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AASA assists students

By Jerome Parchman
assistant news editor

African-American Student Association is an organization that assists African-American students in achieving high rates of academic and social success at Austin Peay State University.

There is a misconceived notion that AASA is just for African-American students, but it is not.

"If anyone wanted to participate in AASA they could, but they would not find it as enriching as African-American students would, because it fosters African-American culture," said Darrick L. McGee, political action committee chairman.

The objectives of AASA are to create and implement community programs and projects which benefit the broader African-American community; to offer leadership development opportunities for African-American students; and to promote and improve the level of awareness for African-American history and culture.

The organization participates in food and clothing drives which help benefit the less fortunate within the community.

AASA also promotes intraracial bonding among African-American students, as well as positive interracial bonding between African-American students and all other students at APSU.

Lott paints icons to heritage

By Shana Thornton
assistant editor

Frank Lott, a Clarksville marketing professional, donated a print of his painting "A Tribute to our Spires" to Austin Peay State University at the unveiling of the Browning cupola.

"I tried to reflect on those spires that were damaged in the tornado. They are the icons of our collective heritage," said Lott.

The five spires destroyed and/or damaged by the Jan. 22 tornado are from the APSU's Browning Building, the Madison Street Methodist Church, the Clarksville Montgomery County Museum, Trinity Episcopal Church and the Clarksville/Montgomery County Courthouse.

"As each of these spires is brought back to its former glory, we will be presenting the prints on behalf of the Clarksville Montgomery County Museum to each of these entities," said Lott.

The prints are on sale at the museum and all proceeds will be divided equally among the five entities depicted in the piece.

Harned and Harvill honored

By Shana Thornton
assistant editor

The Austin Peay State University community honored Harned and Harvill halls, two of the oldest buildings on campus, Oct. 5 after the university unveiled the new Browning cupola.

"The University's amazing rebound would have been impossible without the work and determination of faculty, staff, students and community volunteers, as well as support from our legislators and fast response from various state and federal disaster agencies," said Dennie Burke, director of public relations and publications.

Dr. Richard Hogan, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, presided over the program "No Place Like Harned," which references the Jan. 22 tornado and this year's Homecoming theme, "There's No Place Like Home."

Dr. Howard Winn, professor of history and philosophy, and Dr. Jim Clemmer, professor of languages and literature, gave a brief account of the history of



Photo courtesy of Public Relations
Jamie Worcester and Jonathan Harris, both music majors, sang during the festivities at the Harned and Harvill Halls celebration.

Harned Hall, as well as their expectations for the future.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the official re-opening of Harned, as the APSU Jazz Quartet provided a musical atmosphere.



David Steinquest's Jazz Quartet (above left) entertained Clarksville Mayor Johnny Piper and other city and university officials (above right) during the reopening celebration of Harned and Harvill Halls.

Dr. Joe Filippo, assistant vice president of academic affairs, hosted the celebration of Harvill Hall, the residence hall for Enrichment Program students.

The themes used in the Harned and Harvill Halls celebration will also be the

themes of the Oct. 23 Homecoming celebration.

"Courage, hope and intelligence — sought in 'The Wizard of Oz' — emerged strongly at Austin Peay after the tornado. Now it's time to celebrate," said Burke.



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Hogan, above, presided over the program "No Place Like Harned," and Filippo, below, honored Harvill.

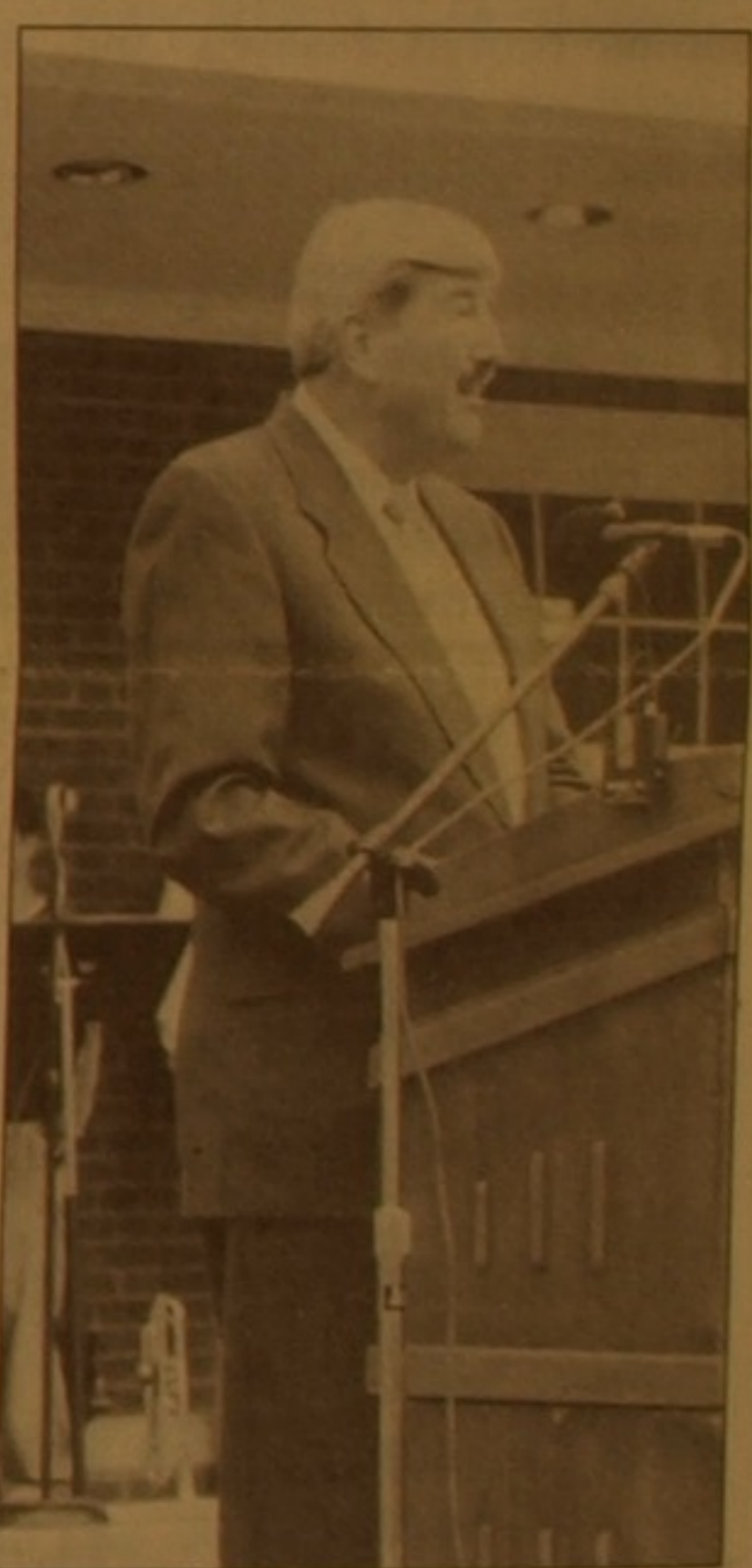


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Frank Lott, of Bibb, Lott & Fryer, unveils a print depicting the Browning cupola and the five other Clarksville spires damaged by the tornado.

SGA discusses communication

By Jerome Parchman
assistant news editor

Susan Barnes, assistant vice-president of communication, spoke before the Student Government Association, and asked them a series of questions about communication at Austin Peay State University.

The first question she asked them was, where do you get most of your information?

The senators said they received their information from "The All State," P.O. boxes, fraternities and the sidewalk.

