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Gore announces FEMA grant for APSU

Vice President Al Gore notified Austin Peay State University on Aug. 13, 1999 the University will recieve $4.05 million in disaster funds to assist in recovery efforts from the tornado of Jan. 22, 1999.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, is providing the grant.

Gore said, "This funding will go a long way toward putting a historic university on the road to recovery. Now Austin Peay State University will be able to focus on its primary function – educating young men and women so they can go on to assume productive roles in society."

More than 30 buildings on the 72-year-old campus were damaged by the tornado. Many buildings suffered roof, window, and exterior damage, which produced extensive water damage.

Among the most seriously damaged buildings was Archwood, an 1877 Clarksville landmark and one of the campus' centerpieces.

Another centerpiece that was damaged was Harned Hall, once a women's dormitory that now houses the College of Arts and Sciences and the Larson Art Gallery.

Harned Hall will reopen next week for fall classes. Restoration of Archwood has not begun, although the building has been weather-proofed in the short term.

Dr. Sal Rinella, president of Austin Peay, said, "On behalf of Austin Peay's students, alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, and friends, I want to express gratitude to Vice President Gore, representatives of FEMA and everyone in federal and state government for their support of Austin Peay. Shortly after the January 22 tornado, Tipper Gore and many federal and state officials visited Clarksville and Austin Peay.

"At Austin Peay, we take pride in our long history. An educational institution has stood on these grounds since 1806. As Vice President Gore indicated, this grant will help put this great historic university on the road to full recovery. In fact, we're coming back better than ever."

Dr. Rinella steps down

Dr. Sal D. Rinella, the seventh president of Austin Peay State University, announced today that he will leave his post on Feb. 1 of next year.

The announcement came exactly five years to the day that Rinella was named president.

Rinella, chosen to lead Austin Peay on Aug. 16, 1994, came to the University after serving as the vice president of California State University, Fullerton.

He led the University through one of its most difficult challenges following the tornado that destroyed much of downtown Clarksville and the campus on Jan. 22.

Under Rinella's leadership, the University was back in full operation within one week after the devastating storm.

As fall semester classes begin this week, on campus head count enrollment is slightly above last year's level, and most campus buildiings will open on schedule.

"Our remarkable recovery from the storm, due in large part to the efforts of an outstanding faculty, staff and student body, only reinforced my belief that Austin Peay has the character and energy to enter the next millennium as one of the premier institutions of higher learning in the state and region," Rinella said.

Addressing returning faculty and staff at the University's annual convocation on Monday morning, Rinella quoted extensively from Bill Shore's book, "The Cathederal Within," comparing the building of a great university with the building of a great cathederal.

"Many of us devote our lives to a cause we'll never see completed," Rinella said of the cathederals that often took centuries to finish. "But we know that our work was in good hands when we got here and will be in good hands when we leave."

In addition Rinella told the faculty and staff, the life of a university usually unfolds in five year cycles and the time is right for "someone else to lead this institution into the future."

"We've accomplished the goals set forth when I arrived and are laying the groundwork for our next five-year planning cycle," Rinella said. "I felt that we had came to a logical point in the University's progress for me to pursue a new challenge."

Dr. Charles E. Smith, Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents, which governs Austin Peay State University, said, "While I regret President Rinella's decision, I certainly respect his decision to be closer to his children in California.

"Dr. Rinella leaves a strong legacy for Austin Peay State University.

"He has made many contributions to the growth and development of the university over the past five years, and is deserving of great credit and praise for his leadership efforts."

Rinella will enter private business in California, where his daughter, Jennifer, is a doctoral student at UCLA, and his son, Jonathan, is a graphic designer in Orange, Calif. Rinella's wife, Patricia is an Austin Peay alumna and a teacher in the Clarksville school system; coincidentally, Aug. 16 is also the Rinella's 30th wedding anniversary.

"I also want to commend Dr. Rinella for the leadership skills he displayed earlier this year during a time of immense crisis," Smith said. "Dr. Rinella stepped forward and led the campus masterfully, bringing about normalcy record time. With out his organizational and leadership skills, the campus could have suffered long-term damage.

"While Dr. Rinella will leave a void in the Board of Regents System and will certainly be missed, he and his wife, Pat, have my best wishes as they prepare for the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead."

Board of Regents Vice Chairman Bill Watkins said, "Dr. Rinella has been an asset to the Board of Regents System over the past five years, and his leadership will certainly be missed. He is well respected by the Board and other presidents within the System, and we regret losing his strong leadership at one of our finest institutions. We wish Dr. Rinella the best in all of his future endeavors."

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>
> *Dr. Sal D. Rinella*

Among the achievements during Rinella's tenure at APSU:

Enhanced academic programs and administrative services at the University's Fort Campbell Campus.

Planned, designed, and started construction, to be the completed in the fall of 2001, of a new science building, which will be among the best science education facilities in the nation.

Designed and soon will start construction of a new University Center, also scheduled to be completed in 2001.

Initiated a salary equity plan for staff and faculty.

Successfully transitioned the APSU football program to Division I-AA non-scholarship status.

Completed a 10-year campus master plan.

Enhanced the impact ot the strategic plan of the University by expanding representation on the planning committee and tying annual resource allocation decisions to priorities of the plan.

