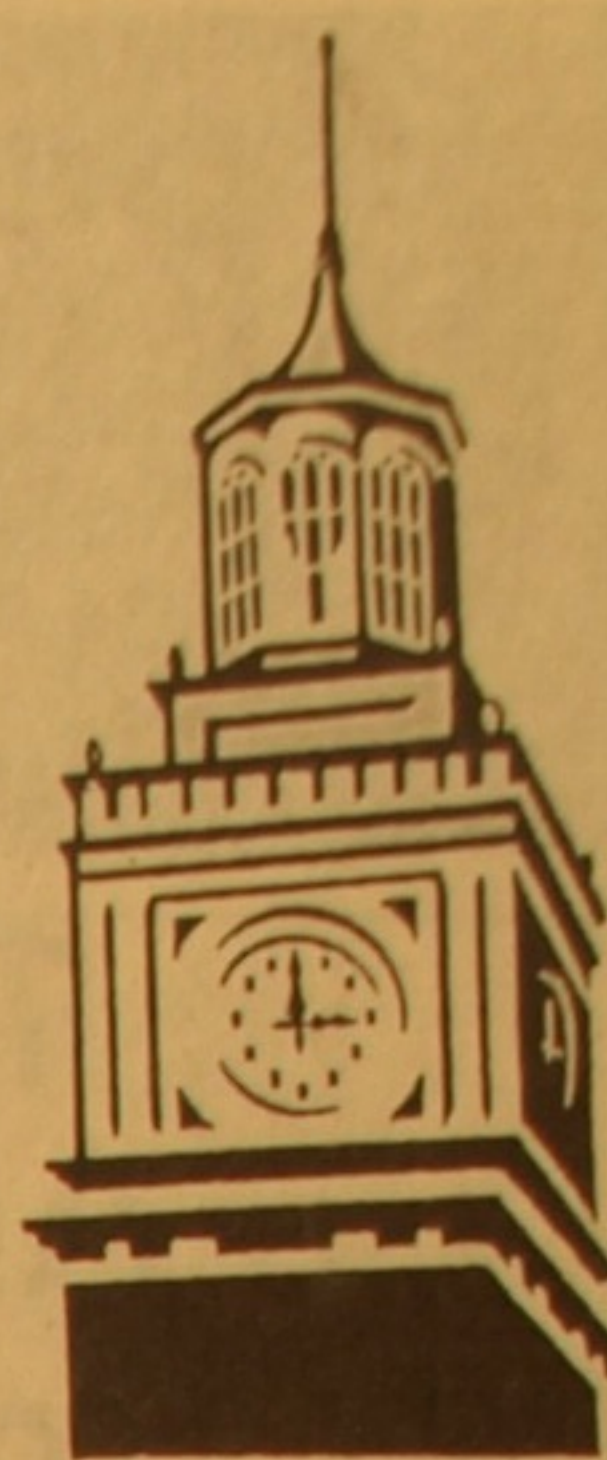




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SGA jargon turns off students

By Jerome Parchman
special projects reporter

A student forum organized by the Student Government Association last week turned out as a one-student show.

The only student who participated was Jill Petrey, senior communication major. Petrey fulfilled an academic obligation for her news reporting class.

Two senators, Heather Barger and Amanda Hysmith, refused to appear at the forum.

They were upset about the language the executive committee used to advertise the forum.

The sign said, "Sick and tired of being sick and tired of being run-around around here? Vanna make crap happen? Come to this open student

discussion and voice your opinion regarding pretty much anything on this campus that pisses you off!"

In a letter to the executive committee, Barger and Hysmith wrote:

"We, Sen. Barger and Sen. Hysmith, will not be attending the student forum on March 16 due to the vulgarities in the student flyers that were distributed around this campus.

"We were not asked our permission to use such crass and unnecessary language and are greatly appalled that the SGA name was used in such a way.

"This ruins both the SGA and our reputation among our peers and makes it appear as if we support the use of such language."

Barger and Hysmith

criticized the SGA General Assembly for not voting on the language of the sign.

Records indicate that SGA President Michael Wall mentioned the language in his President's report, but without any results.

"If we had advertised this as an event, then people would want to come," said Scott Starley, senator.

Wall said the forum was a way for the students to communicate with SGA and to address issues they may have.

Petrey asked SGA representatives several questions she had received from students, including the following.

•Is Student Activities charging students to use their facilities?

•Why hasn't Student Activities notified students that they have moved to

Miller Hall?

•Why haven't students been notified as to when committees meet?

Starley said the committee he was to be on meets while he is in class.

Petrey was also concerned

about the condition of the library.

"I have to wear a mask before I go in there," she said.

SGA representatives said they would look into the issues Petrey had brought to their attention.

Woman takes office as registrar

By Holli Froemming
news editor

Sheila McCoy, former interim registrar, took office as the new registrar on Monday, March 13.

Dr. Barbara Tarter, assistant vice president of enrollment management, said McCoy did an exceptional job as interim registrar.

McCoy has worked at APSU since September 1990. When she started, she was the assistant registrar and four years later was named associate registrar.

In April 1999, McCoy was asked to be the interim registrar.

She then went through the interview process to receive the position of the permanent registrar. The search committee conducting the interviews consisted of various faculty members.

During the process, she gave a presentation on the future of technology in the office of the registrar.

The presentation was in an open setting and gave students, faculty and staff the opportunity to ask McCoy questions. Those who attended then gave feedback to the search committee.

McCoy says her work ethic has played a big part in getting her where she is today. Working hard and enjoying what she does has been key.

"You have to find something you enjoy doing," she said. "That's what I advise students."

One of the most rewarding aspects of her job is being able to see new students come, and to see them graduate four or five years later.

"To see the students go full circle lets us know we have succeeded," she said.

Students, she feels, are her customers and posted throughout her office is a sign listing three business rules for success:

- Take care of the customer.
- Take care of the customer.
- Take care of the customer.

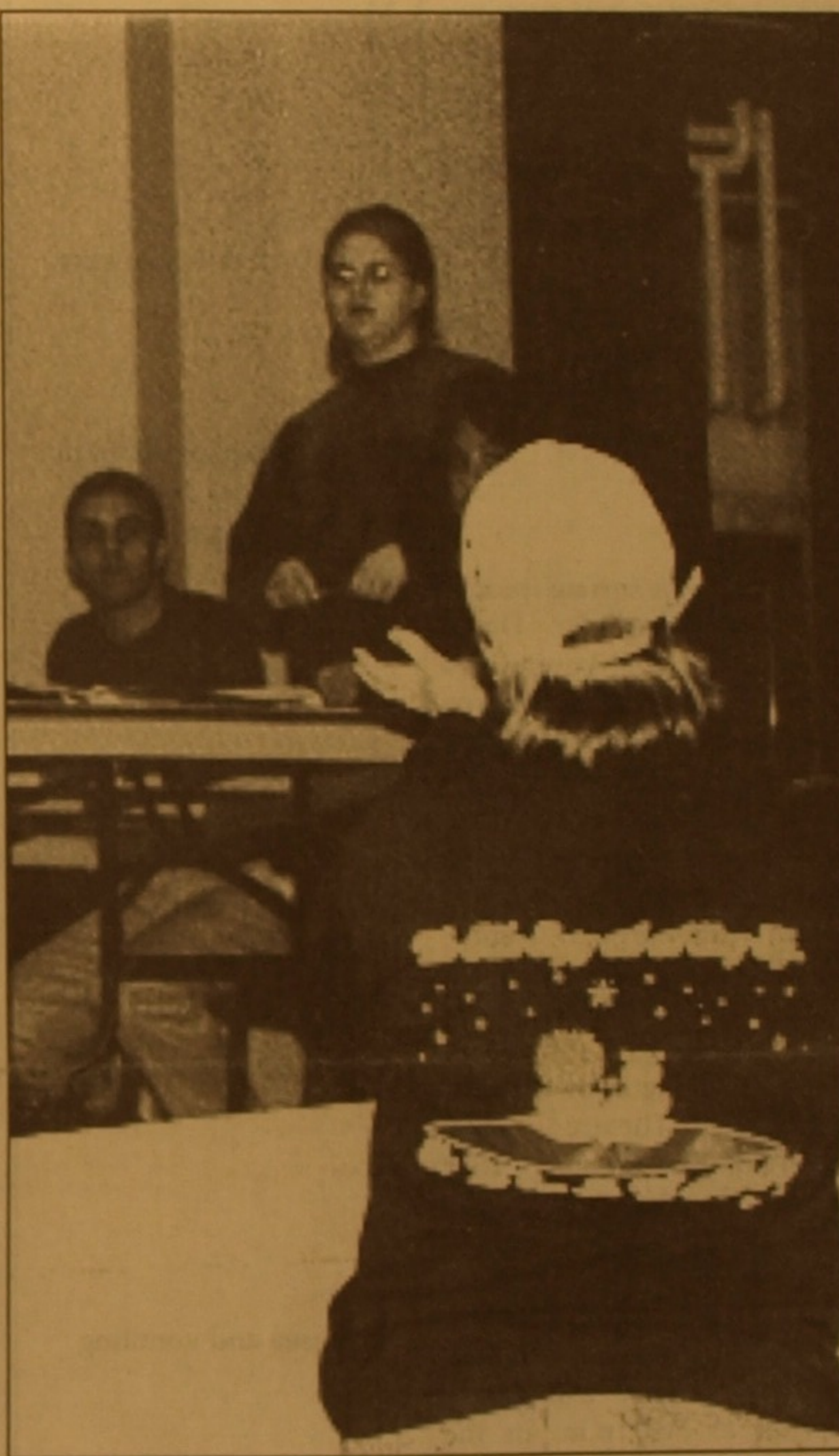
Another contributor to her success is the support she has been given from family and co-workers.

Her family always pushed her and encouraged her to succeed. She feels if there is enough appropriate expectation put on a person, that person is bound to succeed.

She remains close with her family, despite the distance. Her family lives in South Carolina, but McCoy speaks with her mother several times a week on the phone. Keeping contact with her brother and sister is also important to her.

"I also have an APSU family," she said. She wants to thank everyone for their support.

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photos by Drew Dial

(above) Jill Petrey questions SGA representatives about several issues for her news reporting class.

(left) SGA representatives sit in an auditorium for an open student forum.

Rape investigation searches for evidence

By Jerome Parchman
special projects reporter

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation still searches for evidence in a rape case that allegedly occurred on the Austin Peay State University campus Feb. 18.

Lab test results may provide more clues, which could bring the TBI investigation to a close.

According to the District Attorney General's office, the accumulated evidence will be presented to a grand jury.

A report by Clarksville

police officer Tyler Barrett said that the incident allegedly occurred at the apartment of APSU basketball player Curtis Harris.

The 17-year-old victim's father reported the alleged crime to the Clarksville Police Department Feb. 20.

According to Barrett's report, the female went to Meacham Apartments on Feb. 18 to visit a friend.

During her stay, the police report indicated she drank some rum and went on to the basketball player's room.

The victim told police she

did not remember anything about having sex or being assaulted by anyone. She did, however, find a condom wrapper in her jeans, the report said.

As of press-time, no one has been charged in connection with the alleged rape.

APSU lacks non-traditionals' involvement

By Terry Fillmore
staff writer

Non-traditional students at Austin Peay State University met with university officials last Wednesday to express their needs.

Dr. Andy Kean, director of Student Activities and Barbara Phillips, associate dean of Student Life, hosted the meeting with the topic

question: "What do APSU non-traditional students want?"

Only about 1,100 of the approximately 6,000 APSU students live on campus.

"The majority of the students are transient students," said Kean. "The question of 'What do the non-traditional students want?' is aiming at 'What will it take to bring the students who live off campus

back to the campus after the scheduled classes for that day are completed?'"

Kean and Phillips understand that family comes first. They want student's input so quality family time can also be spent on campus.