The main problem the senators have with communication at APSU, is that "The All State" only comes out once a week, and with the university center

being torn down, students won't have a place to post events.

"I really do encourage you to make suggestions," said Barnes.

Sen. Paul Burke, Business, submitted an act to assist the Sociology Club to visit the Sociological Study Conference on Diversity Wednesday through Friday in Chicago, Ill. The act was approved by the SGA.

The Sociology Club will fund over 50 percent (\$1,067) of the total amount of the trip.

The total cost of the trip will be \$2,067, and the club requested \$1,000.

The cost breakdown is travel expense (650 miles x \$0.18),

\$117; lodging expense (\$30 a night x 10 people), \$600; air fare, \$1,160; and registration, \$100.

Sen. Sherry Bowen, College of Arts and Sciences, sponsored an act to assist the SGA with its annual G.H.O.S.T (Great Halloween Options for Safe Trick-or-Treating) project on Oct. 30.

This event will benefit APSU and the Clarksville community.

G.H.O.S.T provides a safe environment for young children to go trick-or-treating.

She requested that the SGA be granted the sum of \$1,000 to purchase candy, prizes and materials needed for the success of the project.

The act was voted on and approved.

Officials reject tax report calling for APSU closing

If Austin Peay State University and five other state-supported institutions were privatized, sold or merged with other institutions, the negative impacts would far outweigh the projected state tax savings, university and community leaders say.

The savings were predicted in a report released Monday by the Tennessee Family Institute, a Nashville-based anti-tax reform organization.

"It's not rational to think that changing the status of Austin Peay or any state institution would do anything but have a devastating impact on the community and the people we serve," Austin Peay President Sal D. Rinella said.

Austin Peay, Rinella said, is in fact experiencing one of its strongest years ever and plays an integral role in the growth of Clarksville, Montgomery County and the surrounding five-county area.

"Over the past decade the University has enjoyed a 45 percent increase in enrollment, making it the second-fastest growing public university in Tennessee. A new state-of-the-art science building, to be completed in 2001, will add much-needed instructional space, and a new University Center, also to be completed in 2001,

will add to the quality of student life on the campus," he added.

"If just the same percentage of local high school graduates attend Austin Peay as are currently enrolled, we'll see another 50 percent increase in the coming decade. Our new facilities will help us match the growth of the community," Rinella said. "Our enrollment has leveled off in the past two or three years to enable us to maintain our high academic standards despite limited state support and instructional space."

Austin Peay attracts some of the top high school graduates in the region. More than 60 percent of the student population comes from the top half of high school graduating classes, and 30 percent enter Austin Peay with a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

According to Dr. Jennifer Meningall, vice president for student affairs, "Almost 60 percent of our students receive some kind of financial aid, and a large percentage work full time to help pay for their education. As a private university, estimates are that Austin Peay's tuition, now at \$1,906 per year for in-state students, would more than See Think on

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Right to die? Hot topic slated for forum

Like it or not, concerns surrounding an individual's right to die keep popping up, driven to the surface by statistics reflecting a steep increase in the number of senior citizens who, through healthy lifestyles and giant leaps in medical science, are living increasingly longer lives.

From 7-9 p.m., Thursday in the ballroom of Austin Peay State University's Joe Morgan University Center, a panel will discuss this complex issue with the goal being to provide information — the lifeblood of intelligent, informed decision-making.

The forum is sponsored by APSU's social work department.

"If you are 90 years old, living with ceaseless pain and no hope of getting better, who has the right to tell you you must live?" said Glenn Carter, chair of the social work department. "It comes down to preserving life at all costs versus quality of life.

Who decides which is more important?

"In social work, we believe strongly in self-determination. It's our philosophy that, in all areas of life, a person has a right to make his or her own decisions."

According to Carter, the state of Tennessee has a limited right-to-die statute. And a recent article in "The Tennessean" says the government of The Netherlands is expected to pass a bill to loosen restrictions on euthanasia "for pain-wracked, incurably ill people, even extending the right to children as young as 12" with parental permission.

According to Carter, the right-to-die is a "gray area," involving religious, moral and ethical beliefs and consequences. Pointing to Dr. Jack Kevorkian, who was jailed this year because he pushed the limits, Carter notes there are extremists, like Kevorkian, who move from doctor-assisted suicide to overt euthanasia.

"Those of us in human services and health fields know many doctors allow— even

because their doctrine says suicide — regardless of circumstances — is a mortal sin

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If you are 90 years old, living with ceaseless pain and no hope of getting better, who has the right to tell you you must live?

Dr. Glenn Carter

enable—their suffering, terminally ill patients to die. They don't inject them with a lethal dose of some-thing. Instead, they pre-scribe potent medication that, ingested in one dose, allows the patient to end his own life. Is such a doctor as guilty as Dr. Kevorkian?"

Carter acknowledges there are no easy answers. "Some religious groups forbid suicide

with eternal, ir-revocable consequences," Carter said. "Do their followers accept such 'dogma without question? For some, even questioning could be considered a sin."

But, according to Carter, even the strong-est advocates of euthanasia do not want to make it too easy. They sanction safeguards to ensure greedy relatives aren't too eager to help

"grandma pass away."

Carter talked about the financial drain on families who want to keep vegetative relatives alive. Citing the case of Karen Quinlan, he discussed the emotional stress on families who decide to "pull the plug." In this well-publicized case, Quinlan had been in a permanent, vegetative state for months before the New Jersey Supreme Court gave the family permission to remove life support. Inexplicably, her other organs did not shut down as expected, and she continued to breathe for nine more years.

A distinguished panel has been assembled to discuss myriad issues surrounding the right to die, after which they will answer audience questions. Panelists include:

□ Mary Schaffner, an attorney with Howell and Fisher, Nashville, who has represented clients petitioning to be granted the right to die.

□ Dr. Alfred Calahan III, a neurologist with Neurology Consultants of Nashville, who opposed to doctor-assisted suicide. Calahan has a Saturday morning talk show on WAMC-AM during which he discusses medical issues.

□ Dr. James Nixon, retired dean of APSU's College of Arts and Sciences who is state president of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and an ombudsman for two Clarksville nursing homes.

□ The Rev. George Grace, pastor of Clarksville's First Presbyterian Church.

□ Father Gerald Baker, pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville. Grace and Baker will present theological perspectives on the issue.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information about the event, telephone Carter at (931) 221-7724.

Robert Bly scheduled to read from works, sign copies of new book

Acclaimed poet and writer Robert Bly will read from his work at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, in the concert theatre of the music/mass communication building at Austin Peay State University.

A reception and book signing will be held immediately following the reading. Bly also will conduct an informal discussion session at 3 p.m. in Gentry Auditorium, Kimbrough

Building.

Bly's reading is part of the Visiting Writers Series, which is presented by the APSU Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts. All of the above activities are free and open to the public.

Known as one of America's most influential poets, Bly was born in western Minnesota in 1926 to parents of Norwegian origin. In 1944, he enlisted in the Navy, where he served for two years. He attended St. Olaf College in Minnesota from 1946-47 and then transferred to Harvard and joined a famous group of writers who were undergraduates at that time: Donald Hall, Adrienne Rich, Kenneth Koch, John Ashbery, Harold Brodsky, George Plimpton and John Hawkes. He graduated from Harvard in 1950 and spent the next few years living in New York.

In 1954, Bly went to the University of Iowa Writers Workshop along with W. D. Snodgrass, Donald Justice and others. He graduated in 1956 with a master of arts degree and received a Fulbright grant to travel to Norway and translate Norwegian poetry into English.