Completed successful fund-raising campaigns, including raising $1 million for the renovation of Emerald Hill, the historic estate owned by the University.

Created the College of Graduate Studies and the College of Human Services and Nursing.

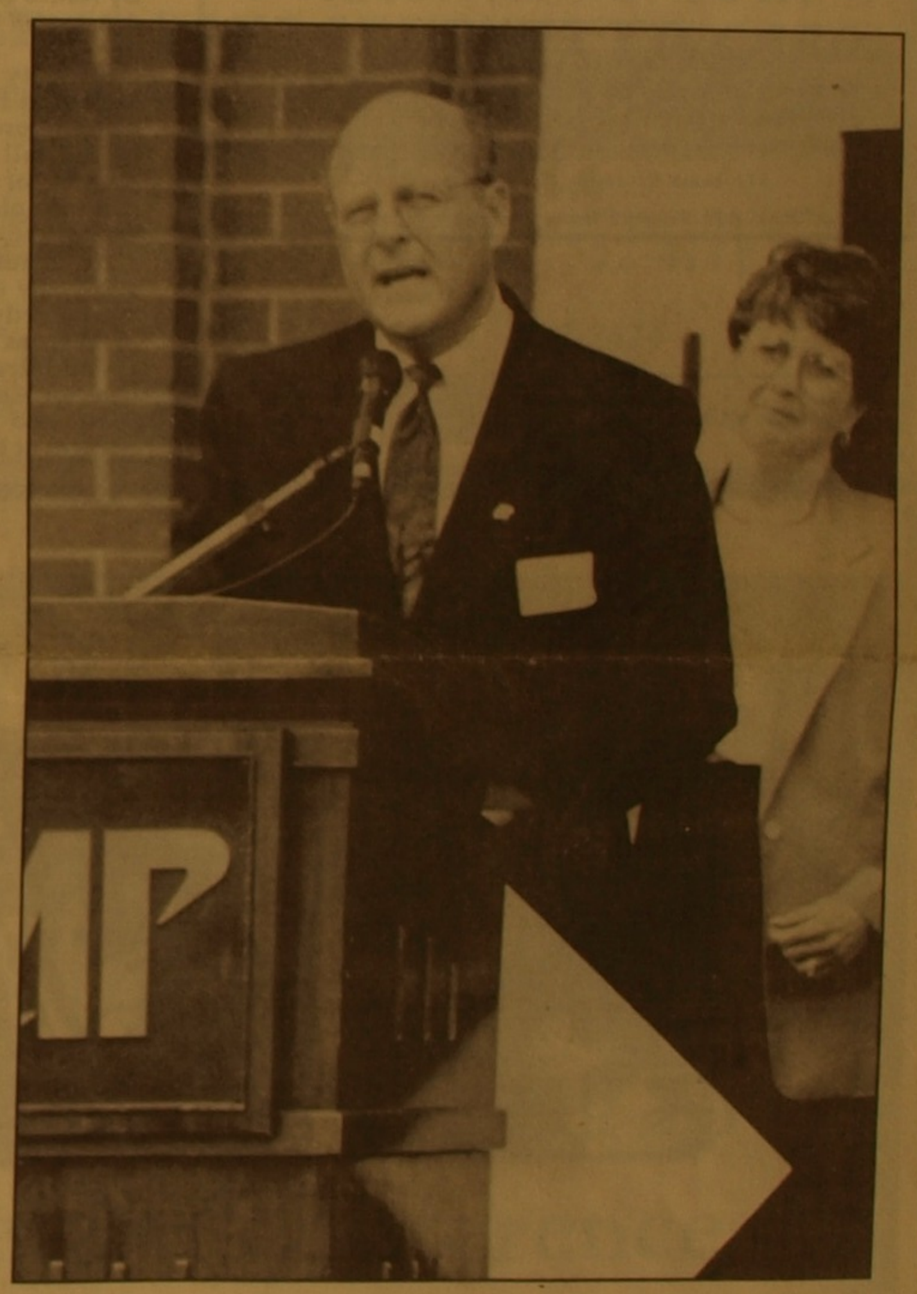
Strengthened the relationship with the Clarksville/Montgomery County community through a number of community/university partnerships and programs.

Plans for the campus over the next decade include an expanded library, continued renovation of campus buildings not damaged by January's tornado and expansion of graduate programs in nursing education and human services.

"As we approach our 75th anniversary in 2002, we have the opportunity to build upon our successes to launch a capital campaign to achieve a stronger university," he said," and I hope you'll continue to work tirelessly to recruit and retain our most precious asset and reason for being, our students.

"This is your university," Rinella concluded, "and I'm confident you'll lead the way to the future."

A search committee will be named by the Tennessee Board of Regents to identify a successor for Rinella.



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Dr. Sal D. Rinella, Austin Peay State University President

RHA offers students opportunities

By Johnny Sparks
editor in chief

The Residential Hall Association offers opportunities for students to develop leadership skills while being part of a very important team.

As a RHA member, you will represent the students in your campus residence hall.

"Students sometimes do not understand the magnitude of the impact they can have on the university," RHA president Jennifer Rimmer said. "Through RHA, they can reach that potential."

RHA provides a forum for students to address issues regarding their residential hall and their fellow residents.

RHA members are elected by fellow residents living in their hall/apartment.

To be a representative, you must complete the application that is available in the lobby your hall, apartment complex or in the office of Housing/Residence Life Miller Room 121.

