathering place for faculty and staff as part

of our home." The goal is for the Hoppes to occupy Archwood by July 1.

In addition to the announcement about Archwood, Hoppe discussed various efforts and initiatives, including an internal salary-equity study for faculty and staff, an update on the searches to fill interim positions and an overview of APSU's 75th anniversary celebration throughout next year.

## SGA calls for student leaders

By Holli Binkley  
staff writer

Have you ever wondered how to make your voice heard at Austin Peay State University?

Here is your chance to voice concerns and express your ideas. Student Government Association Elections are being held on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Bookstore Alcove.

Students interested in running for SGA office must complete a packet that is available from the Office of Student Affairs in Ellington 202 or the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs in Browning 115. The deadline for submitting this packet is 4:30 p.m. March 29, 2001.

The packet includes a petition that requires twenty-five signatures, a statement of intent, and oath of affirmation, and a sample letter of nomination. The letter of nomination must be completed by a student and a faculty or staff member.

Qualifications for the Legislative Branch which includes senators at large and senators from each of the five colleges are a minimum GPA of 2.25, enrollment as a full time student, member of college for which he is seeking senatorship, classified as an undergraduate, and have no formal discipline record.

To qualify to run for executive offices, students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5, be classified as a full time student, have no formal discipline record, and sign a statement of intent to attend APSU for at least two semesters immediately after the elections excluding summer semester. Candidates for executive offices must also have completed, be enrolled in, or enrolling in Leadership 3000 class in the next semester. Students no longer have to have held an SGA position to run for Executive Offices.

Mandatory debates will be held on Monday, April 2 at noon in front of the bookstore and Cafeteria. If it is raining the location will be moved to Clement Auditorium.

Currently an allocations committee is allocating SGA funds. SGA meets every Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. The meetings are open to all students, and attendance is encouraged.

The SGA is voice of the students. It serves as a liaison between the administration and the student body. It also serves to protect the equality of members of the student body.

Have you ever wondered how to have your voice heard at APSU? Here is your answer: SGA elections, Wednesday, April 4, 2001 in the Bookstore Alcove.

## Media services director retires after 30 years

For 30 years, the hum of machines has been part of Lynda Conner's daily life as coordinator of Media Services at Austin Peay, but Conner can now look forward to the quiet of home as she retires.

Hidden on the ground floor of the library, the sounds and smells of Media Services are different from those on the main floor—sounds and smells of equipment running, such as copy, transparency and laminating machines.

"People would often ask me, 'What's burning?' The laminating machine gave off a candle-burning scent," says Conner. "You don't pay a lot of attention to the sounds and smells after a while."

A woman who generally stays away from the spotlight, Conner's face lights up as she talks about her time at APSU.

"While APSU has been the place where I worked, it's more than that. I've been paid to do something I thoroughly enjoyed," says Conner. "Not everybody

gets the opportunity to work in a job for 30 years that they truly can say they enjoyed every day. I feel very blessed."

Conner's love for her job is apparent from the moment you walk in Media Services. She greets people with a friendly smile as she asks how can she help them. "We strive to do the most we can for students. I always have tried to not let students leave without using all the resources I had to help them."

Before coming to APSU in 1971, Conner worked with audio/video material in the Clarksville/Montgomery County school system.

She came to APSU on a grant funded by the National Science Foundation called the Center for Teachers. The center provided workshops, materials and resources primarily for elementary, middle and high school science and math teachers.

When the National Science Foundation grant ended, the university re-funded Media Services and

put it under the direction of the Felix G. Woodward Library.

Regarding her lack of a degree in instructional technology, Conner says, "I am self-taught. I have learned by experience."

"There has been a dramatic change in technology since I first came to APSU. Today's high speed copy machines are much more advanced than the early machines using carbon," says Conner.

"I've seen tremendous change in what we do, how we do it and who we do it for. Working at Media Services has given me the opportunity to do a lot of things I would not have learned otherwise."

Conner says it is a challenge for universities to keep up with the changing technology. She predicts that in the future there will be more changes in Media Services as it expands and moves in the direction of instructional technology.

"APSU is providing something for students at Media Services other universities do not provide.

Unfortunately, many students don't know what we offer.

"For example, at some point in your life, you are going to be called on to make a presentation. Knowing a little bit about making a media presentation is beneficial to everyone," says Conner.

Conner believes her greatest contribution was helping establish Media Services at APSU. "Many people, not just me, helped bring it from nothing to where it is today."

Of her time spent at APSU, Conner most will remember the people she came in contact with. One fond memory she has is of a young, married couple who worked at Media Services while attending APSU. Today, their son is an APSU student.

Among the high points of her career, Conner was honored when she was named APSU's Employee of the Year in 1985.

Conner describes her coworkers as family. "Most of us have worked together for more than 20 years.

We've been through many things together, and we've seen each other's children grow up."

One coworker, Carl Mosley, electronic equipment technician, says, "Her retirement will leave a big void. Lynda is my friend and supervisor, and she provides motivation and inspiration. The university and the community probably are not aware of how invaluable she is."

A lifelong resident of Clarksville, Conner and her husband, Robert, have one son, Chris.

Active in community service, Conner has served on the board of directors at the Wesley Foundation and as a church officer and youth counselor at Sango United Methodist Church. She also has volunteered at Loaves and Fishes food pantry.

"Lynda has been like family. I know she truly is going to be missed by the university," says Betty Osborne, media specialist. "We have learned a lot from her leadership. I'm trying to think of her not as retiring—just going away on vacation."





## Early Childhood Training Alliance brings training

Austin Peay State University's Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance brings national training to the local level through the Upper Middle Region Conference 2001, to be held Saturday.

Co-sponsored by APSU-TECTA, Clarksville Family Child Care Association, Montgomery County Child Care Association, Dickson County Child Care Association and APSU's

Center for Extended and Distance Education, the conference is for anyone working in early childhood education.

One of nine TECTA sites in the state, APSU-TECTA serves eight counties by providing free child care training and academic course work for current employees and child care workers.

Part of TECTA's budget is allocated to provide a regional conference. "Many

of the workshops presented at Conference 2001 are workshops the instructors attended at the national conference," said Linda Sitton, site coordinator for APSU-TECTA.

Effective July 1, Tennessee begins a voluntary, three-star-rated license program. A child-care program can choose to qualify for a one, two or three-star program based on a number of criteria, including director

qualifications, staff education, ratios and environmental rating scale.

The theme of this year's conference is "Reach for the Stars in Early Childhood." Many of the conference workshops will address the Tennessee rated license requirements and will assist child-care providers in meeting those standards.

Approximately 36 different workshops will be offered. Topics to be covered

include: "Curriculum Using Prop Boxes," "First Aid/CPR Renewal," "Grant Writing," "Math in the Preschool Setting," "Interactive Bulletin Boards," "TECTA Pieces-What Can You Use?" and "Tax Briefing for FCC Providers."

In addition, "Polaroid Education Workshop: A Child's Eye View" teaches participants how to use imagery to build self-image, document achievement, teach basic skills and improve classroom management. Every conference participant will receive a free Polaroid camera.

According to TECTA statistics, there are more than 3,100 licensed child-care centers and 2,830 licensed or registered family child-care providers in Tennessee with approximately 30,000 employees. More than 68 percent of preschool age

children are now in some form of routine, non-parental child care.

TECTA is based on state and national standards for the preparation of professional early childhood education personnel.

The goal of TECTA is to improve access for Tennessee citizens to quality early childhood education by providing child-care teachers and administrators with articulated, certificate and degree preparation programs.

Sitton encourages participation by interested students and the public. The fee for the conference is \$65 the day of the conference.

The conference will be held from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday in the Kimbrough Building on the APSU campus. For more information or to register, telephone (931) 221-7585.

## Organizations present first Gospel Jamboree

Warfield Lodge #44 in conjunction with the Hampton-Trice Council of the Knights of Pythagoras presents its first annual Gospel Jamboree Sunday at 4 p.m. in Austin Peay's Music/Mass Communication Concert Hall.