Determined to start a literary magazine for poetry translation in the United States, Bly began

"The Fifties" and "The Sixties" and "The Seventies," which introduced many poets whose force was not present in the United States to the writers of his generation. In 1966, he co-founded American Writers Against the Vietnam War and led much of the opposition among writers to that war. When he won the National Book Award in 1968 for "The Light Around the Body," he contributed the prize money to the Resistance.

During the 1970s, Bly published 11 books of poetry, essays and translations celebrating the power of myth, Indian ecstatic poetry, meditation and storytelling. During the '80s, he published "Loving a Woman in Two Worlds," "The Winged Life: Selected Poems and Prose of Thoreau," "The Man in the Black Coat Turns" and "A Little Book on the Human Shadow." His work "Iron John: A Book About Men," published in 1990, is an international bestseller that has been translated into many languages.

In the early 1990s, together with James Hillman and Michael Meade, he edited "The Rag and Bone Shop of the Heart," an anthology of poems

from the men's work. Since then, he has edited "The Darkness Around Us Is Deep: Selected Poems of William Stafford" and "The Soul Is Here for Its Cultures." Recent books of poetry include "What Have I Ever Lost by Dying? Collected Prose Poems" and "Meditations on the Insatiable Soul," both published by Harper Collins.

Bly's second large prose book, "The Sibling Society," is the subject of nationwide discussion. His collection "Morning Poems" (Harper Collins), named for William Stafford's practice of writing a poem each morning, revisits the western Minnesota farm country of Bly's boyhood with marvelous wit and warmth. He recently has published "The Maiden King: The Reunion of Masculine and Feminine" (Henry Holt) in collaboration with Marion Woodman. His new selected poems, "Eating the Honey of Words," recently appeared from Harper Flamingo, as well as his translation of Ghalib, "The Lightning Should Have Fallen on Ghalib (with Sunil Dutta)" from Ecco Press. He also has edited the prestigious "Best American Poetry 1999" (Scribners).

For more information, telephone (931) 221-7031.

'JazzWriting' workshop planned for weekend

Austin Peay State University's department of art and Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts will offer a workshop for painters, calligraphers, poets or anyone who wants to unlock his or her creative potential.

"Jazz Writing: Improvisational Word Painting" with Steven Skaggs and Eliza Holliday will be held from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday in Room 403 of the Trahern Fine Arts Building on campus. Although the workshop is free and open to the public, participation is limited to the first 15 people who sign up, and advance reservations are required. Anyone interested in attending may sign up in Trahern 208 or telephone 221-7334.

Other activities on Friday, in conjunction with the workshop include an open studio at The Art House, 302 Castle Heights, from 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. and a slide lecture at 7 p.m. in room 401 of the Trahern Fine Arts Building. These events also are free and open to the public.

"Through JazzWriting, ver-

bal and visual arts meet at the watering hole of improvisation. The JazzWriting experience goes beyond the typical workshop in a very important way: JazzWriting is not a style or technique, it is a method of thinking and a whole new way of creating," Skaggs and Holliday said, describing the workshop.

Professor of design at the Allen R. Hite Institute, University of Louisville, Skaggs has conducted calligraphy workshops since 1980 in the U.S., Canada and Italy. Author of "Logos: The Development of Visual Symbols," he is writing a book on JazzWriting.

Holliday has taught calligraphy workshops in the U.S. and Canada, as well as the Chicago Art Institute and many international calligraphy conferences. Co-author of the instructional book "Brush Lettering," she lives on Amelia Island, Fla., where she operates her own freelance business, Eliza Lettering Design.

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APSU professor Browder visits with soldier from former Soviet Union

By Lindsay Chambers
features editor

Austin Peay State University professor Dr. Dewey A. Browder turned memories of the Cold War into warm friendship last month. In dining with a former Communist soldier, he accomplished a feat that would have been unlikely at the beginning of this decade, and forged a bond that could last for decades to come.

Vladimir Chachibaia, a soldier of the former Soviet Union, came to Clarksville for the first two weeks of September on the last leg of a nine-month trip to the United States. Chachibaia was in the Clarksville area on an orientation tour of Fort Campbell and its units.

Chachibaia, now a captain in the Army of the Republic of Georgia, was welcomed by the Military Affairs Committee of the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce, of which Browder is a member.

Browder, professor of history, used the opportunity to reminisce about his turn in the thick of things during one of the tensest times of the Cold War.

From 1982-1986, Browder served as assistant political adviser and speechwriter for Gen. Frederick Kroesen and Glenn K. Otis, successively commanders-in-chief of the U.S. Army in Europe. Browder worked closely with the U.S. State Department and NATO officials during the development and fielding of the Pershing II missiles, designed by NATO and the U.S. in response to the deadly nuclear SS20



Dr. Dewey A. Browder, above, reminisced about the Cold War with visiting former Soviet soldier Vladimir Chachibaia during early September.

missiles built by the Soviets.

At that time, Browder explains, the strength of the Russian nuclear missiles was such that all of Europe was facing their threat, and NATO had to counter it. The Russian government used propaganda campaigns to stir up anti-American sentiment, and tension ran high on both sides.

Browder recalls how the Soviet Union funded anti-NATO demonstrations all over Western Europe. During one such demonstration, he says, protestors encircled his home in Germany, singing "We Shall Overcome."

According to Browder, some historians now believe the missile crisis and the string of events surrounding it were integral to the collapse of the Soviet Union, bringing about the eventual end of the Cold War era.

"Frankly, the end of the Cold War caught me by surprise," Browder says. "It all happened so fast. But I think we all felt a great sense of relief after it was over; a genuine feeling of satisfaction that America had done the right thing."

Just 10 years after the end of the Cold War, Browder, his wife Helga and their son and daughter-in-law took their own opportunity to "do the right thing" by inviting Chachibaia — a former enemy soldier — to their home for dinner.

The family shared a "typical American meal" with Chachibaia: baked potatoes, a home-grown salad and, best of all, steaks, which Chachibaia helped Browder grill.

"There was a great deal of difference in the feeling I had sitting down with him," Browder says. "It felt just like having a neighbor over to

dinner."

Browder recalls meetings with other Soviet soldiers of the Communist regime as being very tense and awkward. "There was a lot of suspicion," he says. "You never knew what would happen or how it would be interpreted. It wasn't like that at all with Vladimir. All the tension was gone."

Browder also took Chachibaia on a tour of Clarksville and the APSU campus. He says Chachibaia was "genuinely impressed" with campus facilities such as Harned Hall's distance learning lab, computer facilities and APSU's international education program.

"I think he was especially interested in the resources we offer for international students," says Browder. He also said that Chachibaia is hoping to convince friends back home to visit Clarksville, and recommending his government consider sending students to APSU.

"I enjoyed doing it," Browder says of the visit, adding that the Communist system was "flawed to the core" with restrictions and suspicions.