Another aspect on the agenda was the bolstering of APSU pride.

The goal is to make the students' college experience a

community learning experience, as well as an educational one.

Moreover, the two say the city of Clarksville should become more involved with APSU.

In attendance were non-traditional students Blanch Wilson, Wendy Nelson-Wykoff, Aaron Killingsworth and Terry Fillmore.

Suggestions and comments

about non-traditional student campus life are welcomed.

Write to:

Dr. Andy Kean
APSU Box 4695

All comments will be kept anonymous.

E-mail address, name and phone number are optional.

Please have your suggestions or comments submitted by March 23.

APSU students join Gore's Tennessee team

Democrats campaigned for candidate in primary

By Jerome Parchman
special projects reporter

Members of Austin Peay State University's College Democrats got involved in Election 2000 by visiting Gore's headquarters in Nashville.

Students Heather Barger, Nick Ernsberger and Sandra Zerr joined Team Tennessee on Feb. 26.

Team Tennessee is a special group of Tennesseans who agreed to take responsibility for getting the vote for Al Gore before

the March 14 primary was held.

Each Team Tennessee member agreed to find at least 10 other people who will go to the polls. They also will ask those 10 people to find 10 more people and so on.

Once the Gore campaign has received the names of the 10 people you found to vote for Gore, you will receive a certificate of appreciation signed by Gore.

"This was an awesome experience and we had the

opportunity to throw our support behind Al Gore," said Barger. "We can't wait to get behind our candidate and start campaigning."

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NEWS

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The APSU Scoop

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated

March 22

•The New Century Saxophone Quartet will be giving a concert in the Music/Mass Communication Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. It is a reserved seating event. Students get one free ticket. For more information, call 221-7876

March 23

•A course titled "How to Start a Small Business," given by the Business and Community Solution Center, will be held from 9:00 a.m. - noon. The cost is \$25. For more information or to sign up for the class, call 221-7816.

•Director of the Midwest Fisheries Resource Center, Wilbur Mauck, will be giving a seminar titled "Current Research Priority with National Freshwater Resources" at noon in McCord 102.

•Director of the Office of Affirmative Action, LaVerne Walker, will be leading a discussion in the Booktalk Series. It will be held in the Harambee Room in the African-American Cultural Center from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

•APSU's Business and Community Solution Center's "Intermediate Rock Climbing" class will meet from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up for the class, call 221-7816.

•ASPU's Brass Ensemble, directed by Richard Steffen, will give a concert in the Music/Mass Communication Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 221-7818.

March 24

•"A Concert of Music by Women Composers" will be given at 7:30 p.m. in the Music/Mass Communication Concert Hall.

March 25

•APSU's Business and Community Solution Center is giving two courses:

- "Medical Billing" from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$39 plus an \$80 book fee.

- "Intermediate Rock Climbing" from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information on either course or to sign up, call 221-7816.

March 26

•Graduate guitar student, Douglas Seth will give a recital at 3:00 p.m. in the Music/Mass Communication Concert Hall.

March 27

•Margo Mensig, a fiber and installation artist, will be featured as part of the "Visiting Artist Lectures." It will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Gentry Auditorium in Kimbrough. For more information call 221-7333

•The Java Hutt will be open from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Student John Radford will be performing with friends. It will be held in The Big Top. For more information, call 221-7431

•There will be an opening reception in the Trahern Lobby for the 32nd annual Student Art Show. The exhibit will feature multi-media

works by APSU students. It will be from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The exhibit will be on display in the Gallery until April 16. For more information, call 221-7333.

•In Trahern Gallery 108, photography student, Betsy Wynkoop, will have her work on display until April 2. The opening reception will be held from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. For more information about times, call 221-7333.

March 28

•APSU's music faculty member, Patricia Halbeck, will give a recital of piano works by Chopin, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Bach and Prokofiev. It will start at 7:30 and be held in the Music/Mass Communication Concert Hall.

March 30

•APSU's associate professor of biology, Dr. David O'Drobinak, will be giving a seminar titled "What I Did on My Summer Vacation: A Little Muscle Physiology!" at noon in McCord 102.

•APSU instructors Valerie Oyen-Larsen and Anne Glass, along with the Jazz Combo, will be giving a concert called "Music for the Millennium: Celebrating a Century of American Song from Concert, Musical Theatre and Jazz/Popular Idioms." For more information call 221-7818.

April 2

Junior music student, Michael Grigery will give a recital at 3:00 p.m. in the Music/Mass Communication Concert Hall.

April 3

•Graphic design student, Christy Tidwell, will have an opening reception in Trahern Gallery 108 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Her work will be on display until April 5. For more information, call 221-7333

•The Java Hutt will be open from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Guitar artist Dell Suggs will be performing in The Big Top. For more information, call 221-7431

•Director Susan Smith will lead APSU's Trombone Choir in a concert in the Music/Mass Communication Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 221-7818.

April 4

Senior voice student, Jeremy Bethea's recital has been rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Music/Mass Communication Concert Hall. For more information, call 221-7818.

If you have an on campus event announcement, please write to:

The All State
attn: APSU Scoop
Campus P.O. Box 8334

For events taking place April 5 - April 18, the deadline for submission is the Friday, April 1.

HEALTH COLUMN

By Laura Murley
health advisor

In this season of changing weather and stress, you might not feel your best from time to time.

Does that mean you have to spend your time in the doctor's office for things you may be able to treat yourself?

Does that headache necessarily need a doctor's prescription or can a little rest

and Tylenol do the trick?

What if the stomach ache does not go away, could it be time to seek medical attention?

The chart below serves as a guide and can help you figure out if you need to seek medical help.

As an Austin Peay State University student, your activity fee covers visits to Student Health Services to

see a nurse practitioner or a doctor. There is, however, a charge for medications and laboratory tests.

The chart below has been adapted from *Educating Ourselves: The college women's handbook* by Rachel Dobkin and Shana Sippy, © 1995, Workman Publishing, New York.

Problem	Home Treatment	Seek Medical Attention
Diarrhea	Drink a lot of clear liquids to help replace lost fluids and to flush out the digestive system. Avoid spicy foods, fruit and vegetables with skin and seeds. Also avoid dairy products. Try bland foods, such as bananas, rice and dry toast. Coat your stomach with a medication such as Pepto-Bismol. Do not stop diarrhea, you want to get all of the "bugs" out.	If diarrhea lasts longer than 3 days or if you have blood in stool, stool that is coal black in color, vomiting and/or fever or dehydration.
Stuffy nose/congestion	Get a lot of rest, take Vitamin C and drink plenty of fluids. You can use an over-the-counter decongestant.	If you have difficulty breathing or are producing yellow or green mucus.
Stomach pains/cramps	Avoid spicy, acidic and fried foods and dairy products. Eat only bland foods and clear liquids until the pain subsides. If pain is gas related, avoid gas-producing foods such as fiber rich foods like bran, beans, broccoli, cabbage and brussel sprouts. Do not drink carbonated drinks. If pain is menstrual related, a warm compress or a heating pad can relieve pain. You may also try an over-the-counter medications specifically made for menstrual discomfort.	If you have a very intense, dull ache or very sharp pain that lasts more than 24 hours (especially on the right side), accompanied by a fever above 101°F, chills, cold, clammy skin or trembling.
Sore throat/headache	Gargle with mixture of warm water, baking soda and salt. Take ibuprofen or acetaminophen to relieve pain or inflammation. Lozenges or hard candy can also help.	If it is accompanied by other cold symptoms (congestion, cough, fever over 101°F). If you have difficulty swallowing or breathing, a very swollen neck, pus on your throat or if symptoms are accompanied by a rash.
Nausea and vomiting	Drink a lot of clear liquids to avoid dehydration. If you are unable to hold anything down, take nothing by mouth for 2 hours after last episode.	If vomiting lasts more than 24 hours or is accompanied by a fever. If there is blood

Gore

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Barger is the President of the College Democrats.

"I think Al Gore is the most talented candidate on the ticket," said Zerr. "I think visiting his headquarters was a good opportunity for the College Democrats."

In October, Gore moved his campaign headquarters from Washington to Nashville as part of restructuring his campaign.

Relocating his headquar-

ters in Nashville has allowed local high school, college and university students to get involved with campaign.

Along with students from APSU, other area students have taken advantage of this opportunity.

"I love it!" said Sam Jones, a student at Overton High School. "I have had an interest in doing something in politics since I was a little kid."

After his unsuccessful bid in 1998, Gore has now clinched his spot as the democratic candidate in November.

His republican opponent will be Texas Governor, George W. Bush.

APSU competes in mock trial

The Austin Peay State University mock trial team captured an award in the American Mock Trial Association's (AMTA) Regional Tournament held at Washington University in St. Louis, MO., Feb. 18-20.

Two teams from APSU competed in the tournament.

APSU's mock trial teams won the Spirit of American Mock Trial Association Award, which is given to the team that demonstrates the ideas of civility, fair play and justice. The other teams participating in the competition voted on this award.

The students who participated were: Kimberly Grant, Chris West, Briana Goodrich, YaShondra Milles, Damian

Maloney, Jamie Webb, Brad Williamson, Leah Pineault, Shiri Curd, Nick Ernsberger, Cindy Rector, Maress Valentine and Latarsha Settles.

More than 600 schools are involved in AMTA, and this is the eighth year Austin Peay has participated in the competition.

Dr. David Kanervo, chair of the political science and sociology department serves as the faculty advisor.

"Mock trial team is a way of giving college students an opportunity to participate in a trial situation so that they will get some experience about courtroom procedures before they go to law school," said Kanervo.

Registrar

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"I want to thank the peer women. Especially African-American women but all women in general," she said. "Because of them now there's nothing [women] can't do."

Thanking women in history is especially important, McCoy, she said.

She says she is excited about the position and wants to learn how to better serve students. Feedback from students, faculty and staff is welcomed and encouraged.

The position of registrar is a permanent 12-month position and McCoy says she plans to be here for a long time.

McCoy received her degree in biology from the College of Charleston in South Carolina and her Masters degree in public administration from Tennessee State University.

APSU plans military museum on Ft. Campbell

Poignant excerpts from Tom Brokaw's book, "The Greatest Generation," bring a lump to the throats of people of all generations.

Tom Hanks' plea for World War II monuments evokes pride in America and its soldiers.

But even before these media stars rallied Americans to a renewed patriotism, Austin Peay State University faculty and students were involved in plans to build a world-class military museum and historical complex on Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Slated to open in 2002, the complex will honor all soldiers and units that served Fort Campbell since 1942. Its purpose is to enlighten the public about the national and personal histories of these men and women experienced.

Those from APSU involved in this massive project are Dewey Browder, professor of history, Dr. Gregory Zerk, associate history professor and Dr. Mark Hunter, associate professor of education technology. Assisting are select students who are history majors.