Several gospel artists will perform, including Austin Peay's "Voices of Triumph."

Also, scheduled to perform are the "New Traveling Stars," "Sons of Grace," Elder Wayne Hayes and Veronica Long.

Admission is \$7 and proceeds from this event will benefit the Hampton-Trice Council of the Knights of Pythagoras.

The Knights of Pythagoras is an organization built upon Christian principles that will develop programs and activities to nurture and support the social development of young men, ages 10 to 18, in the Clarksville community.

On more than one occasion, church leaders have urged that action be taken to

save the community's young men from the inevitable path of self destruction by developing programs that nurture and provide mentoring.

Many young men are growing up in the absence of positive male role models and are being led astray.

To that end, Warfield Lodge #44, PHA is answering the call and is willing to meet the challenges with the opening of the Hampton-Trice Council of the Knights of Pythagoras.

Participants in this pro-

gram, though not recognized as Masons, will benefit from the active support and assistance provided by Christian men in our community who are members of Warfield Lodge.

The church believes that unless an active role is taken in building productive, socially and spiritually responsible young men, Congress will continue to build prisons to house those who have fallen by the way-side.

## Alpha Sigma Alpha becomes new kid on block

By Amanda K. White  
guest writer

Alpha Sigma Alpha became the new kid on the block Feb. 24 when it received its charter and became an official chapter on the APSU campus.

A banquet and formal were planned to commemo-

rate the event, however a slight weather problem prevented the dance from happening because there was no electricity.

Officers from the National Headquarters of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority in Indianapolis attended the banquet. Andy Kean, director of Student Life at APSU,

was the evening's guest speaker. Mandy Stark, the chapter's leadership consultant, also spoke at the evening's ceremonies.

After six months of diligent work and preparation, the Zeta Omega chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha has initiated 34 collegiate members.

"Alpha Sigma Alpha to

me, has not only been a great opportunity but has helped me to realize that the foundation of sororities is based on friendship," said Naydia Spears, standards chair.

"With help from Stark, Jason Brewer, NPC and sisters across the nation, the Zeta Omega chapter has exceeded all expectations. It is amazing the support that being a member of a sorority gives you. During this special time, it was not just the Austin Peay members of Alpha Sigma Alpha that were there, but being a national sorority, we had sisters all across the nation that came to support us," said Stephanie Highsmith, recruitment vice president.

## Sigma Gamma Rho ends Greek week with step show

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., Nu Zeta Chapter, is currently holding their National Pan-Hellenic Council Greek Week at Austin Peay.

This year's theme is "The Year of the Sigma," and festivities will end with a climactic step show Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. They will be available all week in front of the cafeteria.

"The Year of the Sigma" was chosen as the theme because we have done more this year to make us more visible, on and off campus," member Summer Carney-Howard said, as she added finishing touches to the blue and gold decorations that can be seen in front of the cafeteria.

"We want to let people know that there is more than one NPHC sorority on cam-

pus, so we have worked extra hard to make this one of the best Greek Weeks in a long time."

The oriental flare of theme can be seen throughout the week, including a Kung-Fu movie night, oriental food sampling and a Chinese block party. However, most students are looking forward to the step show, which will feature acts from the southeast region.

"I think the step show Sigma Gamma Rho is sponsoring is going to be the biggest event this semester," says Jonathan Thomas, a senior at Austin Peay. "Everyone is looking forward to it, a lot of people think there will be a good turnout."

The remainder of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Greek Week activities include a Kung-Fu Movie Night and Chinese food sampling tonight in the African American Culture Center from 6-8 p.m. A Chinese Block Party is scheduled for Thursday in the APSU Courtyard from 6-8 p.m. Saturday the Greek Explosion Step Show will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Clement Auditorium. There will also be an after party at the Riverview Inn downtown. Admission is \$5 with step show ticket stub, \$10 without.

For more information, you can visit their Greek week Web site at <http://www.geocities.com/envy1922/theme.html>.


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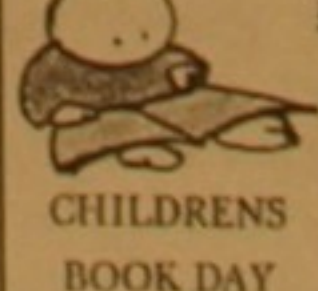

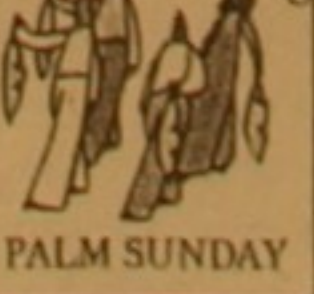
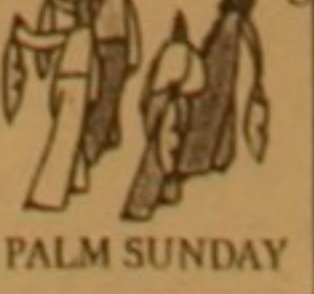

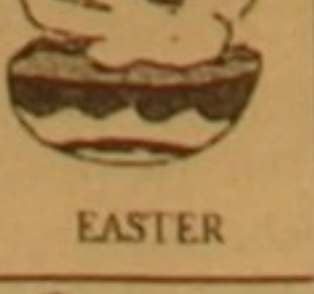
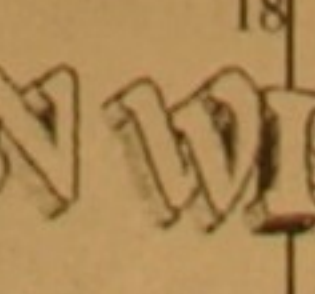
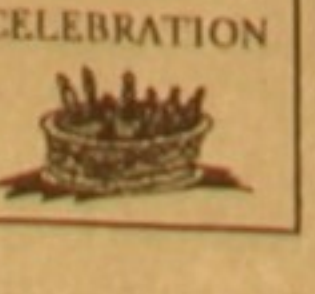
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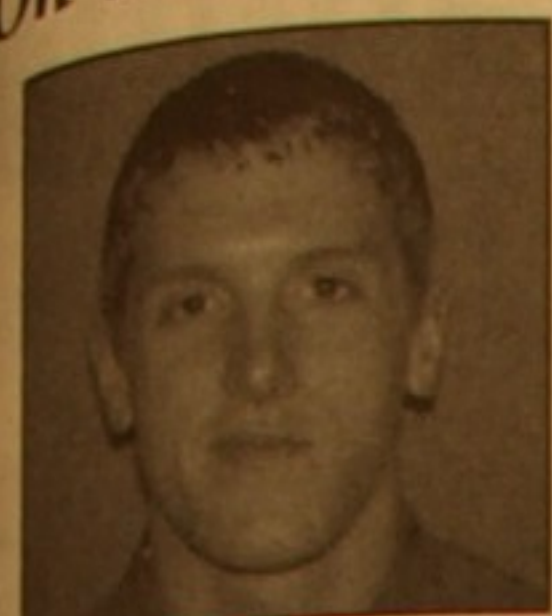


# SPORTS

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## On the Govs ...



**Kyle Tucker**

## Hassell: Should he stay or should he go?

Trenton Hassell is in a unique position — torn between the fame and fortune of being a professional athlete and the semi-quiet life of being a star at a mid-major college in Clarksville, Tenn.

Hassell, a senior academical, has one more year of NCAA basketball eligibility. But the Austin Peay swingman and Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year hasn't decided whether he's coming back or jumping to the brilliant spotlight of the National Basketball Association.

Hassell is a potential lottery pick in this summer's NBA draft — which isn't long after his graduation from Austin Peay in May.

George Rodecker's Player Potential Index (PPI) on CBS sportsline's Web site has Hassell rated as the top shooting guard in the nation, ahead of North Carolina's Joseph Forte. Rodecker also has Hassell listed as the No. 5 player overall in the country, surpassing even Duke's Shane Battier.

With such attention and interest from the NBA and those who claim to be experts at spotting its future talent, Hassell's decision would seem an easy one.