Applications must be completed and returned to Miller 121 by Aug. 31 at 4:30 p.m. to qualify to run for a representative position, applicants must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA if they are a returning student. First time students must have a 2.0 GPA at the end of their first semester. returning students have a 2.0 cumulative GPA. In addition, the student should be in good standing with the university financially and otherwise.

Due to the many demands placed on each representative, the Office of Housing/Residence Life rewards each elected representative with a $200)(participation scholarship.

A Leadership Camp provides representatives with the opportunity to learn innovative and creative ways to improve the APSU residence halls/apartments. The Leadership Camp is an opportunity for all RHA representatives to leave campus for 3 days for leadership development, goal setting, and building group cohesiveness.

This year's camp will be held from the evening of Friday, Sept. 10 until the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 12.

RHA sponsors various social activities throughout the year for resident student including APEX kick-off social, the Fall Fling and Spring Fling.

In addition to social activities, RHA is an active voice for the students regarding policy and procedure changes, facility renovations recommendations and other issues of concerns for residents. RHA also participates in community and campus service throughout the year.

Membership ensures that your voice is heard in the issues that mean the most to your hall's residents, but don't forget the fun.

Working with other leaders, you will develop friendships that will last a lifetime.

As a RHA member, you will cooperate with your hall's Resident Assistants in developing programs designed to enhance campus life.

RA programs are programs are fun and informative.

If you want to get involved with an organization with room to grow, then RHA may be right for you. Growth is not limited just to the APSU campus. APSU RHA participates in the Tennessee Association of College and University Residence Halls or TACURH.

"During my second semester, I was elected vice president of the Tennessee Association of College and University Residence Halls," Rimmer said. "RHA is the first step to many opportunities within improving housing/residence life with positions available on campus, state, regional and national levels."

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University announces weather alert procedures

Severe Weather Alert Procedures
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Initial Emergency Procedures

The initial and primary source for all emergency information is the Office

of Campus Police 648-7786 or 4848. While Campus Police may not be the first to detect an emergency situation (tornado or other severe weather conditions), they do monitor several weather services for the most up to date weather information available.

When severe weather conditions are observed or an alert has been given by the National Weather Service, the

following procedures will be followed:

Tornado Warning

A Tornado Warning means that a tornado has been sighted. If you see or hear

the tornado coming, do not wait for the warning siren—go to the lowest level of your building and protect yourself. Once Campus Police has beenalerted to the tornado warning, they will activate the Campus Tornado Alert Siren for three continuous minutes.

Campus officers and dispatchers will notify the Residence Hall Directors as quickly as possible of pending danger and direct them to evacuate residents to the lower areas of the resident halls as quickly as possible.

Open air buildings (Cross, Rawlins, Killebrew, Meacham, Two Rivers), should be evacuated to buildings which have enclosed hallways as quickly as possible. If time does not permit, residents should move to the bathroom area and take cover.

Individuals should remain inside the protected areas and refrain from going outside to watch. Campus Police will announce an " all clear" as soon as conditions improve and the danger has passed. The "all clear" signal will be given over the Tornado Siren Voice System, police vehicle loud speaker, or inperson by the campus officers.

Tornado Watch

A Tornado Watch means that weather conditions exist that could cause thecreation of a tornado. In the event a tornado watch has been received, Campus Police will alert the Residence Hall Directors and Building Coordinators to be on alert and to await further instructions Residents will not be alerted to take cover unless weather conditions warrant.

Severe Weather Storm Warning

A Severe Weather Storm Warning means that a severe weather condition is imminent. During the day, an e-mail alert will be sent to all e-mail users and building coordinators will be notified by phone of impending severe weather.

During the evening hours, the Residence Hall Directors will be notified by radio of any threatening weather conditions. They will follow their written procedures.

Under some circumstances, the Tornado Alert Siren Voice System or campus police vehicle loud speaker may also be utilized to notify the campus community of impending weather storm warning. When the danger has passed or subsided, Campus Police will notify the campus that an " all clear" has been received. This "all clear" notice will be given in person, by vehicle loudspeaker or by the campus Tornado Alert Siren Voice System.

Severe Weather Storm Watch

A Severe Weather Storm Watch means that severe weather may affect the local area. Campus Police will alert the campus by e-mail, fax or telephone, and will notify the Residence Hall Directors in the evening hours of the storm watch.

Campus Tornado Siren Test

Campus Police will test the campus tornado siren at 3:00 p. m. on the first Thursday of each month. This test will be held in conjunction with Clark Fire Department tests. A announcement will prec test and an "all clear" message will follow the

Cancellation of Ca Activities

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Incident nets tighter security at Memorial Health Building

By Astrid Barber
senior staff writer

Security measures at the Memorial Health building are being improved and increased in the fall semester of 1999 because of an illegal incident that took place during the summer.

An unauthorized individual alledgedly entered the building and secretly taped individuals in the mens' locker room.

The Intramural Recreation Director Andrew Simmons has requested several security changes at the Memorial Health building for this semester.

These changes are aimed at the protection of Austin Peay students, faculty, and employees.

Simmons said "[This incident] was probably the worst that happened at our facility in the past 15 years."

The goal now is to prevent any further invasions of privacy and to hinder non-APSU students from unauthorized entry to the Austin Peay facility.