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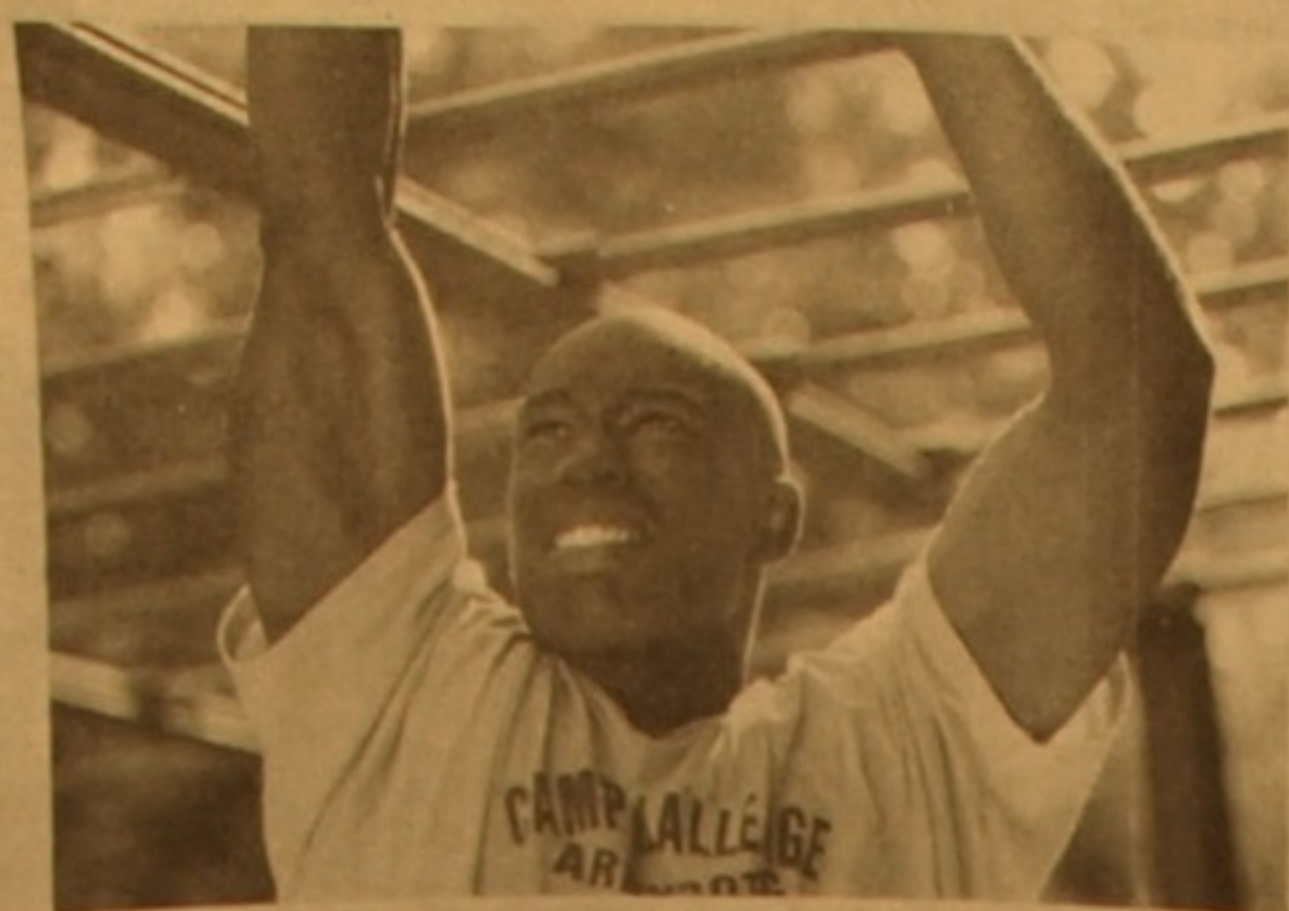
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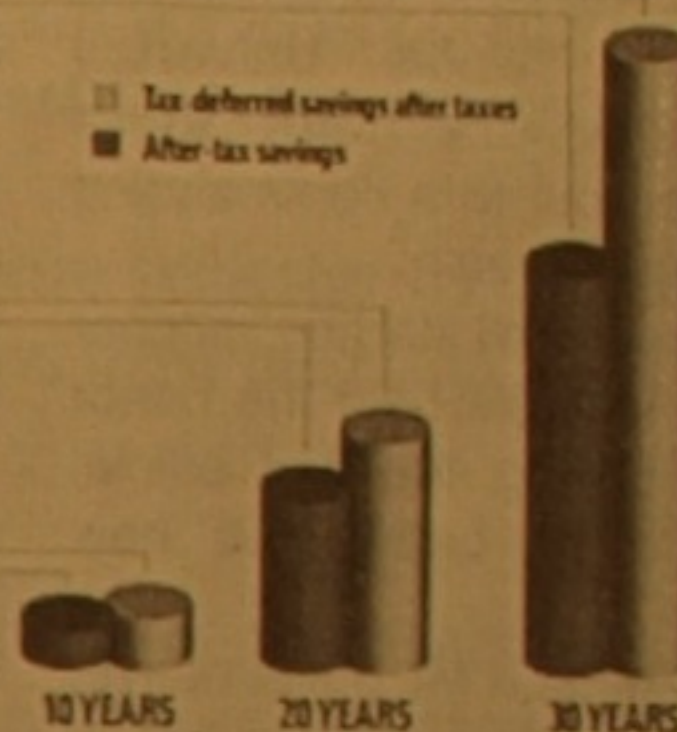
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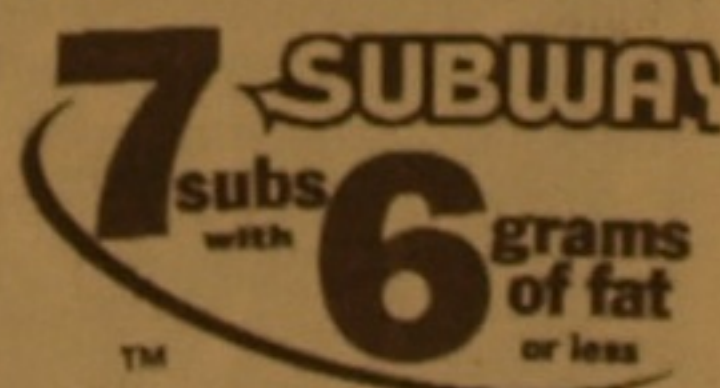
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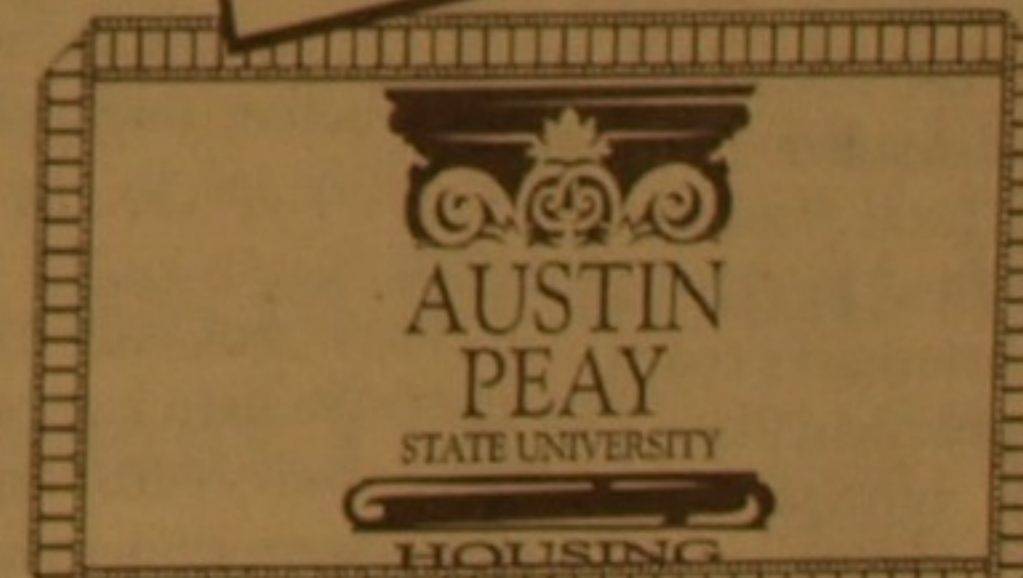
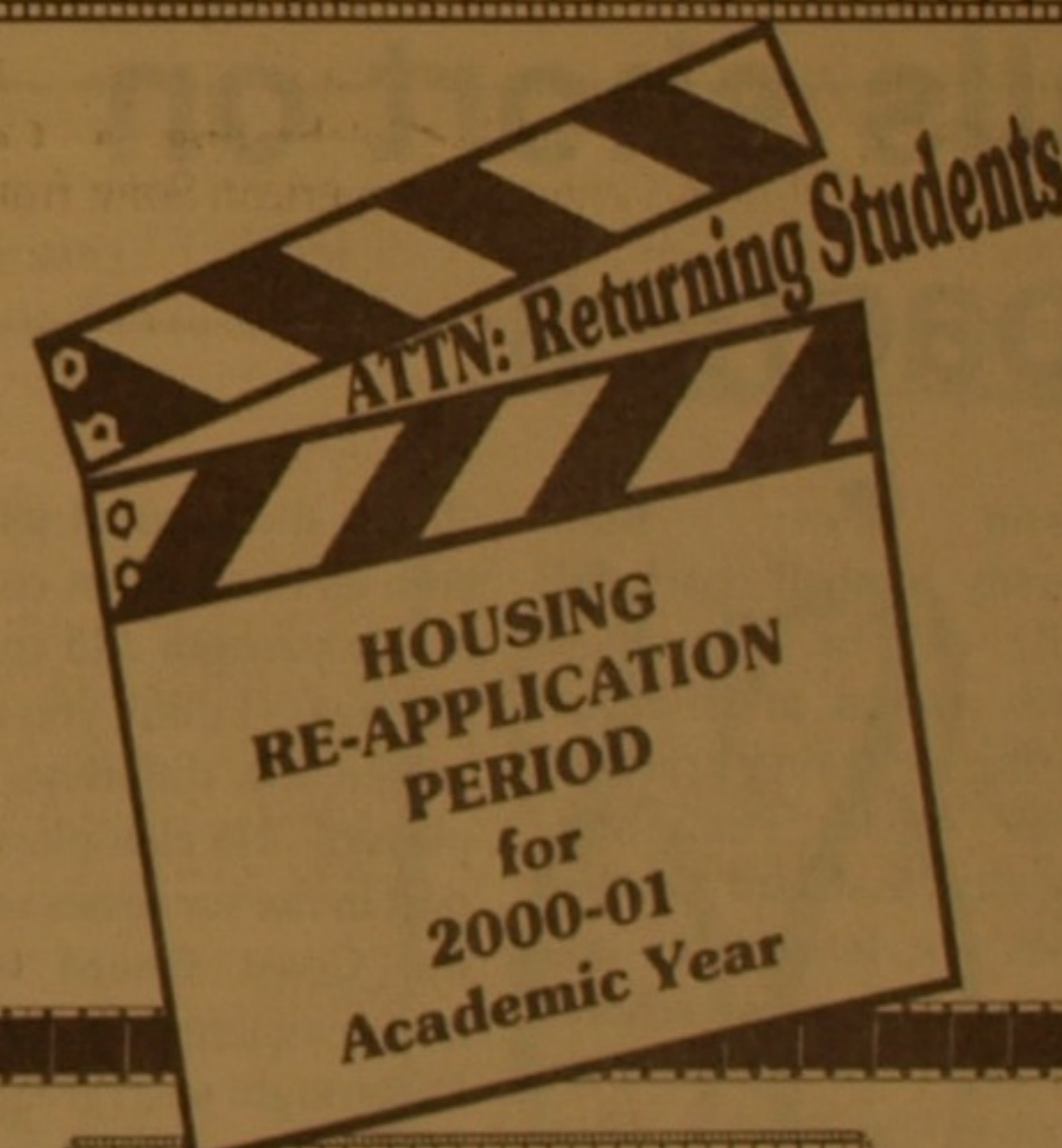
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SPORTS

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March 22, 2000



Softball team charges onto new field

by John Rone
sports editor

If the first three innings of the inaugural game at Lady Govs Field are a sign of things to come for the Austin Peay State University softball team, nothing but greatness lies ahead.

In what was scheduled to be the first game in a three-game weekend series against Eastern Illinois University Saturday, the Lady Govs jumped out to a commanding 5-0 early lead.

Freshman starting pitcher Holly Ricketts held the honor of delivering the first official pitch at the Lady Govs' new home.

Ricketts, a Mt. Juliet native, held EIU to no runs or hits in the game's first three innings.

The Govs' offense was just as impressive early on.

After shortstop Jenny Kelly stole second base with one out in the opening inning, senior Louranda Sanders connected for a single to advance the runner.