But that's not so. It's a combination of the little and not-so-little things that leave Hassell in limbo.

Some of those not-so-little things are his family and friends, all of which live in Clarksville.

Like his roommate, who also happens to be his brother, Jay Bailey. Bailey is a running back for Austin Peay's football team and will still be here in next year.

If Hassell leaves, Bailey will have to find a new roommate. So will Hassell.

But if he stays and blows out his knee, then what? Some might question risking losing it all when the dream is already waiting for him.

And what will the NBA think if he doesn't jump? "Maybe he's afraid of he competition," some scouts might start whispering.

Oh, but those little things make the decision so much more difficult.

One of those is that Hassell hates to fly.

The fact that he'll be on a plane virtually every night in the NBA is certainly not lost on Hassell.

Or that the guy just likes being in college. He likes the atmosphere, the friendships, the easy-going lifestyle.

Hassell doesn't have to look hard to see the contrasting life of a professional athlete, where you have to wonder at every friendly gesture just what hidden agenda might be behind it. In the NBA, real friends are hard to come by. Most who want to be your friend may as well have a coin slot on their face.

On the court, there's always the temptation of trying to come back next year and lead the nation in scoring.

But that doesn't mean nearly as much as the one little thing that may never stop bugging Hassell if he leaves.

The last little thing, which may be quite a big thing to Hassell, is a ring.

Hassell was so close this year and watched helplessly as his OVC title hopes were stolen away along with a trip to the Big Dance.

Make no mistake about it, Hassell wanted desperately to go out a champion.

And he may yet.

The League has come calling. And money talks. But so far, nobody knows if Hassell is listening.

## Softball wins three to start OVC

By T.J. Lusk  
sports editor

Austin Peay's softball team may have gotten the shot in the arm it needed last Saturday and Sunday, sweeping a three-game series at Morehead State to get off to a 3-0 start in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Austin Peay won by scores of 1-0, 4-1 and 6-2.

The sweep was a huge confidence boost for the Lady Govs (7-16, 3-0), who've been suffering through a combination of growing pains and inconsistent hitting so far this season.

"I feel great about it — they really deserved these three wins," head coach Tara Csernecky said. "Our pitching was strong again, we hit well when we needed to, and we really came together as a team."

"I'm sure (Morehead) didn't expect to drop three games to us, but we outplayed them all weekend long."

Sophomore Holly Ricketts was again a workhorse on the mound for the Lady Govs, getting two of the three wins, including the shutout. Junior Megan Lane got the other win.

At this point, at least, Csernecky's plan for her young team is unfolding

exactly as she'd hoped: The Lady Govs have taken their lumps and worked out some of the kinks during the non-conference schedule, instead of in the more-important OVC games.

"Our schedule before the OVC season started really helped us. It gave us the experience we needed," Csernecky said. "The conference season is really what we've been playing for, and to start out like this is a tremendous boost."

Last weekend's games were just the start of a pivotal string of OVC contests, which

could answer a lot of questions about just how far the Lady Govs have progressed.

Austin Peay travels to Southeast Missouri on Wednesday for a doubleheader before returning for a three-game homestand against Eastern Kentucky on Saturday and Sunday.

"We really only get a couple of minutes to enjoy these wins, then we have to turn around and prepare for the others," Csernecky said.

And based on how well they played against Morehead, the Lady Govs are going into these games with

about as much confidence as they can have.

"If we can play like we did (against Morehead), it will definitely give us a chance to win these games," Csernecky said. "I think we really showed that we can be a strong contender in the OVC if we can continue to play that kind of game. ... We're very capable of beating anybody we play."

Austin Peay will play a doubleheader at home against Eastern Kentucky Saturday starting at 1 p.m., and will play the remaining game Sunday at noon.

## Govs slide at home

Baseball team's win-streak ends at seven, Govs lose three in a row

By Kyle Tucker  
assistant editor

It's feast or famine with Austin Peay's baseball team.

The Govs' season thus far has been shaped by streaks. And the trend continued over the weekend as they dropped a pair of games to Miami (Ohio) at Hand Park — part of a three-game skid that began with a 5-2 loss at home to Kentucky last Wednesday.

Austin Peay started its season with a three-game sweep over Xavier and followed it with a five-game losing streak that included losses to Mississippi, Ball State, Illinois State, Purdue and Alabama.

Five consecutive wins later, the Govs were 8-5. That streak was briefly interrupted by a 6-5 loss to Valparaiso, before Austin Peay reeled off seven straight, capped by an Ohio Valley Conference-opening three-game sweep of Tennessee-Martin.

A whirlwind of wins and losses left the Govs' record at 15-6 and looking good.

Fast forward to Sunday night.

Austin Peay had just finished getting roughed up by Miami for the second time and limped off its home field with a 15-9 mark.

"It's been a little streaky," Govs coach Gary McClure said. "Fortunately, our winning streaks have been longer than our losing streaks so far."

In Austin Peay's first game with the RedHawks Saturday, offense was the story — Miami's that is.

The RedHawks (10-9) ripped off 16 hits against six Gov pitchers in a 10-6 win. Though Austin Peay got out to a 5-1 lead in the sixth inning, a six-run seventh for Miami did the Govs in.

The RedHawks had eight hits on three different pitchers



photo by Alicia Archuleta

Austin Peay's Tony O'Donnell throws against Miami (Ohio) in the Govs' 10-5 loss to the RedHawks at home Sunday. O'Donnell was one of several Gov pitchers to get roughed up over the weekend.

in the inning, including back-to-back homers by Jeremy Ison and Jason Knoedler off reliever Clint Rommel.

Rommel (4-1) took his first loss of the year. Stephen Pew was solid through six, giving up seven hits and three runs. But the Govs fell apart after he came out.

Austin Peay cut the lead to 7-6 in the bottom of the seventh, but Miami added two in the eighth and one in the ninth to seal the deal.

"It was really kind of two games," McClure said. "We started Stephen Pew and he really totally dominated them for six innings and we had a 5-1 lead going into the sev-

enth against one of the best pitchers in the country."

"It looked like we were in a great position to win the ball game. But for whatever reason, when he ran out of gas our bullpen didn't do the job. For the first time all year, Rommel got hit."

Going into the game, Rommel's ERA was less than one.

"It was a ballgame we should have won," McClure said. "That's one of the things we've been able to rely on in our late-inning bullpen. Unfortunately, this time we just didn't get it done."

Sunday, the Govs couldn't get it done at the plate, and

fell again to the RedHawks, 10-5.

Austin Peay managed just two hits all afternoon — singles by A.J. Ellis and Joseph Peer — scoring their runs on 12 walks and a handful of errors.

Junior right-hander Dustin Smith (0-3) didn't help the cause on the mound. He suffered through another dismal performance. In five innings, Smith allowed five hits, walked four, hit two batters and balked twice en route to giving up five earned runs.

"He just hasn't gotten it done," McClure said. "He just has to make some adjust-

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## Men's golf rallies to finish third at EKU

By T.J. Lusk  
sports editor

Austin Peay's men's golf team made a furious push in the final round to move up seven spots and finish third out of 18 teams at the Eastern Kentucky Spring Invitational in Richmond, Ky. Saturday.

Austin Peay finished nine strokes behind first-place Methodist College, and five strokes behind host Eastern Kentucky.

Govs coach Mark Leroux was markedly more pleased with his team's play in its second tournament of the spring season. The Govs finished ninth at the South Florida/Ron Smith Invitational in late February.

"I think we showed everyone that we are the best team in the OVC," Leroux said. Seven of nine OVC schools competed in the tournament.

"I was very happy with it, especially knowing that one of our studs wasn't there (sophomore Joe Humston, who failed to qualify for the trip)."

Austin Peay did finish five strokes behind OVC rival Eastern Kentucky, but Leroux pointed out that the Colonels had the decided advantage of playing on their home course.

Individually, sophomore Ryan Strickland was the Govs' top performer, finishing tied for third with a total of 217 (76-68-73).