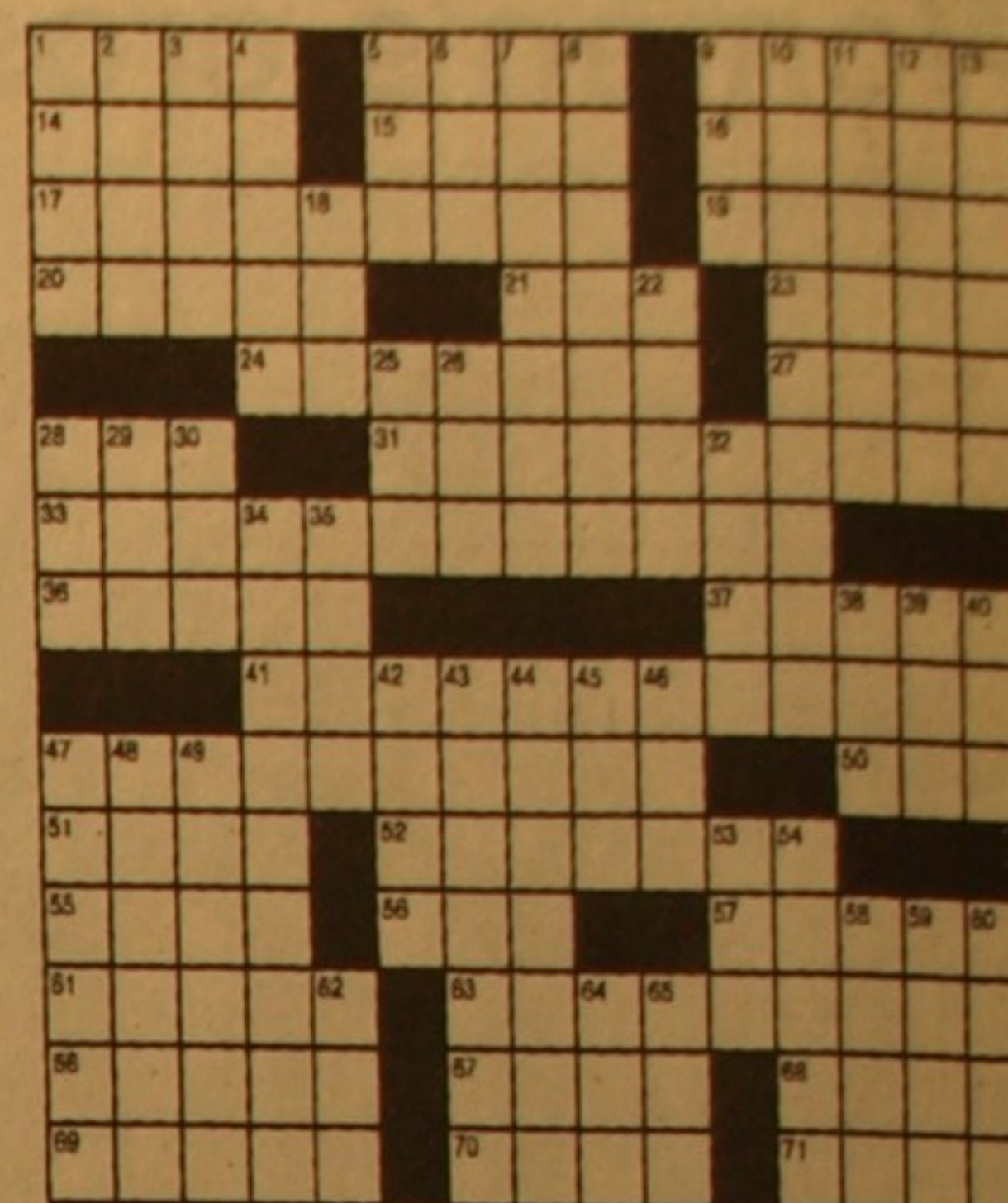
"The collapse of the Iron Curtain means people like Capt. Chachibaia are free to come and go. It was a pleasure to show that our democratic system offers both freedom and friendship. It's amazing how much a good steak, a glass of wine and a smile can do."

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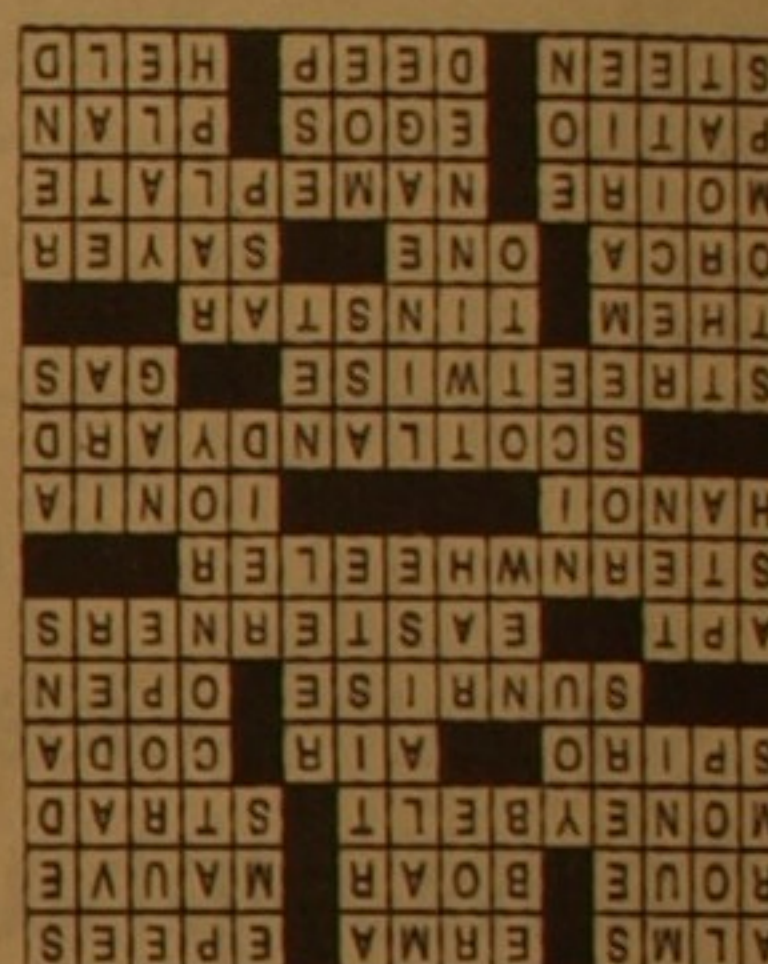


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The Presidential Research Scholars competition is open to undergraduate students in biology, chemistry, geology/geography, math/computer science, physics and psychology. Applicants must choose a faculty member to serve as mentor/collaborator for their proposed research project.

Awards will be based on a competitive proposal prepared jointly by the applicant and faculty mentor. Students may apply for awards at \$3,000 or

\$1,500 levels. Interested students should contact faculty mentors now to begin planning the research projects. If students need help in identifying a potential mentor, they may contact a member of the PRS Steering Committee: Dr. Don Dailey and Dr. Mack Finley, biological sciences; Dr. Rudy Gostowski, chemistry; Dr. Maureen McCarthy and Dr. Nanci Woods, psychology; Dr. Pei Xiong-Skiba, physics; Dr. David Menser, math &

computer science; and Dr. Daniel Frederick, geology/geography.

Proposal guidelines are available in the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs.

The deadline for submission of proposals is Nov. 9. Awards will be announced approximately Dec. 3.

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Women's cross country team and Avant finish second



The Lady Gobs cross country team starts off at the Fort Campbell Par-Three Golf Course in the rain on Saturday.

Austin Peay State University women's cross country team, led by the second-place finish of Kenya Avant, fell just short of the APSU Cross Country Invitational title Saturday at the rain-soaked Par-Three Golf Course at Ft. Campbell. Bellarmine edged APSU, 43-45 for the team title.

Meanwhile, the injury-depleted Governors finished seventh as Belmont was the men's champion with 22 points to outdistance Murray State with 33 points.

The ever-improving Avant continued her steady running, finishing second with a 19:59.51 time, behind Murray State's Lindsay Newlin's 19:36.24. Avant and Newlin were the only two runners with sub-20 minute times in the 5-kilometer race.

Bellarmine earned the championship by placing four of the top 10 runners with their fifth being 26th.