The following changes are planned:

The main entrance will be used as single point of entry and exit.

Alarms will be installed on all doors leading to the outside of the building.

Camera surveillance will be used at the entrance of all locker rooms.

The single entry and exit aspect should decrease the accessibility to the building for unauthorized persons due to the heavily maintained ID checking at that point.

"We had to many places to check Ids," Simmons said.

He also plans on scheduling student workers for all shifts to ensure the success of this operation.

Alarms on all exiting doors will inform and warn the IM personnel of any illegal exit.

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Simmons said he is confi in the success of the prop measurements and empha "Something will happen an are doing something about

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Chancellor steps down

After serving as Chancellor of the nation's seventh largest system of higher education for six years, Charles E. Smith has announced his plans to retire his post as of December 31, 1999, to spearhead a private education consulting firm called Charles E. Smith & Associates.

Smith, former Commissioner of Education under Governor Ned McWherter, assumed the top position at the Tennessee Board of Regents on January 1, 1994. He has had many unparalleled accomplishments during his time as Chancellor of Tennessee Board of Regents.

During his six years as Chancellor, Smith has brought regional and national recognition to the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The Chancellor has successfully pushed for funding formula changes that have brought equity in funding to TBR institutions.

Among many other accomplishments, Smith has:

- developed and implemented strategies for increasing access to higher education by promoting distance learning and the use of technology to offer courses in remote areas to serve working adults
- stressed efficiency in operations through tight management of underfunded budgets while keeping tuition and fees low
- orchestrated major improvements in articulation agreements between 46 institutions within the Tennessee Board of Regentsa system, which now allows students to transfer more easliy from one institution to another
- led the successful effort to create a new multi-campus community college in Memphis by consolidating Shelby State Community College and State Technical Institute at Memphis, which have had declining enrollments over the past several years.

In addition to his many noted successes, during Smith's time in office the Tennessee Board of Regents received the largest amount of capital outlay and mainbtenance dollars in its history, totaling $471,631,000. Smith also led the initiative to revitalize the Tennessee Technology Centers through an infusion of $110 Million by the Tennessee General Assembly to expand and improve facilities and to upgrade equipment and technology.

As Chancellor, Smith has aggressively sought ways to promote diversity on all 46 campuses as well as within the central office, including appoiuntments of African Americans and women as presidents, directors, and central office administrators.

Regarding Smith's retirement, Governor Sundquist said, "Chanc Smith has been an innovative and ative leader at the Tennessee Board Regents. The accountability sy that he has put in place during his as Chancellor has been a mode higher education, and he has w extremely well with our admini tion, especially in improving w force development efforts Tennessee."

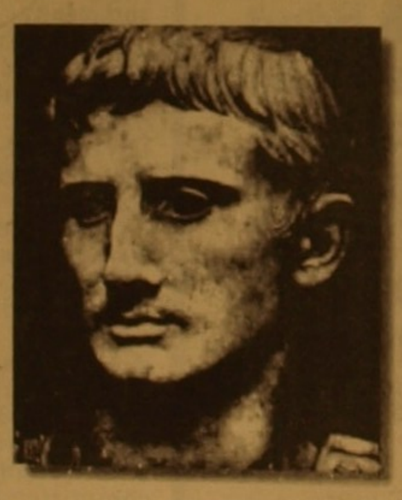
The Tennessee Board of Regen made up of 46 institutions from a the State of Tennessee, and enroll 180,000 students. Eight of ten st enrolling in public higher educa Tennessee now enroll in a Ten Board of Regents institution. D Smith's time as Chancellor, the n of students receiving degrees, ce cates, or diplomas in the Tenne Board of Regents system increase almost 10%, and TBR institutions awrd over 23,000 degrees to nesseans annually.

Regarding the search for a Chancellor, Vice Chairman Wa said that a search for Smith's rep ment will begin this fall.

Regarding his retirem Chancellor Smith said, "I am th greatful to the Tennessee Board Regents for the strong support tha have provided me during my six tenure as Chancellor. Together believe we have led our syste unprecedented levels of achieve As a result of our cooperative e TBR is known widely today a effective, accountable, and results ented system that is having a economic impact on our state a contributing significantly to the G nor's initiative to produce a strong viable workforce for the new m nium.

"Perhaps our greatest achieve has been the conversion of TBR fr loose confederation of campuses strong and unified system with a and well-defined mission. Lead diversified system that has univers community colleges, and techno centers is a unique challenge, b truly believe we have sokmething cial to nuture, enhance, and defend

During his 32 years of servi public education in Tennessee, in tion to serving as Chancellor of Tennessee Board of Regents for years as the State's Commissioner Education for seven years, S served as chancellor of two UT c puses, as vice president over two s rate divisions of UT's state universaity administration, and a tor of both weekly and daily ne pers in Tennessee.



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Features

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Band prepares for Govs football season

By Joseph Hardin
features editor

As the Austin Peay football team practices hard to excite fans at their home games, the Governors' marching band plan to do the same.

"Wednesday was the first day of practice," said Lee DuBose, a junior. "We stayed inside and practiced all day."

DuBose is a flute player playing vibraphones and percussion in the marching band.

"I have a pretty good time. Most of us who are music majors do it because we love it," she said. "We do it for fun -- and scholarships sometimes."