Leroux was pleasantly surprised to see improved performance from the team's four and five slots, which have been the Govs' weak points ever since the fall season.

Those positions were manned last weekend by junior Chris Harder and sophomore Justin Burney, who made his first-ever tournament appearance.

"Justin Burney really came through for us — him and Chris Harder," Leroux said. "I think we had our best four

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## Tennessee pounds Lady Govs

By Kyle Tucker  
assistant editor

KNOXVILLE — If there is such a thing as a moral victory, Austin Peay's women's basketball team brought one back from Thompson-Boling Arena.

The Lady Govs lost their first-round NCAA Tournament game with powerhouse Tennessee, 80-38, March 16. But for almost 13 minutes in the first half, Austin Peay at least made the Lady Vols sweat.

"I think we might have scared them," Lady Govs coach Susie Gardner said.

Brooke Armistead's short leaper gave the Lady Govs the first lead of the game, and Paige Smith's basket with 16:25 to go gave them a

4-3 edge. They never led again.

Still, paced by Armistead's 16 first-half points, Austin Peay stayed close for most of the half. After UT pushed its lead to 19-9, the Lady Vols made their last real push and got within five with 7:30 left in the first thanks to a Smith 3-point bomb from beyond NBA range.

"I felt really good about the first half," Gardner said. "We had a good game plan and we hung with them a little bit."

Even Tennessee coach Pat Summitt was impressed with the Lady Govs' early effort.

"I think Susie's done a great job with her team,"

Summitt said. "Any time you have guards that can handle the ball against the press, you've got a chance."

But the top-seeded Lady Vols closed out the first half with a 15-4 run and led, 38-21, at the break.

And the second half was all Tennessee. Austin Peay, with its starters growing weary and its shots coming up short, was soon blown away by the Summitt Express. The Lady Vols took control and did what everyone in the building was expecting them to from the start — they ran away with it.

The Lady Govs shot only 24 percent in the second half,

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photo by Tammy Sparks

Brooke Armistead scored a game-high 20 points for Austin Peay against Tennessee, but it wasn't enough. The Lady Govs fell, 80-38.



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ments and improve. So far he hasn't been able to do those things for whatever reason. But we still have high hopes for him."

In the sixth, Tony O'Donnell came on in relief and promptly gave up a solo shot to Knoedler.

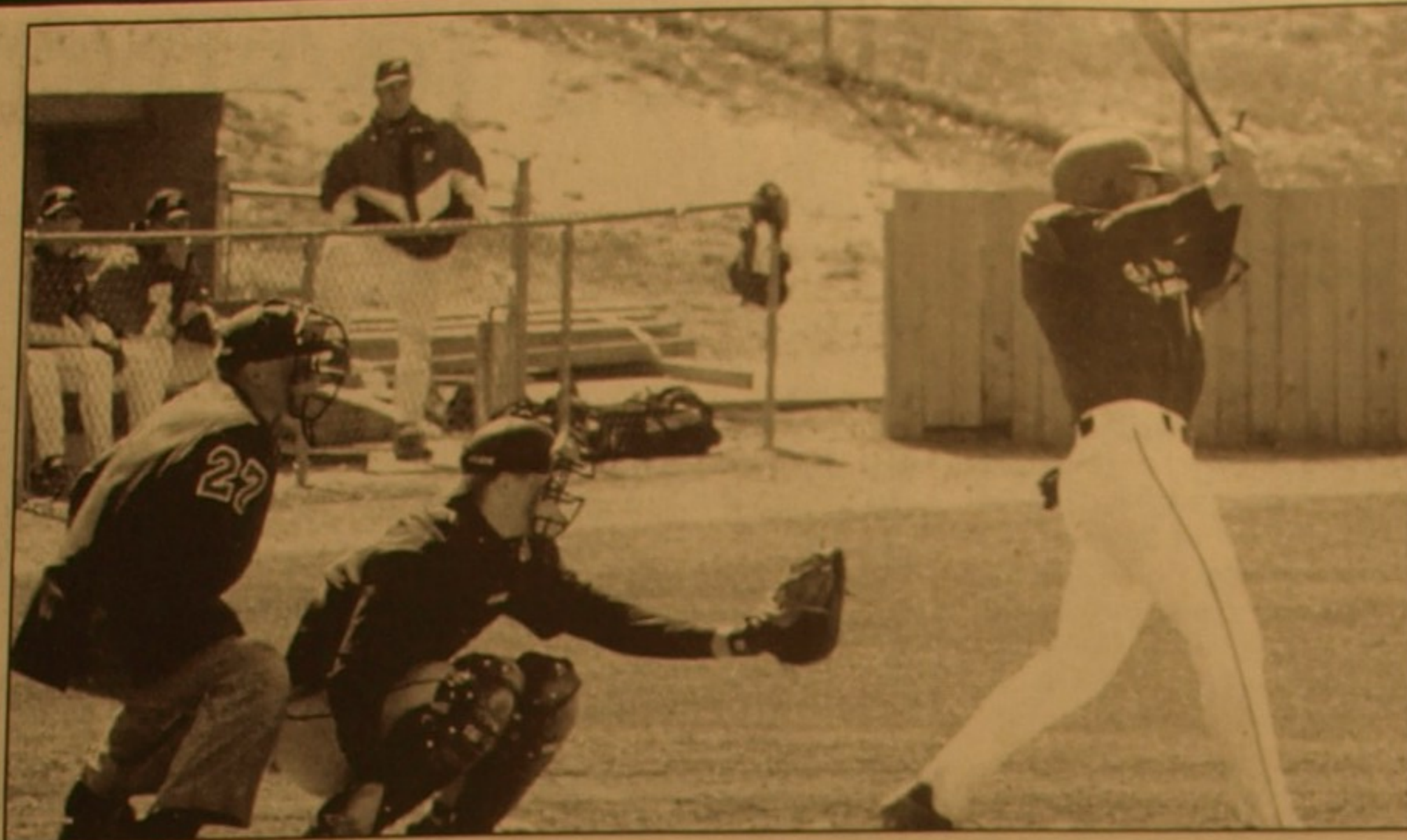
Jason Lazaris did no better in the seventh, surrendering four runs in the inning to give the RedHawks a 10-0 lead. And the Govs' bats had no answer.

Still, McClure wasn't too disappointed with his team's performance at the plate.

"We really hit the ball hard," he said. "We hit a bunch of line drives and balls that were just smoked that were right at people."

Earlier in the week, Austin Peay fell to Kentucky despite a solid performance on the mound by ace Mike Weel.

After giving up four hits and two runs in the first inning, Weel allowed just four hits over the next six and



Austin Peay's batters managed just two hits against the RedHawks at Hand Park Sunday.

retired the last 10 batters he faced.

The Govs tied the game at 2-2 in the sixth inning on Michael Johnson's solo homer. But Frank Kunich gave up a home run to Beau Moore to start the eighth and two singles later was relieved

by Rommel.

After loading the bases, Rommel gave up a two-run single to Morgan Embry for the final tally. Austin Peay was handicapped by 11 strikeouts at the plate as Kentucky ended their seven-game winning streak.

"Our strong suit has been our relief pitching and that was the first time it let us down a little bit," McClure said. We've got to turn the ship around. We're certainly headed the wrong way. We've got to get on the winning track."

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and five scores all year.

"I put the pressure on them, and they stepped right up."

The Govs are beginning to heat up at the right time, as they have only two more tournaments before returning to Richmond for the all-important OVC Championships April 24-26.

"We've played to my expectations so far, but what really matters is the conference championship. These other tournaments are just warm-ups to play in that one," Leroux said.

One of those final two warm-up tournaments will be held Monday and Tuesday in Jacksonville, Ala., where the Govs will compete in the A m o c o - U l t i m a t e Intercollegiate.

• **Govs' tournament scores:** Ryan Strickland 217, Adam Shanks 221, Chris Harder 227, Joey Morefield 228, Justin Burney 232.

• **Lady Govs take a step back at recent tournament:** Unfortunately, the Lady Govs' golf team is moving in

the opposite direction of late.