Sanders was followed by freshman catcher Christina Garza, who delivered like a seasoned veteran. Garza laced a pitch to center field to score Kelly and Sanders.

Inning number two was almost a replay of the first.

Pitcher Ricketts' lead off the

Govs half with a single and advanced to second when the young Govs aimed to manufacture some runs.

Teammate Leah Faulk laid a sacrifice bunt down the third-base line to advance Ricketts to second.

Having pitched two no-hit innings, everyone was aware of Ricketts' strong arm, but her fast feet were not noticed until she stole third base after the sacrifice.

Not to be out done, Kelly followed by stealing second base for the second consecutive inning after reaching base on an error.

Then Lady Govs' first baseman, Heather Skeels, also let her presence be known. She singled down the third-base line to score Ricketts.

With the score now 3-0 in favor of APSU, two on and, only one out, excitement grew as Sanders returned to the plate.

Sanders seemed to get the pitch she wanted, but in sports luck doesn't always go in your favor. Her contact nearly tore the cover off the ball, but it went right to EIU's shortstop, who made an alert throw to first base to double up Sanders and Skeels.

After EIU managed to get one hit off Ricketts in the top of the third inning, the Lady Govs were ready to continue

the charge.

Garzas began the attack with a single to start the bottom of the third and moved to second via sacrifice bunt by Amy Barnett.

Following a one-out strike out, freshman designated hitter Denisha Montgomery rapped a double to center field scoring Garza.

Ricketts then hit a double of her own to score Montgomery before the inning ended on a ground out.

Unfortunately for the Govs the charge was then over.

During the remainder of the game the visitors out scored APSU 7-0, for a final score of 7-5 with EIU as the victor.

The Lady Govs looked to game two as a chance of redemption since it was a double header.

However, EIU and mother nature had other plans.

With the Lady Govs down 2-0 in the fifth inning of game two, umpires decided to suspend the game due to rain.

Game three as well as the completion of game two were to be played Sunday but both were rained out.

Saturday's game two score of 2-0 became an official score when the game was called. It had reached the bottom of the fifth inning.



Athletics Director Dave Loos welcomes everyone to the new Lady Govs Field.

photo by Tammy Sparks



Freshman Denisha Montgomery watches her RBI double clear the infield.

photo by Tammy Sparks

Govs football falls short on coaches

Austin Peay State University football coach Bill Schmitz will be busy these next few weeks, and not just preparing for spring practice.

Three Austin Peay State University assistant football coaches are leaving to take positions with other schools: Mark Rhea has accepted the defensive line coach position at Idaho State; Terry Sims has been named defensive back-field coach at Texas Southern and Brian Shirk has been selected as quarterbacks coach at Central Connecticut State.

Two of the hirings, Rhea and Shirk, were done by a pair of former assistant coaches (Bruce Barnum/Idaho State and Jeff Devaney/Central Connecticut State) under Schmitz at The Coast Guard Academy. Schmitz also is familiar with Texas Southern head coach Bill Thomas from his days at Tennessee State when APSU's head man was a Vanderbilt assistant.

"I am excited about all three getting the opportunity to advance in their respective careers," Schmitz said. "It is the responsibility of a head coach to work to develop along his/her assistants along the career paths. These were all good opportunities for them."

Rhea followed Schmitz from the Coast Guard to APSU and served as linebackers coach plus coordinator of the strength and conditioning program. Sims was hired by Schmitz when he took over the program three seasons ago. Previous to that, he served as a defensive back-field graduate assistant at Louisville.

"Mark and Terry are both young coaches, who the players migrated to because of their age," Schmitz said.

"Mark did a great job for us both as linebackers coach and in our strength and conditioning area - I think you can really see the difference in our players. He also played a big part in the successes we had at the Coast Guard and the improvements we made here. He brought such great passion and excitement to what he did, whether on the field, in the office or in the weight room.

"Terry not only did a fine job on the field but he coordinated our recruiting. His efforts were evident in the fact of the many young players we had on the field last year and the young people we brought to campus this winter. While he worked with our running backs here, he played defensive back (Knoxville College) and coached them for two years while at Louisville."

Shirk meanwhile, came to APSU last fall as receivers coach after serving as offensive coordinator for three years at Clarksville High School.

"Brian took a gamble last fall, giving up a (full-time) position at Clarksville High School to come here as a graduate assistant," Schmitz said. "They were looking for a good young coach and Brian is that - and they are planning to give him a lot of responsibility."

The coaching departures has forced the APSU staff to delay the start of spring practice until April 7.

"We will move as fast as the process will allow us," Schmitz said. "We will be looking for the three best coaches who best fit our situation here and help us continue to move forward with our Program."

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Mark Rheaphoto courtesy of Sports Info
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Brian Shirk

Govs show promise for next basketball season

by Justin Dickens
sports reporter

The Austin Peay State University men's basketball team fell short in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament in a heartbreaker to Eastern Illinois University ending the 1999/2000 season.

The heartbreaking 107-100 double overtime defeat gave the Govs a final record of 18 wins and 10 losses, a remarkable improvement from last season's 11-16 finish.

The Govs were down by as many as 15 points with eight minutes remaining and 10 points with two minutes left to play.

Yet, the Govs refused to

fall as junior guard Nick Stapleton carried the team.

Stapleton, who scored 27 of his 29 points after half time, also made a three point basket from nearly 40 feet at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime.

Also contributing for the Govs were junior forwards Trenton Hassell and Joe Williams who both scored 25.

Although the Govs fell in the first round of the OVC tournament for the second straight season, they show definite promise for next season.

Returning are four starters: Hassell, Stapleton, Williams, and freshman guard Matt Jakeway. Also coming back

for APSU is junior forward/center Theanthony Haymon, who started part of the season.

Junior guard/forward James Stewart is expected to return as well for the Govs after he was sidelined for the season with a knee injury. Stewart started the previous two seasons for the Govs.

The Govs only lose four players: starter Mike Head and reserves Joey Tuck, J.J. Halliburton, and Jeremy Qualls.

APSU will look for more contributions from center Curtis Harris, forward Igno Macura, guard Kevin Easley and Brad Loos.

Three Govs make All-OVC

by Justin Dickens
sports reporter

Three Austin Peay State University men's basketball players were recognized as part of the All-Ohio Valley Conference team this season.

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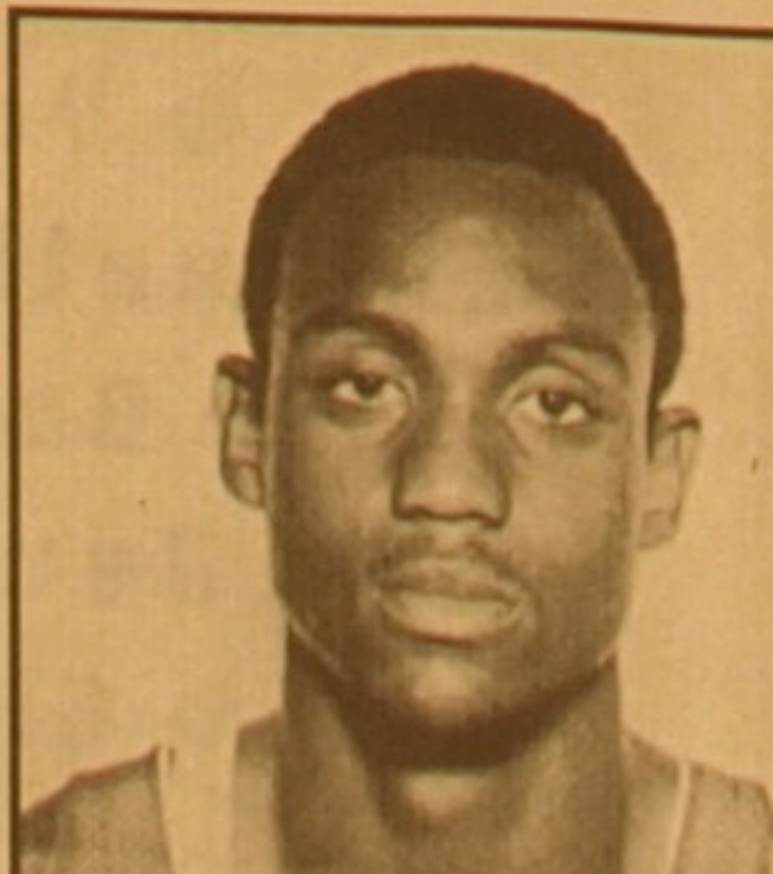
points, 7.4 rebounds, and 5.2 assist per game. He is known to be the only player in Division One basketball to rank in the top five in his Conference in these three categories.

Voted to the second team was Nick Stapleton, who averaged 15.8 points per game while also leading the Govs through tough late season situations.

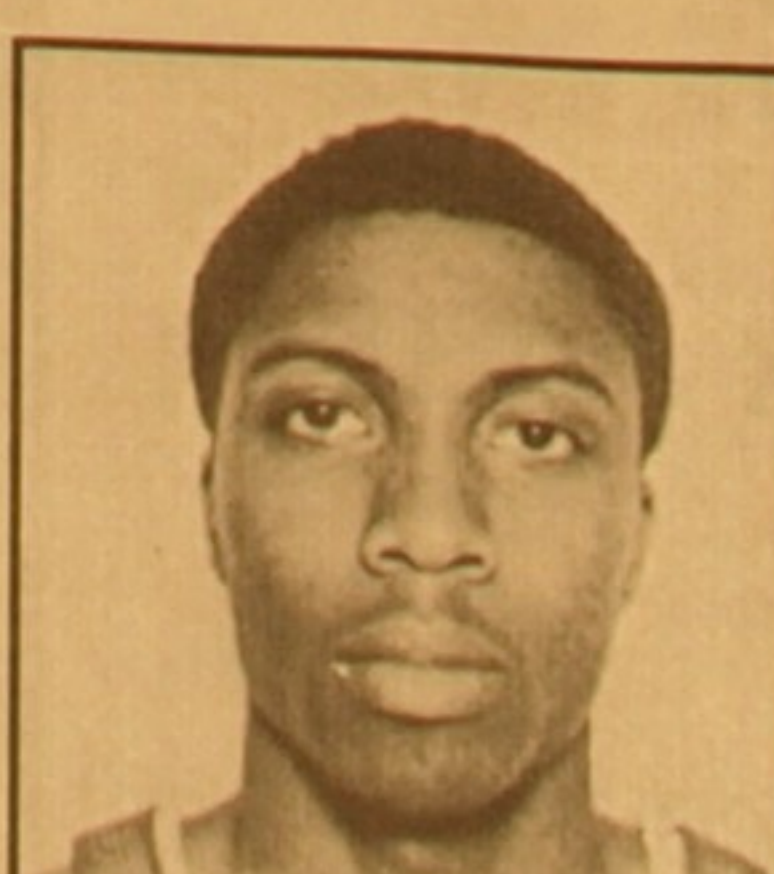
Also being honored was Junior College transfer Joe Williams who made the team.

Williams, who is known for his double-doubles (accounting for ten on the season) also led the league in blocks at nearly two per game. His amazing shooting percentage of 62.1 broke Ralph Garner's record of 60.2 percent set 20 years ago.