APSU band director, Bob Lee, has his hands full with no assistant directors, but appeared calm and confident in the band's outlook.

He said the band will do a halftime show at the Governors' first home game on September 2.

"We'll probably add a pregame show by October 2," said Lee.

How big is the band going to be?

"We're going to be about 112 members," Lee said. About 80 members will be wind instruments for a bold, full sound. 16 will comprise the drum line, and about 10 will be on the color guard -- rifles and flags.

"I've played 45 members all four years of high school," said freshman baritone player, Kirk Clark from Stewart County. "Now I'm in a bigger band -- it's great!"

The band has two drum majors -- senior Ashley Farler and sophomore Jessica Logan. Farler's been here for four years and this is her last marching season.

"I am looking frward to our first game," said Logan. "It'll be fun to see the pieces in action on the field." Logan said being a drum major is fun, though very physical.

Sophomore twirler, Alexis Pitts will entertain halftime audiences this year again.

"She'll light them on fire and toss 'em around," said DuBose, "It's pretty cool to watch."

The marching band is polishing their performance of four songs.

"La Fiesta" by Chick Corea -- I own one of his CDs -- has a trombone solo and at least four trumpet solos in it. "That's a challenging song to play," said Clark, "it's just really fast."

"Up a Lazy River" by Hogey Carmichael is another upbeat number. It's followed by the slower "Battle Hymn" -- arranged by APSU's Bob Lee.

"Big Noise From Winnetka" - also arranged by Lee, includes a trumpet and a trombone solo.

The band will wear last year's uniforms -- black jackets, white pants, red and white trim, and on their heads-black military shakos with red plumes.

They perform a very visual show with sharp, snappy, well-disciplined movements.

"We don't stand and play much it's pretty much full motion the whole time," said Lee. "We use 48 pages of drill for an average show."

The band puts in long, rigorous hours practicing to do their shows this fall.

They'll also be marching in the homecoming parade and possibly the Veterans Day Parade.

October 30, the Govs' marching band will demonstrate at and host the Mid-South Marching Band Invitational here, showing their stuff in front of some well-practiced, competitive high school marching bands.

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Warehouse Bar and Grill offers students place to chill

By Joseph Hardin
features editor

The Warehouse Bar and Grill extends a hearty invitation to Austin Peay students to come check out their club.

Traditionally, "Who's gonna be playing at the Warehouse," is a commonly asked question among APSU students early in the school week.

Many, upon finding out that yet another incredible live band will be playing there, will look forward to it all week long in most eager anticipation.

The well-established hub of live music has always presented Clarksville with an eclectic variety of tunes from rock to pop, blues to metal, and disco to original and alternative.

Local and regional talents pop in frequently enough to be amazing each time they grace the Warehouse stage -- but not so frequently that they grow tiresome.

The owners of the Warehouse, Tommy Taylor and Mike Souza, do a fine job of keeping a fresh mix of bands playing there.

Taylor and Souza are both alumni of Austin Peay.

Souza received his degree in accounting and Taylor got his in marketing.

"Tommy was one of those party animal Pike guys," said Souza.

The two have owned and managed the Warehouse for three successful years now and have had a great many live act perform under their roof.

Besides the game room in the back with six pool tables, a bar, and three dart boards, the main stage room has another bar, tables, chairs, a spacious dance floor, and -- of course -- a huge stage.

When there's no band playing, if they're between sets, a DJ will keep the volume thumping through their gigantic PA system so dancing is always an option.

Thursday is College Night at the Warehouse -- free pool from 7-11 p.m., no cover til 9 p.m., one dollar longnecks til 10 p.m., 25-cent drafts til 11 p.m., and 25-cent wings all night.

Of course, you must be 19 or older to get in.

Their normal cover charge at the door is $5. Occasionally the Warehouse will bring in special performers from popular national circuits and the cover price will go up a few bucks.

In the past they've had such names as Molly Hatchet, Quiet Riot, Jackyl, Blue Oyster Cult, and Nazareth.

National recording artist Billy Joe Shaver will be playing Wednesday, Aug. 18.

Shaver's songs have been recorded by a veritable who's who of artists including Bob Dylan, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, the Allman Brothers, and many more.

Some bands that occasionally play the Warehouse stage have members that are APSU students -- Bump City, & Company, Low Boy, the Beagles, and Fresh Dairy.

You should check 'em out and show 'em some student support.

Dean Hall and the Loose Eels won't be back til the NASCAR season has ended because that's the scene they're currently playing.

The Evinrudes and the Honeyrods are extremely popular whenever they play Clarksville.

"They'll both be coming back again," said Souza.

Who's playing this week at the Warehouse? -- Guardrail -- Aug. 19, Sizzling Happy Family -- Aug. 20, and Bump City -- the 21st. Next week it'll be the Ballistic Pintos -- Aug. 25, Low Boy -- Aug. 26, the Beagles -- Aug. 27, and it's the Velcro Pygmies -- Sat., Aug. 28.

Check out the Warehouse for great live music in a festive atmosphere. You'll be glad you did.

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Sports

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Governor football broadcast team named

A new radio team has been formed for the 1999 Austin Peay State University football season.

Jody Brothers, a former Austin Peay football player who has been working the Nashville sports radio scene for the past six years, including the Nashville Kats (Arena Football league), will handle the play-by-play chores. Meanwhile, Adam Pineo, who played quarterback at APSU in 1997-98, will join Brothers in the booth with color commentary on WJZM (1400) this season.