Austin Peay followed up a disappointing 11th-place finish to start the spring season at the Southern Miss Invitational with an encouraging third-place finish at the Elon College Women's Invitational March 10-11, but then regressed to a ninth-place finish at the Hatter Spring Fling March 17-18.

However, Leroux says that he has seen some positives.

"If you look at the whole year, we've played a little bit below what we're capable of," he said. "But I believe we'll work real hard and get something out of this next month."

"We're heading in the right direction."

Thus far, the Lady Govs' best performers have been senior Jody Swier and sophomore Amanda Phillips, who is beginning to regain her form after suffering a brief slump.

The Lady Govs are currently in Birmingham, Ala. for a tournament at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

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including a 1-for-8 showing from behind the arc.

Tennessee's press got to Austin Peay, whose shallow bench ultimately took a toll.

"I think fatigue was a factor in the second half," Summitt said.

After freshman Gerlonda Hardin opened the second half with a basket, the Lady Vols went on a 33-4 run. And just like that, it was over before the Lady Govs knew what hit them.

"In the second half, the

difference was our shooting and they got a ton more offensive rebounds," Gardner said.

But Gardner and her team left Knoxville without hanging their heads. After all, the memories they brought home far outweigh losing a game that would have been miraculous if it turned out any other way.

"A lot of us grew up wanting to play for this team," Armistead said. "But we came in and we weren't

intimidated."

Maybe not. But amazed and in awe would certainly be appropriate for a team who regularly plays in front of 500 people at home. When they faced UT, the crowd was 8,129 strong.

"When we first came out and started hearing 'Rocky Top,' it was exciting," Smith said. "It was even pumping us up. We played hard and we had heart, and you can't take that away."

That's exactly how

Gardner wants her team to see it. But she's hoping the old saying, "success breeds success," will hold true.

"It's been an awesome two weeks," Gardner said. "They got to experience what they dream about as girls growing up. From top to bottom, hopefully the experience of getting to the NCAA Tournament will make them hungry for more."

"We've got to be proud of our achievements and not dwell on this game."

Tennessee eventually fell to fourth-seeded Xavier in the Sweet Sixteen.

## Tennis teams split

The Lady Govs' tennis team got back on the winning track Sunday afternoon, while the men continued with their struggles.

The Lady Govs (8-5), who had lost their previous two matches, won all but one singles match in a 5-1 win over Texas-Pan American.

The men lost their fifth straight match in falling to Texas-Pan American 5-1.

Each team will be traveling to Tennessee State today before hosting Eastern Kentucky on Friday (2:30 p.m.) and Morehead State on Sunday (10 a.m.).

Sunday's results: Women's

singles—Celine Merlini (TPA) d. Judy Liwampo 6-1, 6-4; Jessica St. John (AP) d. Eve Nickelson 6-1, 6-0; Celeste Tompkins (AP) d. Jessica Brown 6-1, 6-0; Kim Laub (AP) d. Mireya Villarreal 6-3, 6-0; Veronica Carr (AP) d. Erica Espinosa.

Men's singles—Matt Gower (TPA) d. Justin Keller 7-5, 6-1; Vincent Buri (AP) d. Kareem Abdulla 7-5, 1-6; Enrique Bastante (TPA) d. Marcus Rutsche 6-2, 6-0; Juan Saiz (TPA) d. Matthew Gregory 6-2, 6-2; Brandon Meiners (TPA) d. Steven White 6-1, 6-3; Tom Mangelschots (TPA) d. Oscar Lopez 3-6, 6-0 (10-0).

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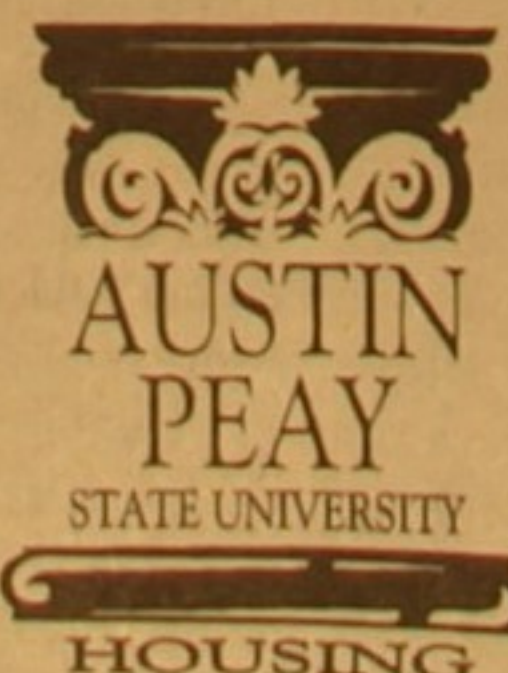
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# OPINION

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## Begins at home, continues at school

Ashley Kettle  
Opinion editor

I worked in the restaurant business for a little more than years. During that period I learned many things. When I started the business I took with me a saying that I learned from an older man in my occupation.

"If you wouldn't eat it, don't serve it."

I thoroughly believe that anything can be put towards other aspects of life. For instance, if you plan to give something to someone as a gift, a good rule of thumb is if you wouldn't wear it, don't buy it. This only works if you are giving the clothes as a gift to someone of the same age. But then again there are exceptions.

Anyway that's not my point.

I have taken that particular business saying and applied it to things such as writing. If I wouldn't read it, I don't write it.

I enjoy reading material that pokes fun at realistic situations. Because of that enjoyment I have tried to write along those lines. I can only hope that my past editorials have proven to be a light-hearted approach as well as a humorous approach to reality. However, there are times where the light-hearted and humorous approach should be avoided.

At this time is now. Fifteen-year-old Charles "Andy" Williams spent much of his adolescence being picked on and made fun of his fellow peers. In early March of this year he had evidently had enough and was going to take and retaliate against his peers by

taking a gun to school. That gun is what he used to shoot a total of 15 people. Thirteen were injured and two were killed on that fateful Monday in early March.

In February, just one week before the previous school violence, a 19-year-old college student plowed his car into a crowd of college students, ultimately resulting in the death of four and one critically injured student.

In November of 2000, a 16-year-old male high school student was stabbed to death. The victim's brother, principal and many classmates witnessed his death.

All three of these acts of violence took the lives of students, yet only one of those murderous rages warranted front-page news and around-the-clock TV coverage and is still being reported on today, three weeks after the school shooting.

The murder of two students with a gun by an insane high school student is reported around the world, while the murder of four people by a crazed college student with a car barely rated a mention. Only a few select people know of the tragic November stabbing.

In the wake of the recent school violence, people are once again jumping on the bandwagon to ban firearms. And why wouldn't people want to rid the world of guns? Think about it, if there are no guns then senseless deaths would no longer occur. Right? WRONG!

Banning guns is not the answer. For those who think gun bans are in order why don't we also ban all sharp



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objects as well as cars? Or how about we ban alcohol? Without cars, people wouldn't be killed in car accidents. Without alcohol, there would be no drunk drivers. Without sharp objects there would be no stabbings.

Of course there would never be any mention of banning cars or alcohol. Why, without cars how would we get around? And if there wasn't any alcohol, how would so many people unwind at the end of the day? Sounds ridiculous does it not?

In 1999, drunken drivers accounted for more than 475 deaths and 4,000 injuries in Tennessee alone.

Also in 1999, 15 high school football players died during regular season and playoff games, according to the

National Federation of State High School Associations. Fifteen is also the same number of students that were killed in school by guns in the 1999 school year.

Aside from those 15 football players, another 11 athletes died during high school games and practices, while 29 athletes suffered injuries on the field that left them paralyzed or seriously disabled.

What's next - a ban on all high school sports? Of course not, that's absurd.

I realize that the thought of banning sports, alcohol, cars and knives is totally ridiculous. As ridiculous as banning guns.

I'm sure the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms would love nothing more than to knock on the door of

every law-abiding gun-owning citizen and confiscate their guns.

But no matter how much the BATF is itching to do just that, violence won't go down. The opposite will happen.