APSU received strong performances from Sheena Gooding finishing ninth, Ayesha Maycock 11th, Ann-Marie Browne 12th and Elisa Thomas 14th. Jecinda Hughes also enjoyed a top 20 finish, placing

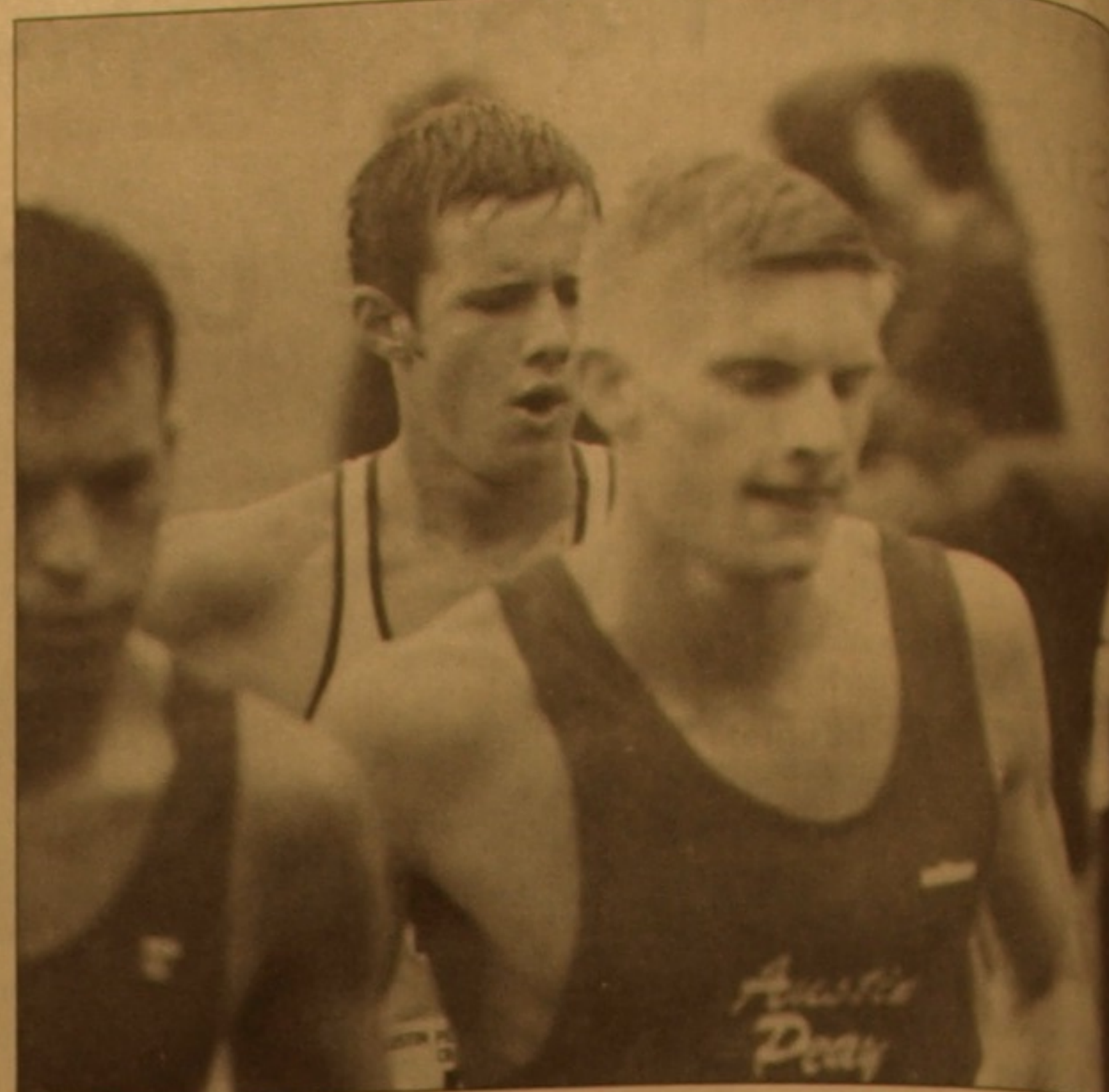


photo by Brad Kirtley

Daniel Watson runs for the Governors.

In the men's portion, the Governors ran without No. 1 runner Luis Delfin, who was scheduled to have a MRI on his leg Saturday afternoon. Daniel Watson was APSU's best finisher at 24th place while Jeremy Downes was 32nd, Jay Walls 52nd, Neil Rivelett 78th

and James Chase 82nd.

Belmont captured the race with five top seven finishes to edge out Murray State, which had five top 10 finishes. Belmont's William Kemey won the 8-kilometer race with a 25:56.57 time, just ahead of Murray's Brian Palmer at 26:02.35.

The ladies of Alpha Delta Pi would like to congratulate their new Alphas on becoming one of the First and the Finest!

Heather Barnes
Brooke Bearden
Wendy Bull
Amanda Hollis
Susan Holzer

Danielle Johnson
Summer McClarty
Jennifer Mitchell
Jill Petrey
Stephanie Potts

Tanya Raubach
Heather Respass
Kristy Rogers
Jill Volgle
Deidre Wolfe

Congratulations class of Alpha Pi!!

Midnight Magic tips off basketball

The Austin Peay State University basketball teams tip off the 1999-2000 season on Friday night/Saturday morning at midnight.

The events at the Dunn Center and Dave Aaron Arena will begin at 10 p.m. with the Governor's Club Chili Supper, sponsored by Wendy's, with ice cream by Purity.

Christy's Dance Connection will provide entertainment at 10:45 p.m.

Names will be drawn for a basketball-shooting contest.

Lucky winners will have the opportunity to compete for \$10,000 at 11:30 p.m., shooting a layup, free throw, three-pointer and from half court.

The cheerleaders and dance

team will perform before students crawl for dollars.

Two students names will be drawn and the lucky winners will be blindfolded.

Money will be scattered over the court. The students will crawl for money. They get to keep what they pick up.

The lights will go out at 11:30 p.m. Tip-off is at midnight.

The UC Demolition Party!!!

what: DJ, Dancing, Give-aways, FOOD, Graffiti with Paint, open-mic, ++++++

where: The UC

when: October 19, 1999, 7-10 p.m.

why: To celebrate what the UC was, and what it will be in the future.

how: If you are there!!!



Zig for zag? Core classes are useless

Gary Arnold
assistant opinion editor

Well, now that you're in college, I hope you know what it is you want to be when you graduate. Because the sooner you decide, the sooner you can begin learning the stuff you don't want or need to know.

I have always been confused by this technique utilized by institutions of higher learning. College is the only place that tries to teach people everything, except what it is they want to know.

When I graduated high school and decided I would like to be a bricklayer, they didn't send me off to learn how to be a plumber or carpenter.

Doctors don't get sent off to accounting schools, welders don't go off to culinary school for six months, and lawyers go to law school and not truck driving school.

This mode of operation does not apply to colleges and universities. The only reason anyone wants to know what your interests are in college is because they don't want to accidentally teach you something you might really be interested in.

Now don't get me wrong. I don't hold the professors of these "what-the-hell-am-I-taking-this-for" classes responsible. In fact, I have really enjoyed some of these classes and have found the professors entertaining and informative.

But the point is, these classes would serve me better if I were taking them on my own time because I wanted to, not because I have to.

Professor Haralson is one of my favorite professors. Her ability to bring an understanding of algebra to a guy that has to unzip his pants to count to 11 is a testament to her skill and dedication. It also appears to be a possible waste of time for both her and me.