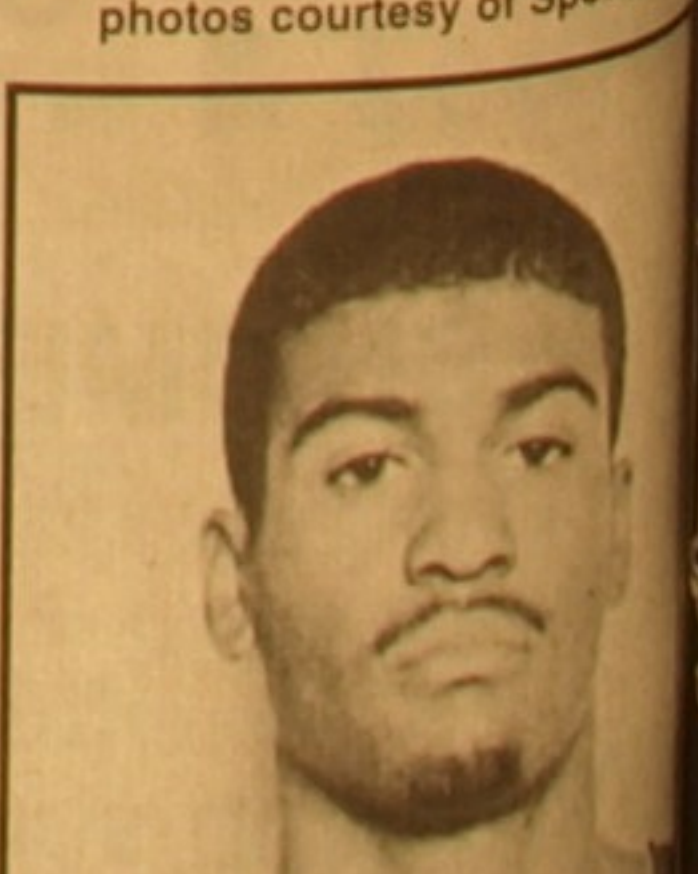
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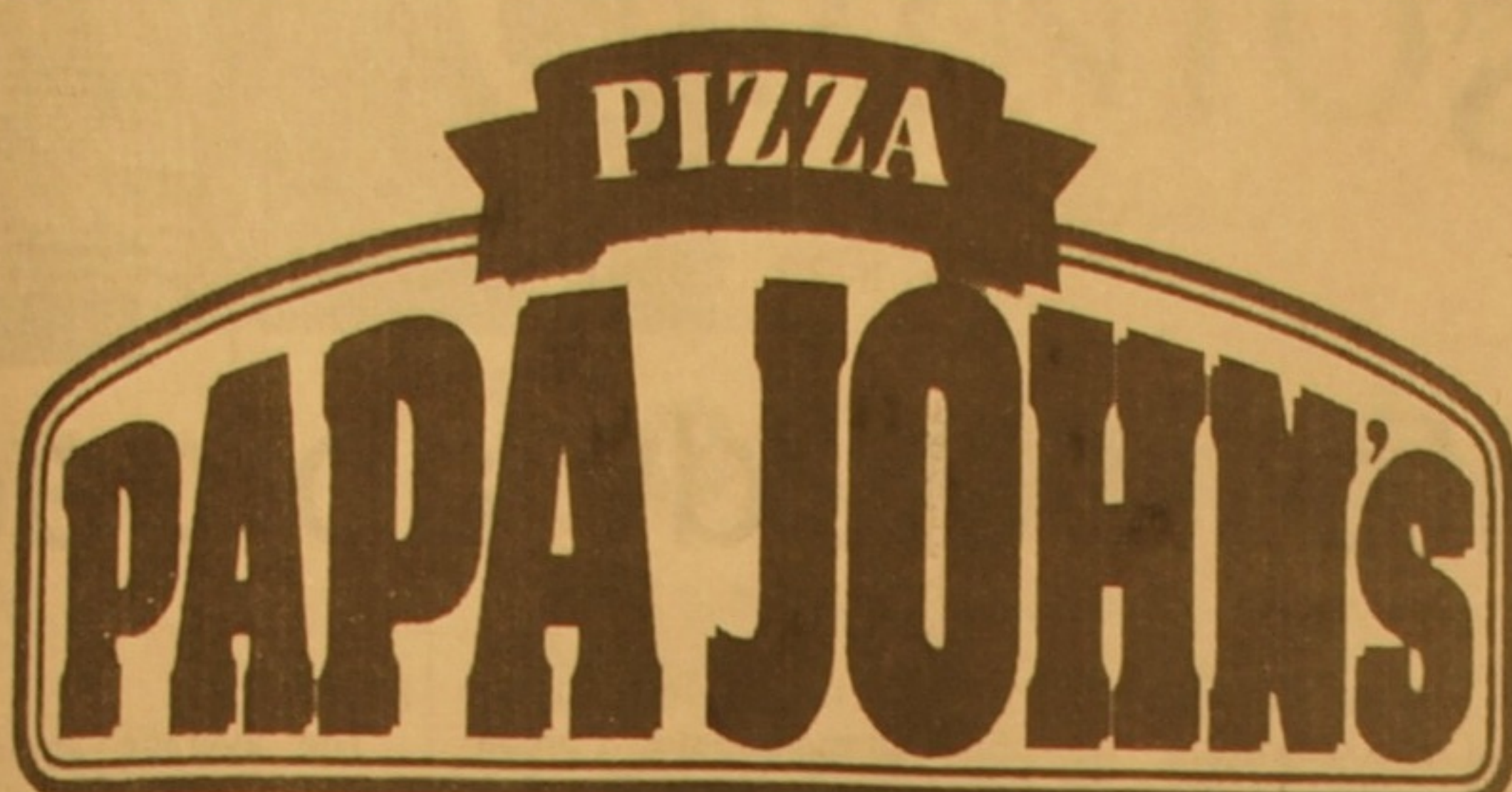
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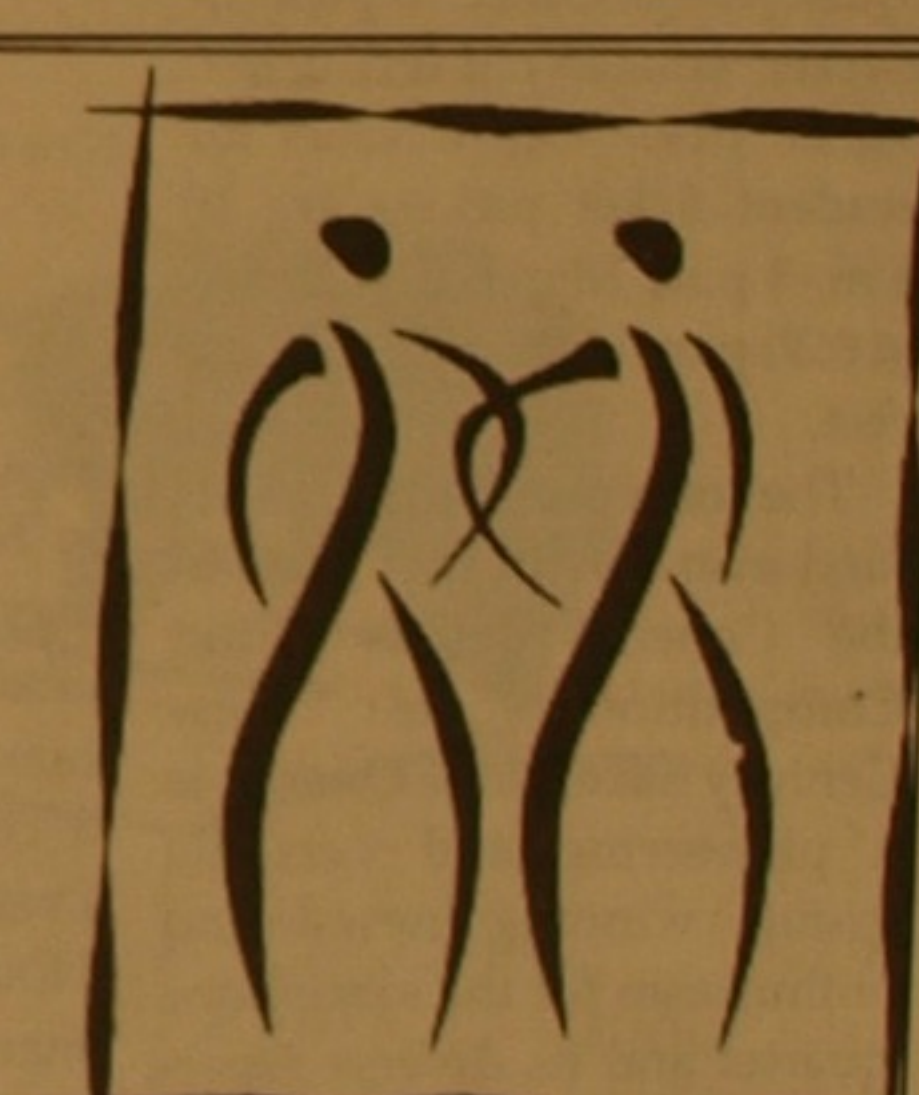
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FEATURES

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March 22, 2000

Experience Mexican life in study abroad

By Jerome Parchman
special projects reporter

Disfruta, aprende, vive!
Experience the pageantry of Mexico.

The study abroad program, now in its eighteenth year, has had over one thousand students participate in the program.

"The benefits of total immersion in the culture is priceless," said Amanda Lane, sophomore English major.

Students from Austin Peay State University and other universities from the United States, England, Sweden,

Germany and Japan, have the opportunity to learn Spanish in addition to experiencing the history and culture of Mexico.

Dr. Ramon Magrans, professor of languages and literature, said he normally takes 20 students, so he will have a close-knit and organized group.

The group will live with a family and share their experiences.

The students will have the opportunity to travel, talk, laugh, cry and eat meals with the family.

Magrans said the students will go to the Bilingual MultiCultural Center, which is considered to be one of the world's most prestigious language schools.

Students will be in class from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. each week-day.

"Going to school down there was an excellent way to learn the language and the culture," said Charlie Bryant, junior Spanish major.

Classes are available in all levels of Spanish grammar and composition, conversation, literature, Mexican history,

art, politics, culture, weaving and salsa dancing.

On the weekends, students can explore the city of Cuernavaca, Mexico, where they can visit the Palace and Hacienda of Cortes.

There are also trips to Tenochtitlan and the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon, the Museum of Anthropology, the Castle of Chapultepec and many more sites to see.

For fun students will spend three days in Acapulco where they can visit an old Spanish port.

Dawna M. Teel, junior Spanish major, said, "I probably learned more in those four weeks than I have in my entire educational career."

The total cost for the program is about \$1,695 for four weeks (excluding airfare).

Students will receive six to eight credits toward satisfying the foreign language requirements for a bachelor's of arts degree, substituting Spanish 2010 and 2020.

Magrans also said the International Studies Office can grant scholarships for those who participate in the

program.

The average amount of money a student can hope to receive will be about \$1,000 which will pay for the airfare ticket.

Students also may participate in fund-raisers to help pay for the program.

The program not only provides the opportunity for students to learn the Spanish language and mingle with Mexican people, but it is also a memorable and fun-filled adventure.

New Century plays APSU

The New Century Saxophone Quartet will perform Wednesday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the concert theatre of the music/mass communication building at Austin Peay State University as part of this season's APSU/Clarksville Community Concert Artist Series.

Admission is by series membership, and a limited number of tickets will go on sale at the Music Ticket Office at 7:15 p.m. Preceding the concert. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$7 students/senior citizens; all seats are reserved. APSU students will be admitted free of charge upon presentation of a current Austin Peay identification card at the Music Ticket Office to pick up a reserved seat concert ticket. Music Ticket Office hours for student ticket pickup are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 21&22 and at 6:30 p.m. preceding the concert.

The only ensemble of its kind ever to win first prize in the Concert Artists Guild Competition, the New Century Saxophone Quartet is a pioneering and versatile group winning new-found enthusiasm for the saxophone quartet and its diverse repertoire that ranges from the Baroque to innovative contemporary works to imaginative transcriptions. Members include Michael Stephenson, soprano saxophone; Robert Faub, alto saxophone; Stephen Pollock, tenor saxophone; and Brad Hubbard, baritone saxophone.