At least right now criminals know there is a chance the next person they victimize may be a gun-toting citizen who wouldn't hesitate to add an extra hole to the delinquent's head.

Owning a gun is a right that was given to us by our forefathers.

If that right is taken from the law-abiding citizens then every one of us may as well wear signs telling the criminals it's okay to come into our homes and have their way with our families and our possessions.

That is exactly what is happening in Australia and England and what will happen here in the United States. I'm not willing to wear a sign of that nature.

If you want to stop gun violence, try using what we commonly call education. Start educating not only those children that show violent tendencies, but all children. That education should start at home. Home is where it begins, school is where it continues.

I know what it is to be angry, however I've never been so angry that I personally wanted to take the life of another human being. The reason for that could be because of the values that my parents instilled in me when I was a growing up.

## Letter to the editor

I have blue eyes. I have light brown hair. I weigh 135 pounds. I am 5'9" tall. I am gay - just another biological trait.

I am not your stereotypical queer. No, you will not find me slithering across campus with a limp wrist and a bandana around my head, in homage to N'SYNC, as your stereotype would have you to believe. In fact, most people I come across have no idea that I am gay. This is not my "coming-out" statement. If one were to ask me if I am gay, I would say yes. I do not run around campus waving a rainbow flag, though. Yes, I am proud of being gay community. More importantly, I am proud of myself for

staying true to whom it is that I am. I lied for too long. I hid in the shadows. Now, I am doing what is right.

Besides being gay, I am also a Christian. Reading that line, you think I am a hypocrite. Well, you can call me a hypocrite as long as you are referring to my being gay and disliking Barbra Streisand tunes, not because I call myself a Christian. I know every one of you. Not personally, but I know how you feel. I know the disgust that sits in the pit of your stomach every time you think of a man kissing another man or a woman kissing another woman. Deviants, perverts, pedophiles, those are terms I

often hear to describe me. ME! And, from your mouths. Who are you to judge me? Who are you to condemn me?

Yes, you are reading another article of complaint and this is to my fellow Christians who damn me to hell. Does your Bible tell you to hate me? Mine does not say you should hate "faggots." Mine does not say you should join a coalition to combat advocates of gay rights. Mine does not say you should stand outside a church and scream hatred and condemnation while family and friends mourn the violent death of a gay man or woman.

Do you know what rules my life? You may think sex. Instead, love is what really matters to me. What is the one word that

best describes God? I would say love. You say that you devote your lives to God. How can this be when you do not have unconditional love for all of God's creation? You love only those that fit your perfect mold. You do not love the millions of other gay men and women of the world.

It seems to me that too many people believe in denominational ideology rather than love. Too many people are condemning before they are embracing. Of course, there is that constant fear that simply looking at a homosexual results in AIDS, or conversion to the "dark side." Instead of helping those who suffer from such an illness, you continue to condemn them - only making their slow deaths more painful and lonely.

It may seem like I am writing to

put you in your place or to make a statement of condemnation toward you.

Rather, I am writing this because I cry at night thinking of the hate I hear from your mouths. I am writing this because I do not want to hear on CNN that another gay man or woman lays dead, beaten by the hands of hate. I cry because of you whom I do not even know, and I do not want to cry anymore. "I shall allow no man to belittle my soul by making me hate him (Booker T. Washington)."

Andrew M. Callis  
Sophomore,  
English major

## To who ever will respond

I am a disabled student, but more importantly than that I am a student in need of services said to be offered at our prestigious university. The problems that I encounter when it comes to the tutoring program that is in place here is that I am not a part of the equation nor am I allowed to be a part of the solution.

I have been informed that a professor must sign a piece of paper specifying that I am having a problem with the course. I am now two weeks into the course and have already been placed in the potential position for failure. The second problem that I run into is that once I have the piece of paper I am added to a list of students who are waiting for a tutor for the same course.

The question - why is it nec-

essary for a professor to say that I have a problem? I am a college student, isn't it up to me to assist, if not lead, in the gauging of my academic limitation, or am I suppose to be the innocent bystander who allows the system to play havoc with my grade point average? What they offer does not resolve my problem and if there is a resolution it may be too late to matter as far as my grade is concerned. Why is not the system being proactive instead of reactive? Wouldn't a tutorial database placed in tangent with AP Talk allow this institution to judge if nothing else the approximate number of students who think they may have been a problem with a particular course? I will not pretend to think that I have the answer to this problem, but if

I am left standing on the outside while those in the position of leadership ponder this issue, then what benefit will I will gain? Just as it is the responsibility of this institution to ensure that the programs serve their function; it is just as important that students be a voice that is queried. This is necessary to assist in ensuring that our university and its students will have the reputation of cooperation and maintain high academic standards - not weaknesses that will perpetuate themselves in all of our failure.

When will there be a poll or forum in which staff and students will have a voice on this issue?

Waiting,  
Frances Meriweather

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# FEATURES

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## Fifth Asanbe memorial features member of King's circle

A member of Martin Luther King's circle is the featured speaker for this year's Fifth Annual Joseph Asanbe Memorial Symposium, to be held Thursday.

Cultural diversity and the global community have been the focus of symposia at APSU since Dr. Joseph Asanbe joined the faculty in 1987. When he died in 1996, the symposia and the annual multicultural day at APSU were named in his memory.

When Asanbe came to

APSU, there were no courses offered in African-American literature. Asanbe filled that gap since he was an authority in that area as well as others. His background was such that, at one time, he even trained as a Catholic priest.

This year's event acknowledges the 45th anniversary of the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott and questions how study in the humanities contributes to social activism.

Dr. Ralph J. Bryson, distinguished professor of American literature at Alabama State University, Montgomery, will deliver the main address, "Can Literature Bridge the Racial Divide?"

The symposium begins at 11:45 a.m. with a reserved luncheon in the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center.

To reserve a place, send a check for \$6 to Dr. Jill Franks, P.O. box 4487, APSU

Department of Languages and Literature.

Bryson's presentation follows the luncheon at 12:45 p.m., which also will be in the African American Cultural Center.

A panel discussion will be held from 3:20-4:15 p.m. in the center and will look at the contribution of humanities to social activism.

Barry Kitterman, APSU associate professor of English, will moderate the panel, which includes

Bryson as well as Sharon Johnson, associate professor and head of acquisition/periodicals for the University's Felix G. Woodward Library; Dr. Linda Barnes, associate professor of English; fiction writer and essayist David H. Bradley, holder of the Roy Acuff Chair of Excellence in the Creative Arts at APSU; Dr. C. Alvin Hughes, history professor; and Dr. William Carrasco, assistant professor of languages and literature.

The event is sponsored by the APSU department of languages and literature, Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts, International Education Center and African American Cultural Center.

The lecture and panel discussion are free and open to the public.

For more information, telephone Dr. Mickey Wadsworth at (931) 221-7448 or Franks at 221-7879.

## Artists perform Tuesday

Bonnie Pomfret, soprano; Laura Gordy, piano and harpsichord; and David Vanderkooi, violoncello, will appear in concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the concert theatre of the Music/Mass Communication building at Austin Peay.

Presented by the APSU department of music and Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts, the concert is free and open to the public.

Pomfret has performed solo and chamber works in the United States and Europe. She sings standard recital and oratorio repertoire as well as contemporary music. Last season's concerts included performances in Strasbourg, France; Savonlinna, Finland;

and solo recitals in Atlanta, San Diego and Bremen, Germany. A multi-year project on women composers includes a lecture-recital and the all-woman program to be performed at Austin Peay on April 3. She was awarded her doctorate in vocal performance from Indiana University where she studied with Nicola Rossi-Lemeni and Virginia Zeani. Pomfret and Zeani have collaborated on a 19th century "bel canto" opera project.

Gordy, pianist, has performed throughout the United States, Latin America and Europe and has premiered more than 50 new works in the last 12 years. Her performances have been recorded on ACA Digital,

Accourant Records USA and Living Artists Recordings. She is a founding member and former co-director of Thamyris, the award-winning contemporary chamber music ensemble based in Atlanta and is a founding member of the Medici Piano Trio. Gordy has served on the music faculties of Emory University and Georgia Academy of Music as a pianist, teacher and arts administrator for the last 20 years.