Since I'm not pursuing a career in the field of mathematics, I really don't see the need to spend a lot of time learning stuff like exponential notation, complex fractions and factoring.

I doubt I'll walk into the grocery store one day and find I have to know what the square root of six frozen pizzas, divided by an order of nachos, multiplied by two cases of Corona to the fourth power is.

This semester I'm taking geology to fulfill a science requirement. The only thing I knew about rocks before this

course was that some people in my old neighborhood sold them for 10 or 20 bucks apiece.

Now through the entertaining, often humorous, and informative teaching style of Dr. Deibert, I now know my felsic from my mafic, extrusive from intrusive, and sedimentary from metamorphic. This all cool enough, except that I don't think anyone is ever going to put a pistol to my head and force me to identify whether a specific rock is igneous or not.

I've also had to suffer through history, as if living it isn't enough. It's been said that looking back on history can be beneficial, keep people from repeating it. Must be why there is no more war, racism or crime.

When it comes to looking back, I prefer to adopt the theory of the late, great, baseball pitcher Satchel Paige, "Don't look back, something might be gaining on you."

Certainly some classes are more valuable than others, despite being forced to take them. Taking Dr. Jablonski's speech class may prove to be of value the next time I'm on the honor roll. You know, the "yes your honor, no your honor" roll. And I was able to accomplish some quality charity work there by teaching these summer scholars the proper way to stock a beer cooler.

Dr. Hsu's sociology class was invaluable in that it confirmed my belief in how screwed up everyone else is and how right I am.

And Dr. Elliott's interpersonal communications class left such an impression on me that I saved the book. That way, whenever someone inaccurately tells me how flawed I am as a human being, I can quickly snatch up the book and correctly show them where my faults lie.

Some people have said that this is a character builder. Well, my character was built some time ago, and if I want to build any more character, I'll go to work for Disney and build some of their characters. Personally, I think it's just a B.S. excuse to see if we are all that gullible. Apparently, we are.

Based on my experiences, I have been able to give some sound advice to my daughter. When you get ready to go to college, if you want to be a computer science major, tell them you want to be phys. ed. major. Because sure as all get out, if you want to zig, they'll want to zag.

THIS WEEK'S RANDOM ONE-LINER:



'Word of God' both sexist, homophobic

By Andrew Hall
TMS Campus

Going to a Catholic school gave me the opportunity to read the Bible. It wasn't that we ever had to read it in school; there are just a lot of them lying around and it gave you something to read during history class. I also kept one in my bathroom for a while. You'd be surprised how much reading you can get done by just leaving the material in the bathroom.

After spending some quality time with the good book, I realized there were a lot of things in it that I had a hard time understanding. For example, Leviticus 18:22: No man is to have sexual relations with another man; God hates that. I had to read it twice. I found it hard enough to believe that an omniscient god would really be concerned about homosexuality, but he actually hates it. As it turned out just a few chapters later in Leviticus 20:13, the punishment for sexual relations with another man was death. I guess he really does hate it.

But I had heard that Jesus was a pretty hip cat, and in Jesus Christ Superstar he seemed like a real with-it kind of guy. So I skipped to the New Testament; the stuff after Jesus was born. But sure enough, in 1 Corinthians 6:9 it was confirmed: "Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ... will inherit the kingdom of God."

Later I came to 1 Corinthians 11:3, which said, "The husband is supreme over his wife." Now, growing up, it had never

seemed to me that my father had any kind of supremacy over my mother. My mother and father were more like a partnership and in the end, I think my mother might have had a little more pull. This made more sense to me. It didn't seem

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like a woman should have to give in to the will of her husband after she gets married.

Maybe the Bible was right. Just a few lines later, in 1 Corinthians 11:7, it explained the reasons women had to cover their heads when praying in public while men did not have to. It read, "A man has no need to cover his head, because he reflects the image and glory of God. But woman reflects the glory of man. Nor was man created for woman's sake, but woman was created for man's sake."

Considering this, it only makes sense that a husband is supreme over his wife.

After all, she was created for his sake.

As I got into 1 Timothy 2:11, it read, "Women should learn in silence and all humility. I do not allow them to teach or to have authority over men; they must keep quiet, for Adam was created first, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived; it was the woman [they are kind of ditz] who was deceived and broke God's law. But a woman will be saved through having children [I knew that was all they were good for], if she perseveres in faith and love and holiness, with modesty."

That was that, from then on I knew my mother better start thanking me on a daily basis. After all, if it wasn't for me she wouldn't be saved.

I remember sitting in mass and feeling very strange when they held that book high and said, "This is the word of God." I discussed the matter once with one of the priests in our parish. He told me that certain parts of the book are outdated and different Christian sects interpret it differently. It still didn't make sense to me.

It seemed to me that an omniscient God would inspire scripture for all ages. I can't believe God would inspire writings like these in any time period. I asked him if I needed to believe this was the word of God in order to be Christian. He said I did. It was on that day that I decided it was time to look for God elsewhere. If it meant that I would have to accept the Bible as being the word of God, I knew I could not be a Christian.

Letters to the Editor

In recent issues of "The All State" and in society as a whole, there has been a greater frequency of voices screaming out the virtues of greater religion in society. These voices say that church can help to solve the issues that plague America today. These voices feel that seeking God will be answer to our ills. I disagree, but I don't feel religion itself is a culprit to our problems. I just don't feel that it solves them. Religion can never solve the problems in society; it can only hope to be an answer to the individual. It is the individuals who change the world.

Organized religion has been with man longer than any other ideal. Before language, there was religion. Before govern-

ment, there was religion. Religion as a whole has never made society a good place, it has been people who have.

I argue that most of the greater monstrosities in our history as a people have happened in the name of religion. Crusades done in the name of Christianity, terrorism in the name of Allah, genocide against Jews, Waco, Serbia and the Kurd massacres are just a very few of the examples of horror done in the name of God. Can we blame organized religion for this evil? No, we cannot. It is not religion that is to blame; it is certain individuals that practice it. We can't give religion the credit for the good done in our world, either. That credit must go to the good people in our world

regardless of their religion or lack thereof.

In the September 29th edition of "The All State," guest columnist Mike Warren made some comments that bothered me. He seems to believe that the teaching of certain beliefs held by various groups in society leads to the lawlessness of today. He indicates that the teaching of any ideal that does not endorse punishment in the afterlife leads to evil in this one. In particular, he seems to feel that the teaching of evolution, reincarnation, or a paradise without hell makes people believe that, "If they disappear into nothingness, then nothing will matter." It is this sort of thinking, I believe, that is more the problem. It is the teaching to people that the

afterlife is far more important than this one that causes problems. You must teach people that their actions either bring reward or punishment in this life, in their time here on Earth. Why put criminals in jail if God will punish them? Why teach people that their actions today will be rewarded when they die? Tell them in their youth that good deeds are rewarded with a good life here. Tell them that they will be rewarded with love and friendship on Earth, not in some distant unknown. Teach people that it is in our hands to make the world the place we want it to be.

Regardless of the consequences, however, we must always strive to teach those around us the truth. We must

search for that truth every day, and allow others the right to search for their own truths as well.

If teaching evolution leads people to believe that their actions will come with no price, we must still teach what we believe is true. Are we to blind ourselves to all truth that we feel is too scary to look upon? Would we teach a lie if we believed that it might make our world better? No must be the answer to both questions. If you are Christian and you believe in Heaven and Hell, teach your beliefs to those that would choose to learn. If you are atheist, teach your views to those that would like to hear. The truth shall set you free.