New Century has been heard in major concert venues in Los Angeles, New York and Amsterdam; on radio and television in the United States on National Public Radio's



New Century Saxophone Quartet

"Performance Today," in Europe and Central America, including its own radio series in North Carolina; in recordings for the Channel Classics label; and in unusual performance settings, ranging from a command performance for President Clinton in the White House to a concerto performance with the United States Navy Band.

A 1993 New York debut at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall earned New Century praise for "virtuosic display of dexterity and keen ensemble work," in which the "players handled all the music with panache" (New York Post). Upon becoming the first saxophone quartet presented at the Ambassador Auditorium in Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Times heralded the quartet's West Coast debut: "Tackling brave new territory

in the conservative-leaning realm of classical music takes a unique blend of conviction, refined talent and a bit of damn-the-torpedoes ambition. Those qualities are amply in evidence with the New Century Saxophone Quartet, not to mention a finely honed musicality deserving wider acceptance."

New Century's first recording, "Drastic Measure," released in 1994 by Channel Classics, won critical acclaim from "Fanfare Magazine." A second recording, "Main Street USA," including NCSQ's arrangements of music by Leonard Bernstein, George Gershwin and Morton Gould, was released in 1996. A new recording of New Century commissions was released by Channel in February 2000.

Moving beyond the traditional repertoire for four saxo-

phones, New Century performs works of a diverse range of composers, from J.S. Bach to Caryl Florio, a turn-of-the-century American composer who was one of the first composers for saxophone quartet, and in genres spanning four centuries from the Baroque period to contemporary works with funk, jazz and rock influences. Over the past decade, New Century has been responsible for a significant broadening of the repertoire of saxophone quartet through its commissioning projects. This season features new works from Ben Johnston and the well-known jazz saxophonist Bob Mintzer.

For more information, telephone (931) 221-7876.

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Career planning help is available

By Roshun Radford
features editor

While making plans for your future and your career, attend a career planning workshop and let the counseling center and career services help.

During a workshop on March 15, Jeff Henderson, a counselor at the counseling center, expressed the importance of having strong organizational, analytical and communication skills.

"They are transferrable skills that students learn in a liberal arts core," said Henderson.

Students can learn about their personal interest and values and connect them with educational planning by spending time with SIGI, a software program available in the Career Resource Library.

Also a counselor in the counseling center can administer the Myers-Briggs Type Inventory to help students identify personality preferences and style.

Henderson advises students to stop by both the counseling center and career services as early as their freshman year to begin the career

planning process. Academic Advisement is also available to advise students in taking career-oriented classes.

Henderson invites all students to visit the Career Resource Library where they can learn about internships, occupational titles, graduate programs, general information, career resume writing and labor majors and careers are available.

Henderson discussed how students can learn more about career fields of interest through informational interviews and networking.

According to Henderson, gaining experience is an essential part of the career planning process. He noted that students can gain experience by joining clubs and organizations related to major, participating in internships, coop programs and volunteering.

Henderson encourages students to keep track of their career planning process by compiling a portfolio of resumes and updating resumes.

For more information, attend the next career planning workshop on March 12:30-1:20 in Ellington 200.

Thai House spices life

By Joshua Meade
restaurant critic

The Thai House located at 211 North Riverside Drive is a perfect example of the capitalist dream.

The Thai House is a small time business making a dent in the large-scale industry of gourmet dining.

The food at the Thai House is far from small time; in fact, it is absolutely taste tempting. As I dined there with my wife, I realized that this was the first time I had ever eaten Thai food.

Forgive me if I am wrong in my assessments of the tastes that I experienced. The food was made-to-order, meaning that if spice is not to your liking, the chef is willing to amend the recipes to suit your liking.

Thai food, in general, is known for its devilish zest and tongue blistering effects, but the food at Thai House is simply to drive for, pardon the pun.

Chicken and Shrimp Padd

Thai, a noodle type of food, arrived in minutes after being along with 3 spring rolls and a heaping portion of sticky rice.

My wife tried the Tom Kung, which is one of the three most famous soups in the world. It was spiced with lots of herbs and plenty of vegetables, continuing the exotic experience.

The decorum of the restaurant was rather plain. The shelves of imported foods and snacks lined the walls of the restaurant, rather spacious dining with new tables and chairs and the atmosphere was with a hint of Southeast Asia.

Our waitress was very and eager to offer a hint of our dinner selection, and owe her a debt of gratitude for her generosity.

I would recommend a visit at the Thai House to anyone who is in the mood for a change of pace, and

Students spotlight fashion

By Roshun Radford
features editor

An evening of fashion and entertainment describes the fashion show hosted by members of the Gamma Sigma Sigma Sorority Fri., March 17 at 7p.m. in the Clement Auditorium.

The fashion show included 10 girl models and 10 guy models from APSU. Models marched around the stage and floor of the Clement Auditorium in every type of clothing from casual to formal as the show featured a casual wear segment, a business wear segment, a swimwear segment and an evening wear

segment.

Brittney Fort, a sophomore nursing major and member of the fashion show committee, recognizes the models, and realizes the show could not have gone on without their cooperation.

Clothing stores from Governor's Square Mall such as the Casual Corner, the Deb Shop, Foot Locker, Gadzooks, Goody's Family Clothing, Mitchell's Formal Wear, Paul Harris Design and Rave donated all the clothes modeled in the show. Students modeled clothes pre-selected by the stores, and each segment was dedicated to a spe-

cific store.

"Without all the stores, it wouldn't be possible," said Jasmine Hall, sophomore communication major and also member of the fashion show committee.

The group invited all to attend, and witnessed a nice turnout.

According to Fort, the group advertised everywhere. They wanted APSU students to definitely attend, but they also sent fliers to the Clarksville area high schools.

Students were admitted for \$2 and all other guests were admitted for \$3.

Poetry readers Deanda

Ware and Shedrick Webster, were featured at the beginning of the show.

The fashion show also featured entertainment during the intermission from dancers Ann-Marie Brown, Sheena Gooding and Ayesha Maycock, dancers from the Spanish Society and singer Celestial Powe.

Gamma Sigma Sigma is a service organization with about 30 active members, and the fashion show was a fundraiser to help members attend their district conference in Gatlinburg, Tenn. March 31-April 2.

OPINION

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March 22, 2000



Holocaust ad misleads readers

By Astrid D. Bidanec
editor in chief

The last issue of *The All State* featured an advertisement for a website featuring holocaust studies, which was mistaken by some readers for an article written by us.

Moreover, the content of the paid advertisement upset some members of the Austin Peay community.

None of *The All State* staff members support the content of the advertisement.

The website the ad refers to was not

researched by the advertising manager or editor in chief. *The All State* advisor, David Ross, approved of all advertisements selected for publication.

We ran the ad without being aware of its content or meaning, due to technical and procedural difficulties at the time.

When some readers expressed their concern about the Holocaust presentation, we realized the meaning of this subject to the Austin Peay community.

While the editorial

staff of *The All State* might have under other circumstances chosen not to publish this particular advertisement due to its offending and untrue nature, we need

to point out that we do not support every advertisement we run morally, ethically or emotionally.

Paid advertisements do not receive the same scrutiny as articles written by our staff.

However, we emphasize our disapproval of the Holocaust ad based on moral and ethical standards.

Even individuals without a thorough background in European or world history can realize the absurdity of the statements made in this ad.

Not only does its meaning on the "surface" lack credibility in spite of the various offered sources of evidence. But whoever does read "between the lines" can easily detect the attempt of deceit and manipulation.

As editor in chief, I strive to preserve journalistic values and

would therefore, never allow a specific group or organization to patronize our neutral and objective publication.

Since this newspaper is funded by advertising, we do publish a wide variety of paid advertisements without endorsing them.

Naturally, we trust our readers to distinguish between advertisements and stories written by *The All State* staff.

Moreover, we strongly believe in the rights guaranteed in the First

Amendment, such as freedom of expression and freedom of the press.

The promotion of a public forum, in which all ideas and opinions can be freely discussed, is absolutely mandatory for democracy to prevail.

Not every opinion may be regarded as "right" or accepted by the majority of the population.

But every voice has the right to be heard.

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Immaturity wastes valuable time

By Jennifer Doyle
staff writer

My art class started out like every other day. We copied a few things from the board, discussed them, and began reading the chapter we were currently studying.

In an attempt to teach the class to try to understand an artwork before forming an opinion about it, the teacher began telling us about a recent music concert she had attended on campus.

She explained that she

knew very little about music, especially the type that had been played at the concert.

She then asked for volunteers who knew the music to help educate her about the music.

At this point, it was apparent to me that her purpose was to illustrate how education helps to further appreciation.

A girl in our class had just begun to explain to my teacher the meaning behind that composer's music, when

an older man in the back of the room stood up. He proceeded to inform my teacher that her discussion was "a waste of time" and "not beneficial to the whole class."

He did not understand why she was carrying on a conversation about music during art class.

At this point, another student stated that music is a form of art.

The man then insulted that student, claiming that he "would agree with anything

the teacher said." His tone of voice was very sarcastic and disrespectful throughout the whole conversation.

I could not believe that any college student would display such behavior in the classroom.

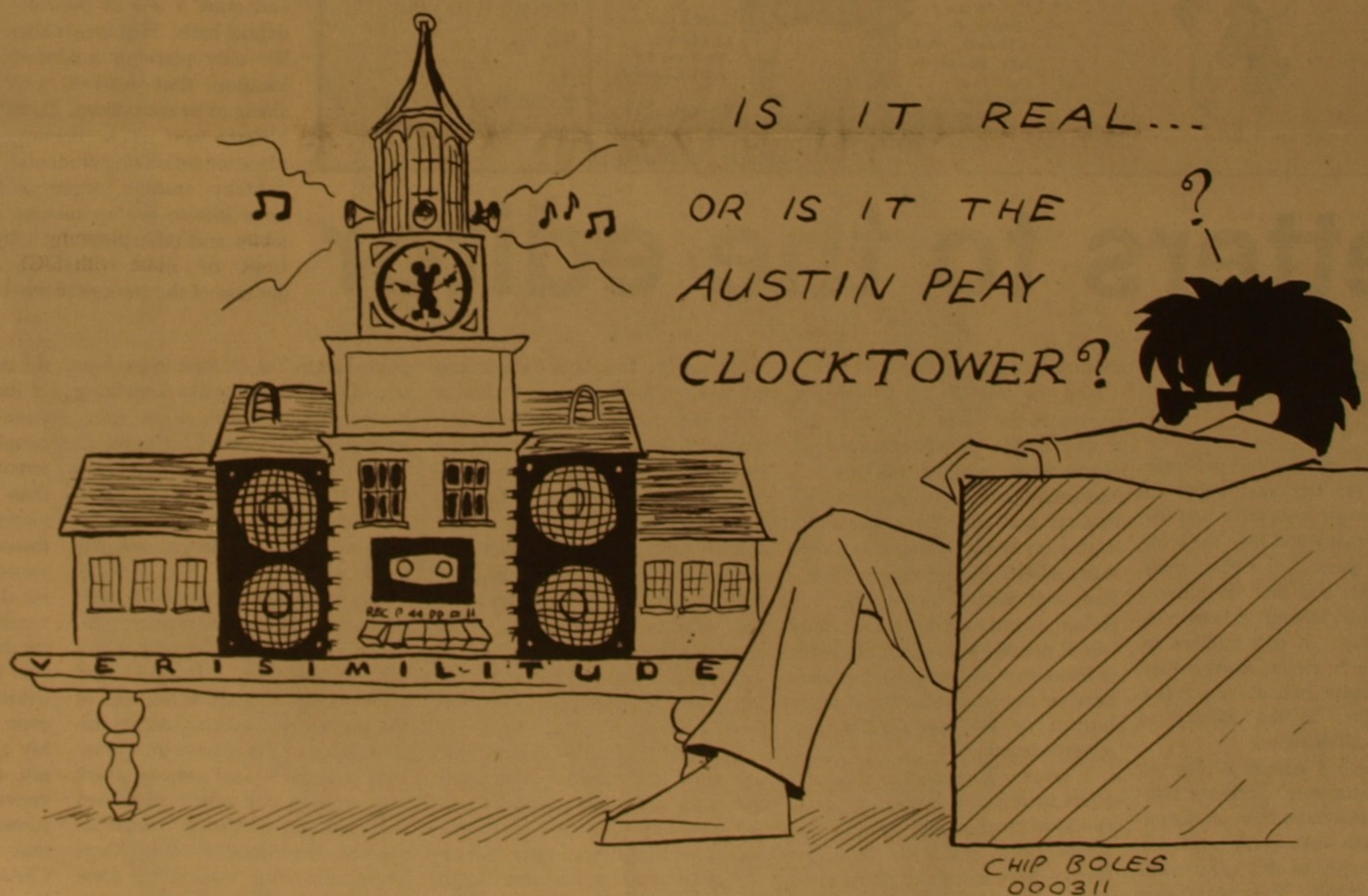
It is especially upsetting to me that this behavior came from one of our older students, not someone just out of high school.