Vanderkooi works in Nashville as a freelance musician. He taught at Vanderbilt as a member of the Blair String Quartet.

For more information, telephone 221-7818.

## American Hollow offers rare tour through primitive America

National award-winning documentary and photography exhibit "American Hollow" offers Austin Peay students a rare tour through primitive America.

On display through April 15 in the Felix G. Woodward Library, "America Hollow" documents one year in the life of the Bowling clan in the rural Hazard, Ky.

The exhibit consist of a 90-minute documentary directed and produced by Rory Kennedy, 60 silver gelatin photographs by award-winning photographer Steve Lehman and a variety of handmade quilts by 68-year-old Iree Bowling.

Nestled between two mountains in Appalachian Kentucky, the "Hollow" has

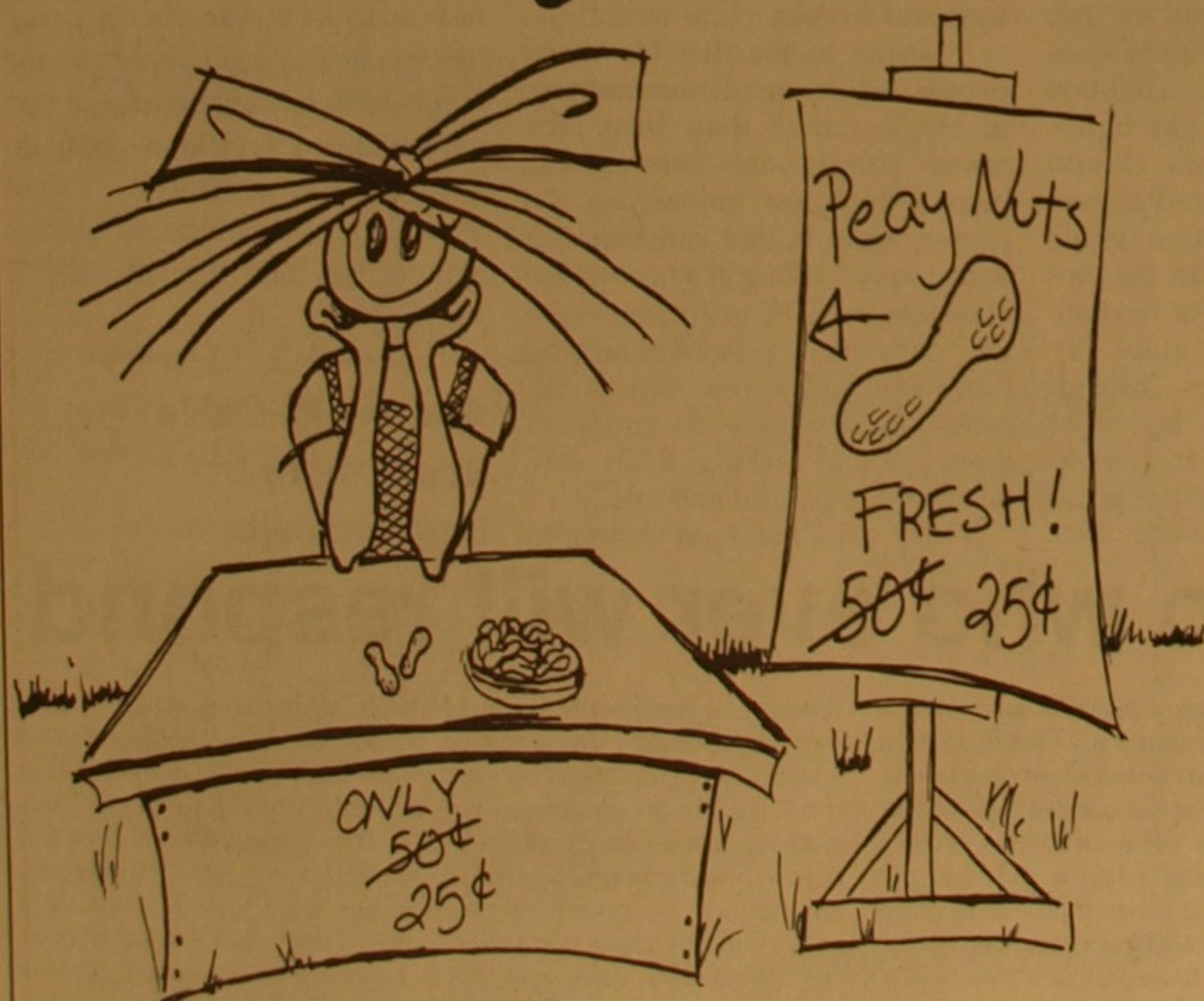
been home to the Bowling family for seven generations. Although most of the extended family live without running water or indoor plumbing, the Bowling exude a fierce pride in their simple way of life that shows in the photographs.

Annelle Gracey, panel member of the "American Hollow" book talk held recently, challenges Austin Peay students to look at the exhibit as more than art. "My husband and I lived in Hazard, Ky for more than 20 years doing missionary work," she said. "We worked with families like the Bowlings. As academicians, I hope students can look at an exhibit like "American Hollow" and ask

themselves why an area would be so poverty-stricken. Poverty is a part of any community. To overcome it, we must understand its origins."

Kennedy's 90-minute documentary will be shown in the Gentry Auditorium on an undecided day the first week of April. If you would like more background information on the Bowling family, the Washington Post Online houses a section complete with photographs, sound-clips, interviews and a Boeling family tree at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/photo/galleries/hollow/intro.htm>

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## APSU graduate plays vital role in Naval security

A Goodwater Officer plays an important role in South American Security. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Anthony L. Simmons, a 1989 graduate of Austin Peay State University and the commanding officer on board the Cyclone-class coastal patrol boat USS Hurricane (PC 3), Simmons is currently supporting the mission of the South American Command (SOUTHCOM). Simmons and other crew members will help American governments combat drug trafficking and promote peace by being a constant presence on South America's coastal waters. U.S. military forces and the forces of 19 South American countries comprise SOUTHCOM, whose efforts help protect seven billion square miles from Mexico's southern border to Cape Horn.

On board the Hurricane, Simmons is responsible for the employment and operation of the ship. His primary responsibilities are the safety of the crew and ship with respect to navigation and seamanship. Simmons and the crew of the Hurricane will be leaving San Diego in early May for South American waters with the USS Monsoon (PC 4) to relieve two other coastal patrol boats conducting operations in the region.

As the commanding

officer, Simmons sees the big picture when it comes to being deployed.

"Being a forward presence prevents and deters conflict and foreign aggression and keep sea lanes open to foster global stability," said Simmons, the 34-year-old son of Donald and Mary Simmons of Goodwater.

Though deployment can be challenging, it will also give Simmons many opportunities for personal and professional growth.

"Having a global perspective of the world has afforded me the chance to understand U.S. relationships with foreign countries through hands-on experiences resulting from port visits and personal calls on government and civil officials. Approximately five of my 11 years in the Navy have been in the classroom. This opportunity to continue my educational growth through scores of technical naval schools and past graduate education opportunities has been a great benefit to me personally," said Simmons, who earned his Bachelor's degree in industrial engineering.

Because their training and experience come from working in their chosen field, Sailors gain technical training and leadership skills that can give them an advantage in the civilian marketplace once they have completed their service



Navy Lt. Cmdr. Anthony L. Simmons, a 1989 graduate of Austin Peay State University and the commanding officer on board the Cyclone-class coastal patrol boat USS Hurricane (PC 3)

obligation. Their military service also gives them the opportunity to solve real-time problems, which is one of the reasons Sailors like Simmons joined the Navy.

"I joined the Navy for the opportunity to be afforded challenging and rewarding opportunities and to continue educational endeavors," said Simmons, a 1985 graduate of Goodwater High School.