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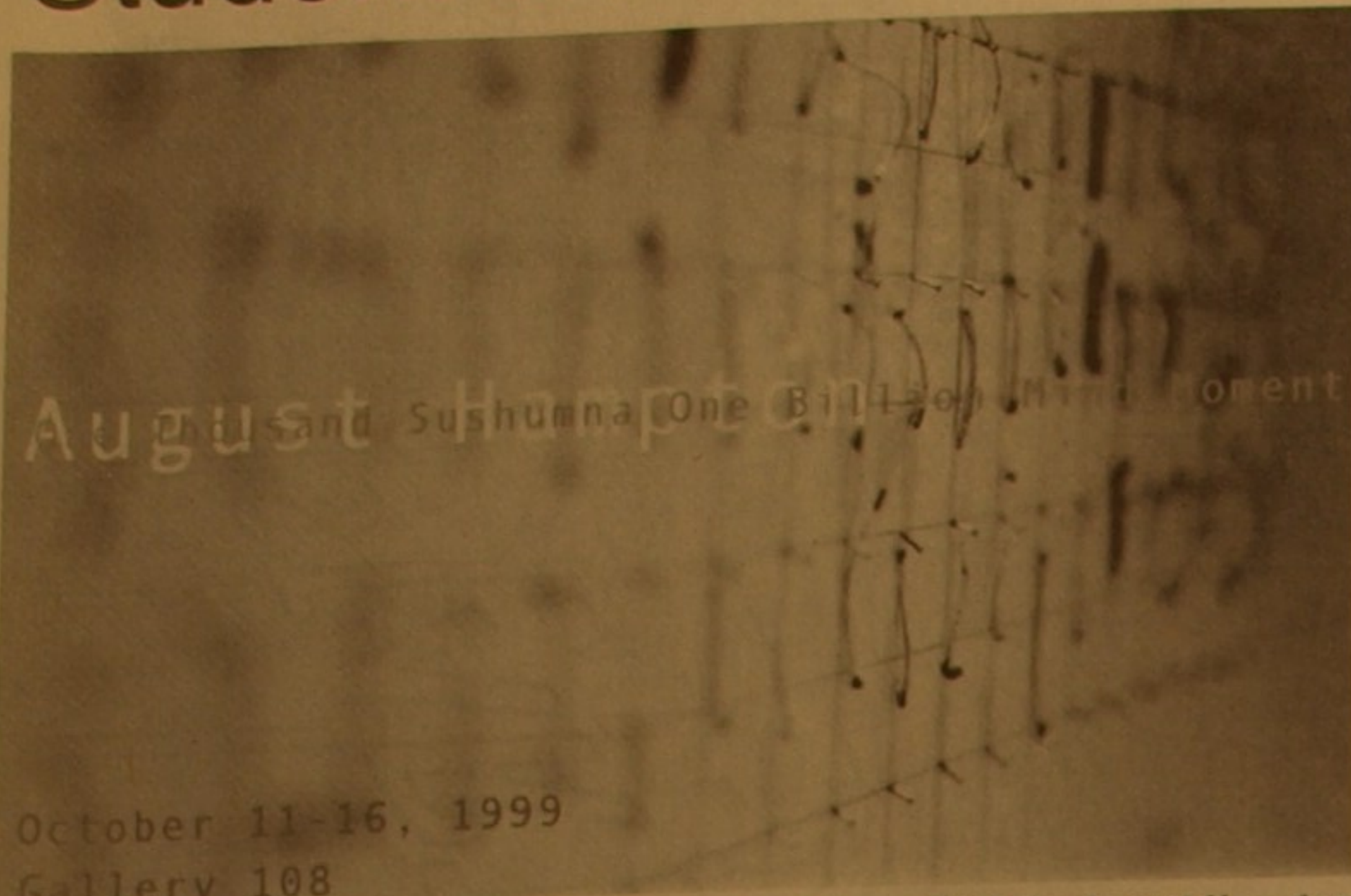
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Student exhibits now in Trahern 108



October 11-16, 1999
Gallery 108

Photo by August Hampton

Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit will be on display through Oct. 16.

By Shana Thornton
assistant editor

A senior exhibit, titled "One Thousand Sushumna One Billion Mind Moments" by August Hampton is on display.

"The sound sushumna seemed to describe the backbone more than the word spine. The sound of sushumna suggests shape," said Hampton.

Gallery 108 in Trahern has been transformed into a room of expansive depth, which recedes beyond four walls by the reflections of mirrors upon one another.

The mirrors cause

the viewer to "think about themselves seriously, but not frivolously; yet with so many mirrors, it becomes frivolous," explained Hampton. The viewer is faced with a repeated image of his/her own body; however, based on the positions and sizes of the mirrors, different parts of the body are displayed by the mirrors in varying ways. He also uses cherry stems wrapped in thread to suggest shape.

The idea of a single, solid boundary has been dissolved, and August exploits the boundaries of shape.

The College Republicans will meet and elect new officers Thursday, Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m., in Trahern 420B.

Chi Alpha meets

The Chi Alpha Christian Organization will meet Thursday in the Kimbrough Gentry Auditorium for the performance of "The Chain," a dramatic play directed by and starring Mike Reed. Admission is free. The play begins at 6 p.m.

Students welcome campus ministry

The Episcopal Canterbury Club of Austin Peay, a newly formed outreach of Trinity Episcopal Church, welcomes all APSU students, staff and faculty to attend the bi-weekly meetings. The ECC is open to anyone who has questions and/or interest in spirituality, the Christian faith or the Episcopal tradition. The meetings usually consist of Evening Prayer or Eucharist (Communion) followed by dinner and discussion. Though most meetings are held on Sunday evenings at 6 at 539 Franklin Street (next to the Upper Crust Bagelry), the next meeting will be a trip to attend a service at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville on Oct. 17. Contact Jonathan Beasley at 647-1353, or look at the website, <http://www2.apsu.edu/~jdb3726/anglican.htm>, for more information.

Faculty recital set

A Hindemith recital of vocal and piano music by Jean Ferraraccio and Jeffrey Wood will be performed on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the concert theatre of the music/mass communication building. For more information, telephone 221-7818.

Yates plays guitar

Stanley Yates will perform on the classical guitar Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the concert theatre of the music/mass communication building. For more information, call 221-7818.

Artists write jazz

Steven Skaggs and Eliza Holliday present "JazzWriting Workshop: Improvisational Word Painting." A limited number of participants are accepted; advance sign-up is required. The workshop will be held Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 221-7333.

Peay Briefs

Seniors take COMP

The Tennessee Board of Regents requires all students graduating with a bachelor's degree or an associate of science in general studies degree to take the ACT COMP Examination prior to receiving their degree. This test instrument is used to evaluate the effectiveness of the university's educational program. Graduates who achieve exceptional scores on the COMP will be recognized in the graduation program.

Seniors who plan to graduate in December 1999 must take the COMP during the following scheduled testing sessions. Those seniors that do not take the COMP will have a hold on their diplomas.

Test schedule:

Sat., Oct. 16, 9 a.m.-noon, Claxton 103

Sat., Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-noon, Claxton 103

Wed., Nov. 10, 4-7 p.m., Claxton 103

Seniors on the graduation list will be notified by mail. Any senior who has not received information and/or signed up to take the test should call 221-6184 or come by Browning 115 as soon as possible.

Charities solicit funds, share info

On Nov. 4, all Austin Peay students, faculty, staff and administrators are invited to participate in a day of giving and caring to those in need. Representatives from 18 charitable organizations will be in the University Center to solicit funds and share information about their charities. These charities include agencies such as the United Way of Clarksville, Alzheimer's Association, and the Council of Community Services. This is an opportunity for you to help someone in need by your personal donations and to find ways you can volunteer your time and talents.