Our professors deserve more respect than this, as does anyone.

In the process of bringing this up for discussion, the student wasted valuable class time as well.

Mature adults should address these concerns outside of the classroom; this is one reason why office hours were invented.

No one should come to college unless they are ready to assume the maturity level of a college student, no matter what age they are.



Political prisoner fights for freedom

By Jim Kelsheimer
staff writer

Despite the call for his release by many Clinton supporters, Leonard Peltier is still in Leavenworth Prison in failing health. The victim of FBI misconduct, Peltier has spent the last 23 years in federal prison despite the cloud of injustice that will not settle over his arrest, trial, and mistreatment in jail. Peltier was suspiciously convicted of killing two FBI agents in a shoot-out on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

A request for Peltier's release was filed in 1993, but the request has been ignored. He is long over due for parole.

November is Native American History Month (as if 28 or 30 days will make up for systematic genocide or slavery)

and as America starts this new millennium and looks at the past, she needs to recognize and come to terms with the devastation it inflicted upon the Native American population.

The 1970s were turbulent times for those seeking freedom and compensation. The FBI helped in creating tension among these groups and infiltrated into civil rights groups and often destroyed lives and reputations of innocent people. The FBI also used the same tactics on the Black Panther Party for Self-defense to imprison Geronimo Pratt, Huey P. Newton, and others in 1975. This shows that they had motive and that Leonard Peltier's case may be part of a broader pattern.

The U.S. government has admitted to falsifying evi-

dence by intimidation and coercing false witnesses, the utilization of false testimony, and the concealment of a key ballistic test reflecting his innocence. Despite this, Peltier remains in prison and has been denied parole. At age 55, Peltier suffers from diabetes, a heart condition, and a painful jaw disorder that prevents him from eating regularly. These and other facts were aired in an interview on "60 Minutes" with Steve Kroft.

Just last year Amnesty International declared Peltier a political prisoner and has called for his immediate and unconditional release. Over the years, many champions of human rights including the Dalai Lama, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu,

have made public statements, written letters to the president, and called for Peltier's release.

Last November, the group Refuse and Resist from Atlanta (the people that organized "Millions for Mumia," an international rally for the release of Mumia Abu-Jamal), along with members of congress, actors, Native American Council leaders, and international activists, gathered in DC with President Clinton to grant Peltier justice by way of clemency, pardon or parole. This did not happen as Clinton refused to meet with a delegation from the protesters.

Throughout the latter half of the 20th century we saw a sharp increase in denial of constitutional rights by the FBI. What is it about people like Leonard Peltier, Mumia

Abu-Jamal (Black Panther), and Judi Bari (EarthFirst activist whose car was bombed by the FBI during a parade) that the FBI is so afraid of that they have to resort to illegal acts to keep these people from speaking? If America is truly the "Land of the Free," why do we still allow things like this to happen? Isn't it about time that we opened our minds and put an end to the structurally racist organizations? Think about it. FREE PELTIER!

Note: Information found in Internal and Native American Indian Council investigations records from the 1980s.

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If possible submit letters on disk. Saved as a TXT file, rtf, or in Microsoft Word. Letters may be edited for content and space availability.

Dirt mounds eat campus

By Mat LaVigne
assistant opinion editor

It seems like every time I come back to campus after having been gone for a few days there is more dirt, more fence and less grass.

A large pile of dirt was placed on the hill in front of the cafeteria sometime over spring break. I do not want to impede progress on the construction of the new Student Center, but it seems to me that an alternative location for the dirt pile could have been found for the time being. Maybe in an area with lower student traffic. At least until summer.

That area in front of the Cafeteria is one of the most highly traversed areas on campus. That is where the students go to eat on campus. It is also the easiest way for most students to get to the Book Store, the Post Office and quite a few of the residential halls. That area is also the only place in a central location that offered any shade to be considered. So it became sort of a meeting place for socializing students.

Many student organizations like to set up interest tables and other activities in front of the Cafeteria, because of the amount of stu-

dents who pass through that area.

Now we all have to contend with the fence, the dirt pile, the large, noisy machinery, and on a good windy day the dust is going to be low on the sinuses.

I also heard that they are going to be cutting down the large tree on the hill. Some new trees and shrubs are being planted as part of the beautification process, but it is like trading gold for silver.

The ROTC program might as well paint an OSI orange grid-work on the BDU's. As of right now they just stick out like a sore thumb. The green uniforms are not going to be any good if there is no foliage.

The fences being put up are for our protection, I know. However, I still do not like them. To go to the Clements Browning or McCord buildings you have to walk along a chain link fence. Personally it makes me feel like a caged animal.

I personally feel more comfortable if there is more plant life around me. I am just a little upset about losing so much of it. I think the construction could have been done with a little less disturbance of normal student life.

Question of the Week for next week:

What is the hardest thing about being a college student at APSU?

Please send responses to:
The All State
P.O. Box 8334.

Remember to put your name, classification, major, and phone number on all responses. We will not use a response without a name classification and major.

We can contact you to take your picture for placement next to your quote if you choose.

Responses must be received by the Friday after the question is posted.

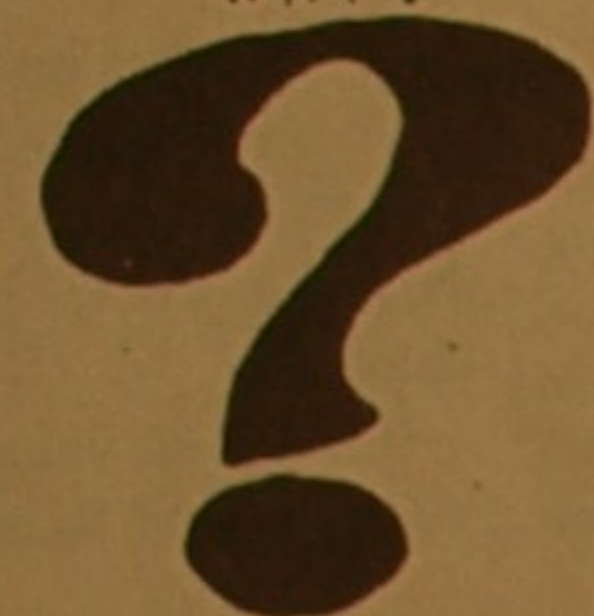
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It can be placed as a letter to the editor.

YOU KNOW, TODAY ITS HARD TO SPREAD LOVE.



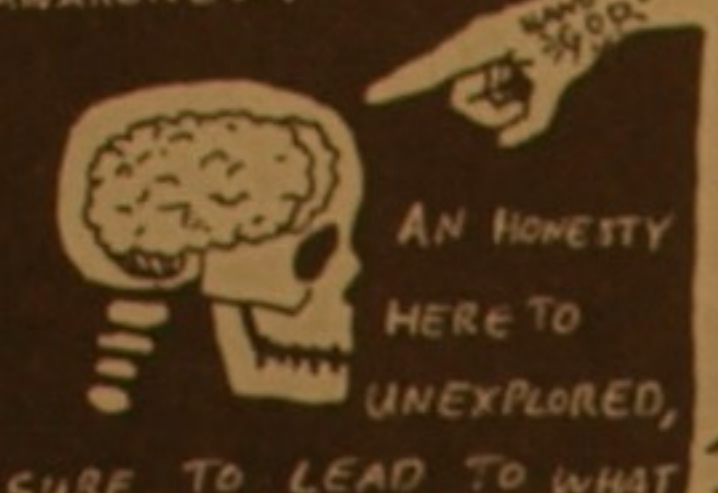
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY?



EVEN IN SPRING WHEN ALL YOU HORNY ANIMALS ARE OUT ON THE PROWL ITS HARD TO INSTIGATE A TRULY MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP.



YOU THINK ITS THE BLOSSOMING OF SOME NEW AWARENESS?



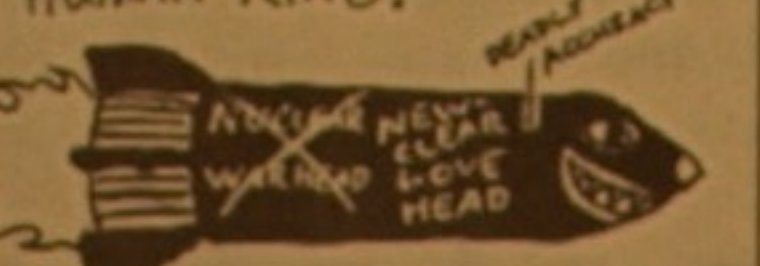
AN HONESTY HERE TO UNEXPLORED, SURE TO LEAD TO WHAT YOU TRULY WANT?

IT HASNT GOTTEN ANY EASIER LATELY. IN THE BEGINNING, YOU ANIMALS WERE SLOW, NOT MUCH MIND TO AFFECT. BUT NOW, CARS + PLANES + PSYCHOTHERAPY YOU'RE ALL SO CONFUSED ABOUT SUCH BASIC ISSUES AS A MATE.



NOPE.

ITS NEW WEAPONS LAWS KEEPING US CUPIDS FROM GETTING CUTTING-EDGE-WEAPON TECHNOLOGY FOR DELIVERING FAST + EFFICIENT LOVE TO HUMAN KIND.