For all the gained experience, a great effort must be expended daily to make the Hurricane successful in its mission. The 170-foot boat carries a crew of 28, plus

eight marines or SEALs, and can travel at a speed of up to 35 knots. It is armed with machine guns and grenade launchers as well as surface-to-air missiles.

Successfully completing the SOUTHCOM mission takes diligence and commitment. Facing daily challenges are one of the many aspects that make life in the Navy rewarding.

"For me, knowing your performance or sacrifice directly contribute to the security of your country and its people is rewarding. I enjoy having the opportunity to mentor and manage

Sailors, see me grow, and take on tasks and excel with unequaled skill," Simmons said.

The rewards and experiences from life on the Hurricane are many, but it is the mission that gives the Navy its purpose. The Hurricane and other coastal patrol boats supporting the SOUTHCOM mission play a vital role in regional security and aggression deterrence. Individual Sailors will always be needed to protect shores abroad to support the United States' forward-deployed policy.

## Community plants campus red for third year

By Tiffanie Cohoon  
features editor

The Clarksville community will come together April 28 for "Plant the Campus Red."

The annual activity started in 1999 following the tornado, which devastated the downtown area and the Austin Peay campus.

Clarksville residents, APSU students and faculty members contributed their time to beautifying the campus. In 1999, a crowd of 300 people participated in helping rebuild the campus.

"It is a great way for us to feel more like a family and bring the campus together," says Brenda Harrison, technical clerk in the University Advancement Office.

Since it was such a great success, Austin Peay made it an annual event. Last year, the project brought a crowd of more than 200 people together to plant and mulch flowers on campus. Volunteers are grouped together into teams and assigned designated areas. The tasks do not require strenuous work and the assignments only take about two hours to complete. Master gardeners will lead the teams and direct them with a diagram that shows where and how the flowers should be planted.

Last year, there was an elderly team of women who were struggling with their area. A fraternity team that had just finished with their planting helped the women until the job was finished.

"That is what it is all about. That really touched me and I was really impressed with those young men," says Harrison.

Even though the satisfaction of knowing one helped their school look better should be enough, there is still a reward after all the hard work is finished. A cookout will take place at the close of the day.

## Pi Nu presents Spanish language festival

by Alicia Archuleta  
staff writer

Watch out! High school students will be invading campus Friday for Pi Nu's annual Spanish Language festival.

More than 350 high students from Northeast, Clarksville Academy, Clarksville, Montgomery Central, Cheatham County, and Todd County will arrive at Clement auditorium at 8

a.m. Friday and stay until 1:30 p.m.

Pi Nu has planned a full day of activities for students including a performance by Austin Peay's improv group R.I.P.P.E.D.

"It is much more organized this year," said Morales. "Without all the effort of all of our members we could not have made it this big."

This festival is not just a chance for high school stu-

dents to skip classes, it is also a competition.

Students will take exams created especially for the festival to test their knowledge of the language and culture, as well as participate in optional competitions in the areas of art, food, theatre, music and poetry.

The theatre and music competitions start at approximately 10:15 a.m. and will last until 11:40 a.m.

In an effort to expose the students to what Austin Peay and the foreign language department have to offer, the high school students will be able to take campus tours during the

performance times.

All Austin Peay students are welcome to attend these performances and are invited to come to Red Barn at 1 p.m. to eat.

The Spanish speaking Caribbean Islands, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Cuba are the focus of this year's festival.

T-shirts bearing the flags of these countries will be available for purchase for \$8.

"It is going to be fun and exciting for the participants. We are excited as well," said Morales. "It's never been this huge, this important."

Expecting the largest student turnout in years, Pi Nu

went into the community in search of assistance.

"In previous years Pi Nu enlisted the support of local Mexican restaurants, but this year it's not just Mexican restaurants," said Louise Morales president of Pi Nu, "Ruby Tuesdays, El Toro, KFC, Pancho Villa, Cancun, Subway, Ci Ci's Pizza, Ryan's, Wendy's, Kroger, K Mart, Target, Books a Million, Wal-Mart, Food Lion, Lowes, the Team Red Dog, Linda Leegan and Hasting's all donated food or supplies for the festival."

Pi Nu is the Spanish Honor Society. The organization sponsors various activities for all students.

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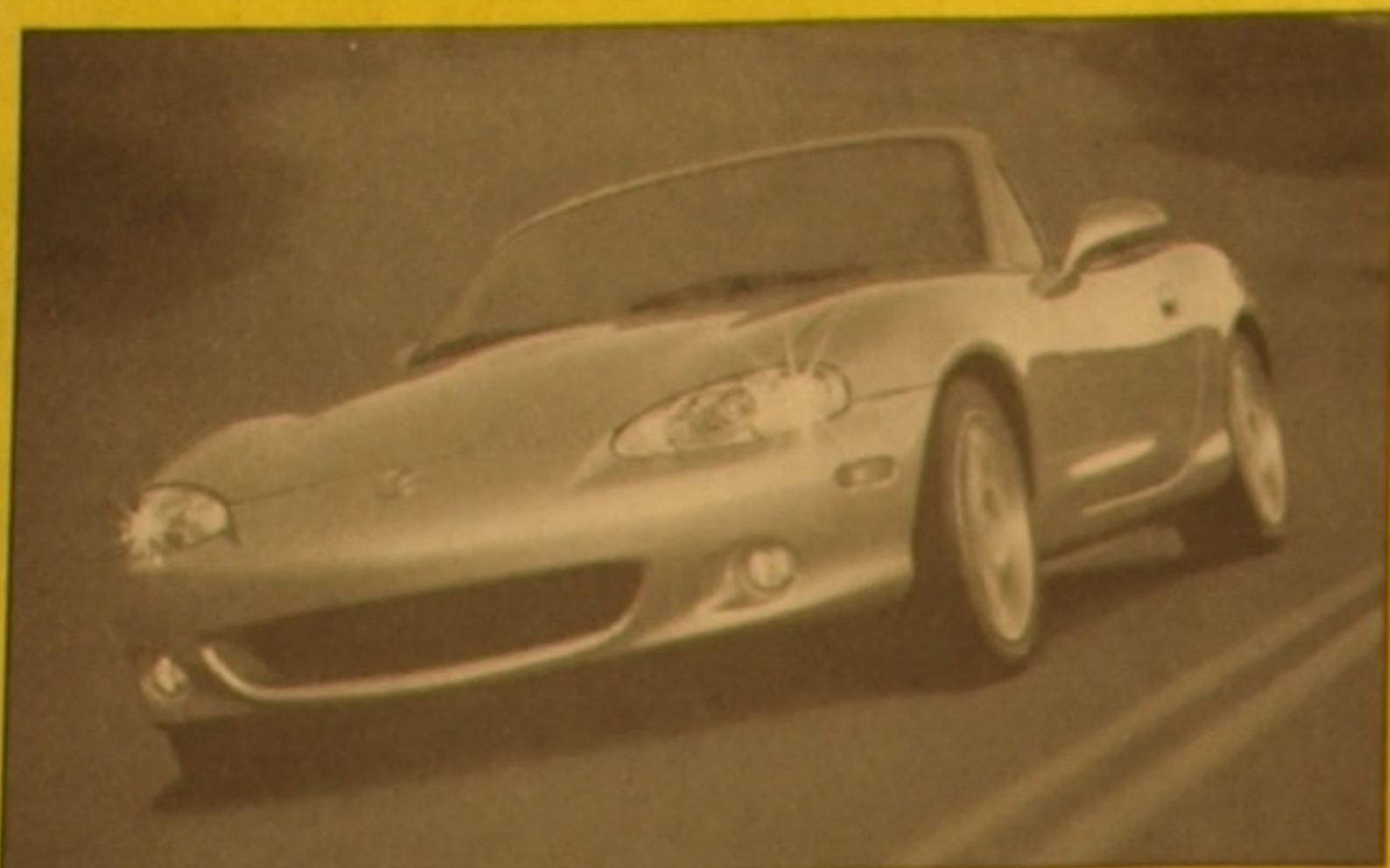
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