Students celebrate international culture

International Night, co-sponsored by the International Student Organization, the Student Government Association and the International Education Center, will be today in the UC Ballroom from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Food and artifacts will be available, and students can enjoy a variety of performances. The event is free and open to the public.

CR elect officers

University news around the nation

Medical School official accused of selling donated body parts

IRVINE, CALIF. (TMS)—An official of the University of California at Irvine's medical school has been accused of selling body parts donated for student training and research. The university has asked the Orange County District Attorney's Office to investigate any possible criminal wrongdoing, and the medical school has announced it will not accept any new cadavers until the investigation is completed.

At the center of the scandal is Christopher S. Brown, a licensed embalmer who has been the director of the medical school's Willed Body Program since 1996. School officials placed him on leave Aug. 9 and informed him Sept. 14 that he had been fired.

Brown was unavailable for comment, but told the "Los Angeles Times," "I've never done anything that would be deemed unethical or anything that wasn't done by the university's procedures."

University officials said they became suspicious of him after a routine annual audit turned up bills for a trip to Phoenix that Brown charged to the university. School officials said Brown allegedly sold six spines to a research program in Phoenix and received a check for \$5,000 made out to Health Medical Services, a group Irvine officials said they do not recognize.

School officials said many of Brown's records are either incomplete or missing, which has made their task of determining whether the disposition of donors' bodies has been handled properly more difficult.

The university's Willed Body Program has been operating since 1976 and accepts about 75 cadavers each year for the purpose of teaching anatomy and other courses to medical students. Most of the cadavers are cremated, and the ashes are scattered in the ocean at Newport Beach. About 10 percent of donors request that their ashes be returned to family members.

This is the latest in a series of scandals to hit the university's medical school over the last five years. The trouble started in 1995 when the university found that three researchers in its fertility clinic had stolen eggs from women and, without their knowledge, implanted them in other patients.

NCAA shifts 'Sunday rule' position

CHICAGO (TMS)—Schools with rules forbidding athletes to compete on Sundays — or any other day — for religious reasons should be accommodated during national championships, officials with the National Collegiate Athletic Association have decided. The NCAA's Championships/Competition Cabinet's decision is the latest development in a two-year debate on what is commonly known as the "Sunday rule." In 1998, the NCAA approved a rule saying that championship committees for individual sports do not have to consider schools' religious restrictions when scheduling tournaments. The decision struck down the long-observed "Sunday rule," which ensured just the

opposite.

Two schools — Brigham Young University and Campbell University — launched successful petition drives that overturned the 1998 decision (BYU is affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Campbell is a Baptist institution.) As a result, NCAA rules state this year "if a participating institution has a written policy against playing on a particular day for religious reasons ... the championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate the institution." But a loophole in the rule allows tournament schedulers to mandate Sunday play if re-scheduling would "unduly disrupt the orderly conduct of a championship."

The NCAA's women's basketball and soccer committees recently announced they would seek waivers allowing them to mandate Sunday play — a decision that could have thrown BYU's 11th-ranked women's soccer team out of competition. School officials reacted by announcing they were prepared to file suit against the organization on the grounds of religious discrimination.

NCAA's Championships Competition Cabinet reviewed the decision and agreed to grant the special accommodation. The cabinet also is planning to submit NCAA legislation that would close the rule's loophole.

New group urges students to donate their organs

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (TMS)—After losing her best friend to cystic fibrosis last year, Indiana University student Rachel Karess established an organization dedicated to promoting education and awareness about organ donation among college and high school students.

Karess founded Life Goes On, which, in the year since its creation, already has produced 10 student chapters, including groups on the campuses of Indiana State and Depaw universities.

"I would love to increase the number of college and high school students who want to be organ donors so that less people die while waiting for an organ transplant," she said. "I think one of the best ways to look at this is: 'What if it were you (or your friend) who needed a transplant?'"

Karess is often perturbed when people tell her about their fears of waking up in an empty, filled tub with a few organs missing. To help clear up myths about organ donation, she and 36 members of IU's chapter of Life Goes On distributed 11,000 donor cards during Indiana's Sept. 18 game against the University of Kentucky. The volunteers urged students seriously consider becoming organ donor and to inform family members about the decision.

"Sharing your decision to donate an organ and tissues is an important step in making the decision itself," says a Web site for the Children's Organ Transplant Association. "At the time of your death, your family will be asked about your donation. Sharing your decision with your family now will prevent confusion and uncertainty about your wishes later."

AP women speak out against violence

For a third year in a row, students in the Women's Studies Program at Austin Peay State University are organizing a "Take Back the Night" information forum and demonstration against violence and the Austin Peay campus, and all people in the community are invited.

This year's campus "Take Back the Night" will be held Thursday from 5-7 p.m. in the main lobby of the University Center. The program will include campus and community speakers who work in the fields of race, domestic violence and sexual abuse; a theatrical performance by the S.T.E.P. Team troupe Blah Blah Blah; several musical performances and a concluding candlelight ceremony to commemorate those whose lives have been touched by violence. Students, university personnel and community members are invited, and babysitting services will be provided in the UC for children too young to attend the

forum.

In preparation for this event, you may also protest the violence in our lives by attending a workshop to decorate a t-shirt for "The Clothesline Project." T-shirts are decorated to commemorate those whose lives have been touched by rape, domestic abuse, child abuse, incest, gay-bashing, murder and other forms of violence. A workshop for designing the shirts will be held in the old bookstore between noon and 2 p.m. today. The t-shirts will be collected and displayed during the "Take Back the Night" event. Both "Take Back the Night" and "The Clothesline Project" are annual events held on many campuses and in many communities around the world during October.

All members of the Clarksville community are encouraged to express concerns about the violence that affects so many Americans in their everyday lives.

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"... double, to about \$5,000 to \$5,500 per year, putting higher education out of reach for many current students."

"Austin Peay prides itself on providing high-quality yet affordable education to students who wish to pursue their goals in an environment where they will be recognized for their achievements," Student Government Association President Michael Wall said. "If the university were to close or become private, it would diminish the chances of a quality education for many of the currently enrolled students."

Many Austin Peay graduates have gone on to become leaders in business, industry, government and education, particularly in the five-county north central Tennessee area it serves. About 55 percent of the student body comes from these counties, and more than half of the 24,000 members of the National Alumni Association still call the area home.

It is estimated that Austin Peay has a \$200 million impact on the economy of Clarksville, but "the impact on this area can't be measured in dollars alone," Rinella said. "The community relies on Austin Peay graduates for leadership."

The present and past mayors of Clarksville, as well as the Montgomery County executive, have attended Austin Peay,

Leaders at all levels of state and local government are Austin Peay graduates. A large number of Clarksville and Montgomery County public school teachers come from the university's renowned College of Education.

State funding for education, particularly higher education, has been a concern of the faculty at Austin Peay for quite some time.

"The state of Tennessee, after a successful K-12 improvement program, can and should turn its attention to higher education for similar improvements," said Dr. Ron Gupton, president of the Austin Peay Faculty Senate. "Full formula funding would allow increases in quality as well as greater access for citizens of Tennessee. The entire state economic system stands to benefit from investments in higher education."

"The notion of closing Austin Peay State University as a means of addressing budget concerns is ridiculous," said Joe Pitts, executive director of the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Since our founding in 1927, Austin Peay has had almost 75 years of serving local students and the local community," Rinella said. "We look forward to working with the governor and the legislature to find solutions to the difficult question of funding for higher education over the coming months."