The duo replaces longtime play-by-play Bill Herndon and Keith Koski, who handled the color work the last three seasons. The new job responsibilities has prevented each from continuing their association with APSU football broadcasts in 1999.

"It is a situation where I am sad and happy," APSU coach Bill Schmitz said. "I am disappointed that both Bill and Keith won't be able to continue to broadcast the games this year because of their work obligations. I really appreciate the work they did.

"At the same time, I am excited about our new broadcast team. Jody is an Austin Peay grad who is a young up-and-coming announcer- -he has really been involved in the Nashville sports scene. He is very familiar with Clarksville and the Austin Peay football program.

"And Adam is a communications major here who has indicated this (sportscasting) is something he might want to do in the future. Adam is very familiar with m,e, our players, and most of our opponents. That should give him tremendous insight."

Brothers, a Clarksville native, moved to Nashville in 1983, where both he and his brother, Jeff, played football at Brentwood Academy. In 1989, Brothers came to APSU to play football. However, a neck injury his freshman year ended his career. However, he remained with the football program as videographer for the next four years.

He graduated from APSU in 1994 and embarked on a broadcasting career that took him to WIZO-AM Franklin where he handled high school football play-by-play. That same year he worked with Herndon as a spotter/statistician for APSU football games. Also during that period he worked as a stringer for WWTN-FM (99.7), handling interview and at-site reports for the Sports Night program.

In 1995, he also served as sideline reporter for Vanderbilt football games and two years ago he joined WNSR (Nashville Sports Radio)-AM as an afternoon sports talk show host. He also served as a semi-regular host for "Conference C daily program about the eastern Conference th some 70 affiliates.

In addition to his daily 3 p.m/) talk show, Brothe has worked as the color for the Nashville Kats th two seasons.

Pineo, and Arroyo G Calif., native, set APSU for single-season passing (1,881), completions (1 career passing percentage in his two APSU seasons.

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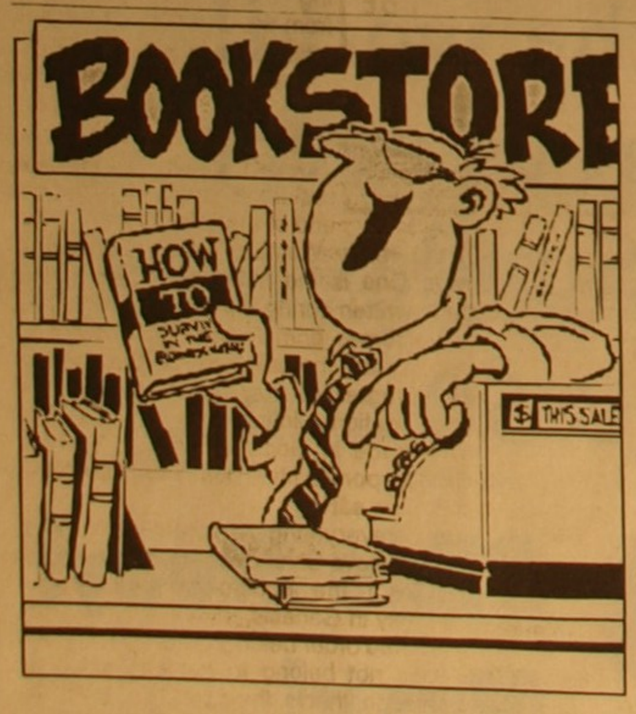

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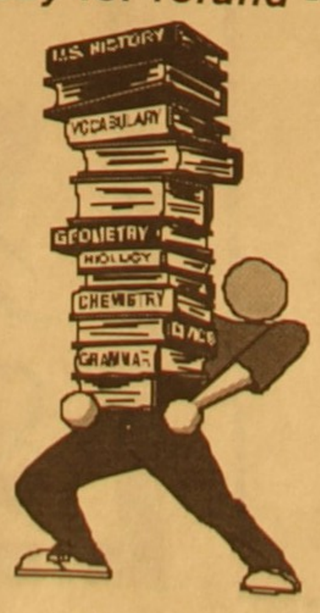

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SGA announces: new day

Student Government Association
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Of all the campus structures being renovated, the one with the fastest changing image is not a building.

It is the Student Government Association.

In the past, SGA has made headlines because someone was removed from the Senate or because a member of SGA made a bad decision.

Starting now, SGA will be making headlines for dealing with the real issues that face students.

The duty of the Student Government Association is to be the voice of the students.

As such, it is our responsibility to ensure that each comment, suggestion, praise, or criticism is heard," said Michael Wall, SGA president.

Wall's foremost concern is filling empty senate seats and seats on various university standing committees.

It is imperative for the students to realize that SGA will be taking on an entirely different role beginning this semester.

We need motivated leaders who are prepared to represent their fellow students in making decisions that will have a direct and noticable affect on the entire student body.

Elections to fill these seats will be held on Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. in front of the APSU bookstore.

Petitions, along with a list of requirements, are available in the SGA office located in Room 109 of the Memorial Health Building or contact the SGA at 221-7262 or SGA@APSU.edu.

For a glimpse of how effectively the SGA is working, students should attend a weekly general assembly meeting.