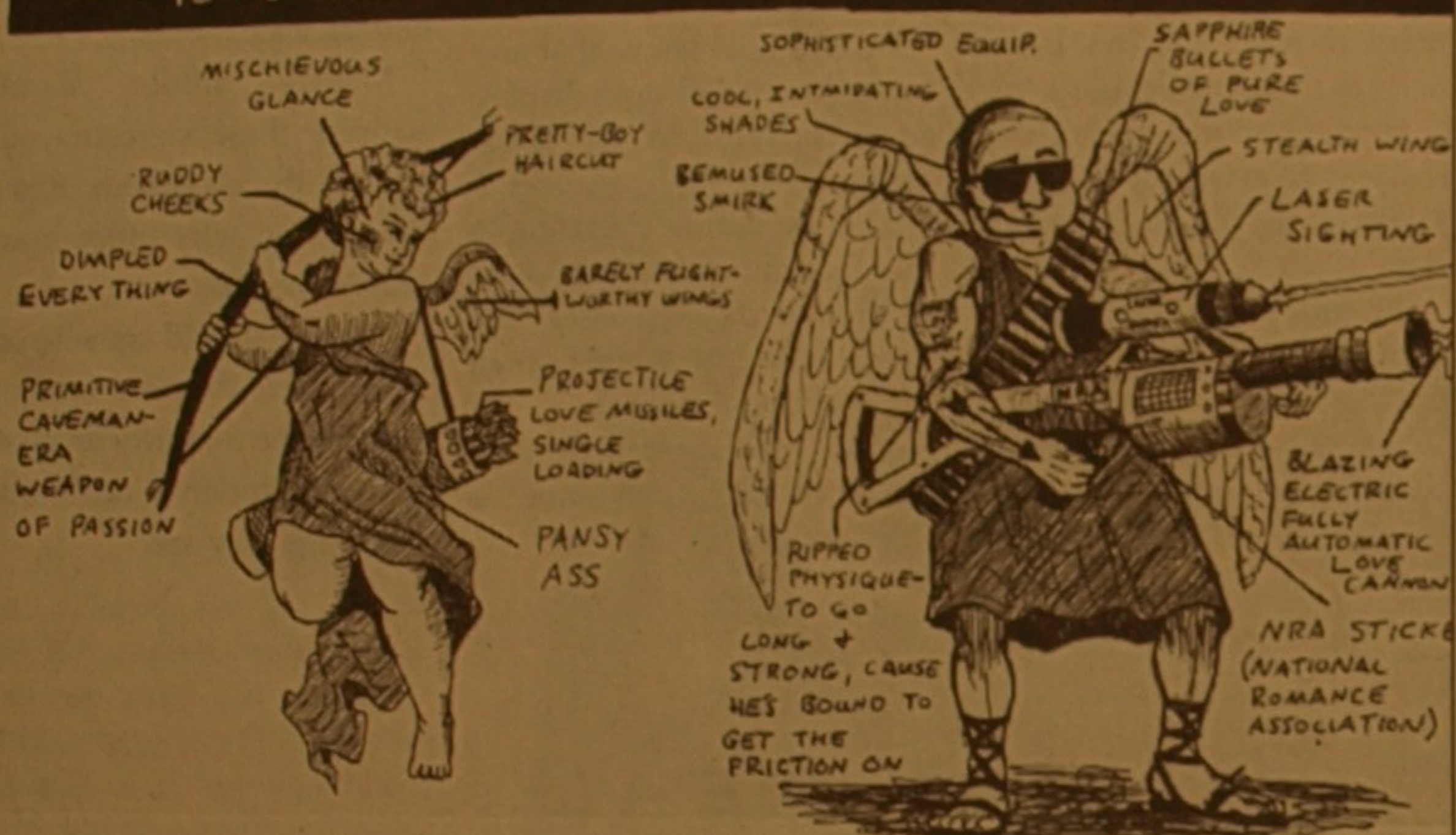


ALLOW ME TO ILLUSTRATE:

THE NEED FOR NEWER, MORE ACCURATE TECHNOLOGY FOR CUPID IS VITAL. IT'S OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT! AND BESIDES, WOULD YOU RATHER WE FAIL? YOU WANT DATING TO GET HARDER

—YESTERDAY'S CUPID—

—TODAY'S MODERN CUPID—



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Letters to the editor

Hitler still reaching out from the grave

From 1933 until the end of World War II in 1945, the Nazi regime in Germany sought to deprive first the Jews of Germany and then the Jews of Europe their civil rights, their human rights and then their lives. This genocidal attempt is known as the Holocaust. It cost millions in lives and the Nazis had many collaborators of many nationalities. It is a dark chapter in the history of mankind - all mankind!

The March 1 edition of *The All State* unfortunately, carried a half-page advertisement from an organization which seeks to call into question the reality of this great crime against humanity. This organization cleverly refers to itself as the "Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust," CODOH.

CODOH claims under the guise of academic freedom and freedom of speech, to want to discuss the Holocaust. Such revisionist groups are protected by our constitution, but that does not make them either correct or morally acceptable. They are legal, and that is about the most positive thing I can say about them. Whenever such revisionists surface there is always a debate within the scholarly community as to whether or not a riposte is merited. If the specious claims go uncontested, the revisionist claim victory. If the specious claims are met with arguments, the revisionists claim legitimacy; they say they have engaged the academic community in a debate. The very fact someone in academia takes the time and effort to argue with them seems to give their claim substance. Some months ago a comparable advertisement appeared in *The All State*, and I, as well as others, chose to ignore it. I now realize this was a mistake. The staff at *The All State* should have been advised

about such organizations.

Had the staff at the newspaper known of the ideas lurking in the murky minds of hate groups, we might have avoided the present embarrassment. As a professor of history, and one who teaches a course on the Holocaust, I accept responsibility for not calling the *All State* staff to task for printing this earlier advertisement. The issue here is not one of freedom of speech or freedom of the press. Newspapers have the right to reject inflammatory, hurtful or libelous articles and advertisements.

It takes a great deal of time and effort to respond to even the most specious charges once they are in public forum, and I, like most professors, have many demands on my time. Right now, for example, I should be grading my exams for my course on Absolutism and The Enlightenment. Nevertheless, I feel I must respond to what I consider a libelous attack on professors as well as survivors of the Holocaust.

CODOH has charged that Elie Wiesel is not a reliable witness. I confess that I do not know every detail of his life, but I do not need to know every detail. The truths of the Holocaust do not depend on the witness of one man. There are literally millions of lives - and deaths - which offer testimony to the reality of the Holocaust. The pits filled with corpses, the films of the emaciated people in the liberated camps, the testimony of survivors and even the actual photos of executions bear witness to the horrors of the Holocaust. I will simply say here that Wiesel's record and his works have been subjected to very intense scrutiny and he has emerged a Nobel Prize winner. Anyone interested in passing judgement on Elie Wiesel should read his works first. Start with *Against Silence*, all three volumes.

CODOH sarcastically refers to Schindler's List as a film based on a

cheap novel. This is, if I might use the same word, a "cheap" shot at best. Films as well as literature can communicate truth by conveying the essence of a real situation in a meaningful way. The artistry of the film maker and the writer can be invaluable in capturing and transmitting the intensity and agony of the historical moment. Anyone interested in the validity of Schindler's List should read the book *Schindler's Legacy*, which quotes personal testimony and features photos of those Jews he saved.

CODOH is entirely off base in its references to *The Diary of Anne Frank*. While the diary was edited for publication, and subsequently dramatized, one must remember that the essential truths of her family's hiding and the brutality of the Nazi regime have been preserved for the ages. Let me recommend *The Diary of Anne Frank: The Critical Edition* to anyone who is doubtful. The government of the Netherlands stands behind its authenticity and there is nothing in the world number of memoirs of survivors to discount its validity.

For me the bottom line is that there are still people who are interested in advancing an anti-Semitic agenda and rehabilitating Hitler's image. Hitler was seductive in the 1930s, but we should know better by now.

Dewey A. Browder
Professor of History

Editor's Note: The advertisement in the March 1 issue of *The All State* was the only one run this year about the website addressing the Holocaust studies.

Give Christians some credit

This letter is in regard to many articles/cartoons that have been

published in *The All State* in the past school year. It seems like something has been published in almost every edition that dishonors Christians. At the same time you have only published about three articles that credit Christians. This has made me, as well as other Christians, ask the question why?

We, as Christians, have been quiet long enough, and the cartoon published in the Feb. 16 edition has broken my silence. I agree and acknowledge the fact of freedom of the press, thus realizing APSU students have a right to have their opinions published. Last semester there was at least one article published that was not written by an APSU student, but instead by the College Press. Therefore making me draw the conclusion that not only are you intentionally publishing items that bash Christians, but also you are encouraging this behavior. Unfortunately, now more and more of this behavior is appearing in your newspaper.

Due to the freedom of the press I cannot stop the paper from publishing what it desires, but I can make my voice heard. I would like to only point out a few misconceptions about Christians that many non-Christians hold. We are not perfect, actually far from it. We do, and will, continue to mess up and sin, like everyone else. It is a common misconception that we, as Christians, should be perfect, and when our expectations fail we are called hypocrites. I'll be the first to admit that yes, we are hypocrites. In fact the bible says we are all hypocrites, therefore showing us we are not to be perfect. If we were perfect, why would we have needed Jesus to save us.

Also, most of us will not "preach" to people. It seems like the majority of your writers have had the unfortunate experience of dealing with forceful Christians, and they judge

the rest of us by them. The majority of the "conservative Christians" your writers like to call them, are people who were raised up in a different time with different opinions than society has today. So their views reflect more of the times than rather than the actual Christian views. If the writers of these articles would do further research they would find out their conclusions are incorrect for the most part. What was the last time they went to church with people their own age? even talked to younger Christians? My guess would be that they have not, but instead are basing their views on things heard from very conservative people. I truly believe that if they talked to more Christians, then most of their opinions would change.

We as Christians are only asking to be represented truthfully and fairly, and for the staff of *The All State* to realize we are on this campus. We are represented at the BSU, West Center, Church of Christ Student Center, Catholic Student Center, Alpha, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Voices of Triumph as well as many other places. Everyone is welcome at any of these places to come and enjoy himself, no matter what faith or belief they may be. All I am asking is the next time you feel it is necessary to publish something that puts Christians down, to find something that also lifts them up. You would be surprised at how many things you could find to publish if you actually looked. Next time anyone hears unfavorable words from or about a Christian, do yourself a favor, go and get other opinions - there are more virtuous Christians on this campus.

Kristy L. Pickett
Chemistry
Undergraduate



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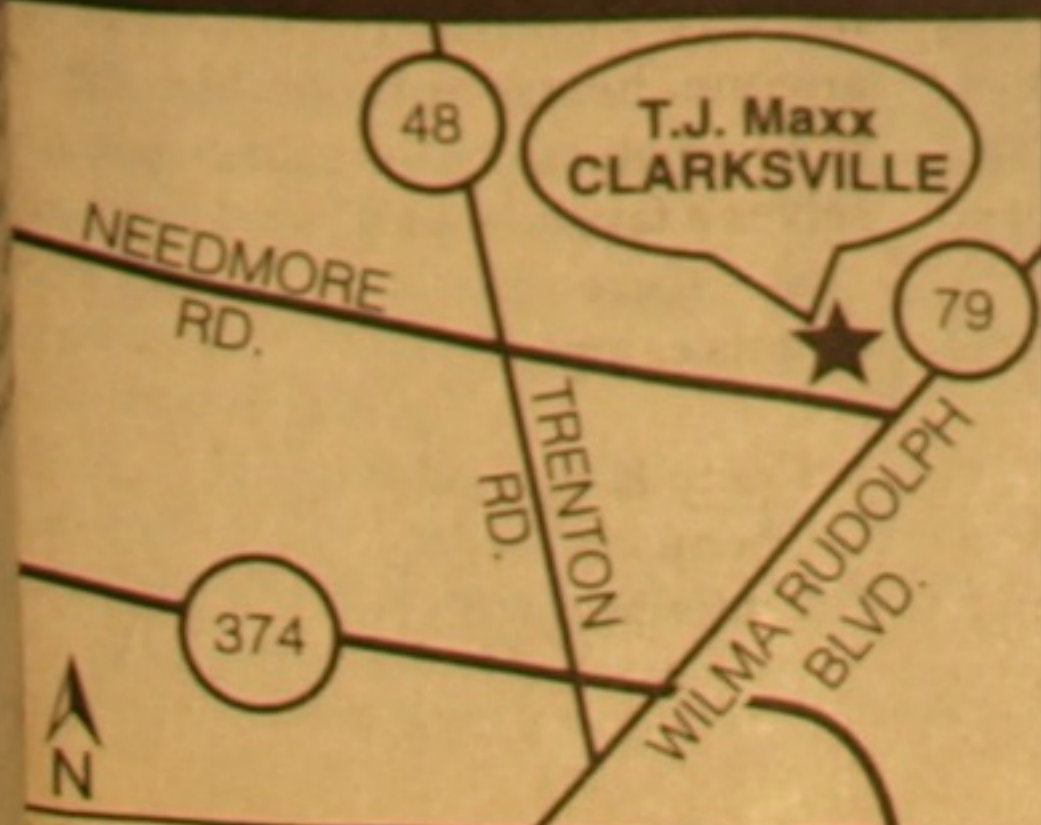
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