The meetings are held each Thursday at 6 p.m. in the SGA office.

Humorist enlightens

By Gary Arnold
assistant opinion editor

Have you offended anyone lately? It seems I do it a lot.

There seems to be a great deal of fear that the occasional use of the words – whoops, let me see here.

Uh-yeah, that's it-gluteus maximus, and H-E-double toothpicks may result in possible litigation.

Could something so childish and petty be possible in these times of such great progress in political correctness?

You bet your sweet-oh, oh, um, yeah. For these, people, are the "daze" of our lives.

Yes, just like the soap opera, the implausible and ridiculous, one would think, have entered into the lives of us poor, hard-working journalists, and one humorist, here at the All-State.

Due to the fact that we now live in a litigious society where people would rather sue someone, like playing a legal lottery in the hopes of winning financial freedom and independence, instead of working for it.

We find ourselves in a most difficult position. How does one tell the truth in an honest and creative way, if when you do, people are waiting in line not to read your efforts -- unpaid, I might add -- but rather to see if they can find an excuse to step up to the cashier's window?

Now I'll be the first to admit that depending on where and who I'm with, my language can be salty enough to put sailors, truck drivers, and ex-cons to shame.

By the same token, if I choose, want, or find myself needing to, I can articulate myself well enough to hold my own with most intellectuals, the deeply religious, and flat-out verbose society snobs.

I certainly do not talk to my grandmother the same way I talk to guys I've been running with for years.

I do not walk up to 6 year-old kids and say, "Hey, kid, how the &!@#*$! are you?" I'm well aware of the fact that each column I write every week has to appeal to everyone from the serious, scripture- reading, prim and proper dedicated college students, to those who spend their free time in front of keggers listening to everything from Marilyn Manson, and Snoop Dog and doing a little partying.

I also realize there are a lot of non-traditional students here, as well as faculty and administration that read the paper, and we thank each and every one of you.

Since I first came here to write for The All State, I have seen nothing but the utmost in desire, dedication and hard work by those affiliated with the paper.

At an awards dinner held at the end of last semester, the staff decided to name an annual award after last year's editor in chief, Shana Thornton. It was not enough.

This year's staff is no less dedicated. Sports specialist Johnny Sparks is this years new editor in chief,

Joseph Hardin returns to us full time as features-editor. Shannon Hester is our new advertising expert. Astrid Barber, Jerome Parchman and yours truly return once more to fight the good fight.

Shana has also returned to help us as assistant editor. Joshua Mead will be our SGA watchdog. Jeremy R. Legg will watch the dogs -- the Govs in sports.

If there is anyone else who has joined this merry band of dedicated diversity that I am unaware of, I apologize for not naming you here now.

The point is, there is no one here who feels he or she has a right to spew out whatever it is they may want just because they work for your newspaper. And it is your paper. People here work very hard to inform, enlighten, and hopefully entertain you on a weekly basis by putting out the best damn newspaper we possibly can. And that is no easy task, I assure you.

Think so, come on down and test both your skills and ability to do without sleep.

These people should be commended for their efforts, not forced to waste their valuable time discussing the dangers of trying to be honest and entertaining. We are not here to offend.

As for me, well it just so happens I have the easiest job here on The All State. My duty is to find a way to bring a smile, or hopefully a laugh or two, to the broad spectrum of students we have here at the Peay once a week.

I work very hard to try and accomplish that task without trying offending anyone or making my editor's job any harder than it already is.

So please try to have a sense of humor and degree of tolerance. We are just trying to do our jobs.

Joe welcomes his comrades, non-trads

By Joseph Hardin
features editor

Are you a non-traditional student, like me?

The way I understand it, a "traditional" student is one that just wrapped up their high school education and then walks right into the college scene taking classes.

I was a "traditional" student in 1987, a very long time ago, at Central Missouri State University. I was an elementary education major minoring in music.

I finished the fall semester and opted to not come back in January of 1988. Like a complete goober, I put my college career on hold to marry my high school sweetheart and decided to work for a living.

It was a great marriage of over seven years.

I've been a bag boy, fry cook, carpet cleaner -- my least favorite job, landscaper, U.S. Army soldier, factory worker, agricultural worker, forklift driver, taxi cab dispatcher, construction worker, Class B industrial painter, musician, bouncer – one of my favorites, and yes, I even know how to make Ms. Winners' delicious chicken.

Happily divorced without children, I'm now a 30-year-old senior at Austin Peay majoring in journalism and minoring in theatre.

I pretty much decided that a high school diploma will get you some jobs, but I'll probably find something much better after I receive a college degree.

Now, I'm what you call a "non-traditional" student.

Austin Peay has a ton of "non-trads" here from all walks of life -- lots of mothers and fathers, retirees, professional people trying to better themselves, and some like me who just want something more out of life.

To all you non-trads, I'd like to say, Welcome back. I hope you had a fun summer. Now let's knock out another semester.

I don't know if I'm ready for it yet, but I'll manage. It's always a little scary and exciting getting started in new classes. I hope I can keep up. I hope the professors will like me and give me A's.

Honestly, I'm already looking forward to Labor Day weekend off. You see, I didn't take the summer off like I wanted. I worked as an intern all summer.

I still managed to go swimming in the creek a few times – a favorite pastime. And thank God I didn't break my ass jumping 102 feet into a deep quarry like I did last summer What was I thinking?

One highlight of my summer was attending Ozzfest Memorial Day at the Worst American Music Center. It was a long, hot day of goth, crunch, suicidal, heavy, power groovin' bands ending with a most triumphant finale, the re-united Black Sabbath.

It was an awesome experience to see the original foursome, and they blew away every act that took the stage all day before them, including Rob Zombie, the DefTones, Slayer, Primus and several more.

Another summer highlight for me was attending the big show at Fort Campbell on the Fourth of July. The fireworks show was the best the base has ever sprung for, and it was complimented lovely by the intensely loud cannon fire from M119 Howitzers.

It made tears well up in my eyes and gave me patriotic goose bumps. I was an artillery soldier for five years of my life.

Other than that, I worked all summer and played hard whenever I had free time.

Hope you had a good summer, too.

Enjoy the fall semester non-trads, and try to have some fun with it. We may not be as young as those traditional students, but we've got more experience in life something they can't have right away.

A forgotten spiritual truth: We belong to the earth

By Dr. Albert Randall
philosophy professor

Obscured by the political, economic and nationally chauvinistic aspect of the controversies over endangered species, nuclear and chemical pollution, destruction of rain forests and global warming is a spiritual truth: the earth does not belong to us, we belong to the earth. Failure to act on this truth could condemn our children to unparalleled ecological disasters.

At the foundation of all great religions is the awareness of an intimate and necessary relationship between human life and the earth. The Indian Chief Seattle is credited with the following affirmation of this relationship:

> "The earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth."
> - Chief Seattle

What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit. For whatever happens to the beasts soon happens to man . . . The earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth . . . All things are connected like the blood which unites one family.

Eastern religions such as Buddhism and Hinduism understand the sacredness of the universe from theological perspectives different than most Western religions. Nonetheless, Eastern or Western, healthy religions affirm the sacredness of all existence.

Years ago, a colleague from India, Dr. Pandea, lectured to one of my classes on a mantra (chant) from the Upanishads: *"That is perfect. This is perfect. Perfection is emanated from perfection. If perfection is subtracted, the remainder is perfection."* In clarifying this enigmatic mantra, Dr. Pandea said: *"Brahmin* (the Hindu term for Ultimate Reality translated as "Universe" or "God") *is perfect because Brahmin is everywhere . . . in every atom, every living cell in the universe. Every atom, every living cell in the universe is in Brahmin."*

For pantheisms like Buddhism and Hinduism, the Ultimate Spiritual Reality (in Western terms, God) cannot be separated from the universe. Thus, every atom and living cell is always a part of Brahman (God-Universe). Humans as well as all living organisms belong to and are part of One Unified Reality. In Chief Seattle's terms, all life belongs to One Ultimate Family: Brahman.

From a different theological perspective, Western religions affirm the sacredness of the universe while also separating Ultimate Reality (God) from the universe. This separation is accomplished by creation. Unlike the pantheisms that imply the eternality of the Universe-God (Brahman), Western beliefs in creation require a beginning and an end of the universe.

Of the many Western creation accounts, Genesis One is the most influential. In this account, written during the 6th century B.C.E., God overcomes primal chaos and then proceeds to create the universe. As the order of creation progresses from the inorganic to the organic, creation culminates in the creation of a being made in God's image and given a special responsibility: dominion over the beasts of the earth.

Finally, everything created is judged GOOD! I believe Chief Seattle would be comfortable with the ecological message of responsibility in Genesis, for it affirms that the whole created order belongs to God. Thus, the earth does not belong to us; we belong to God's creation, that is, the earth. The success with which we live this truth will decide the physical and spiritual future of our children.

Dr. Randall's article is a reprint from the April 7, 1999, issue of The All State. Look for Donald Raye Stone's response in next week's letters to the editor.

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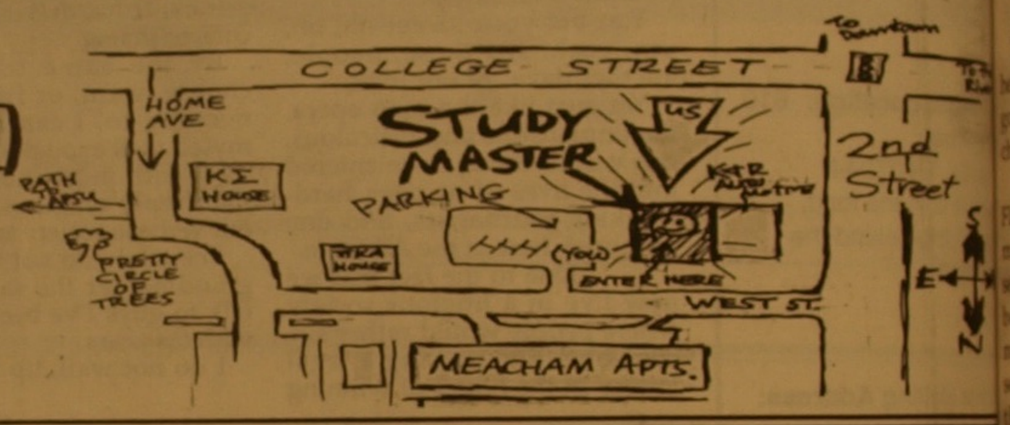

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