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Groovin' again: Homecoming '97

Washington crowned queen; Sigma Phi Epsilon, STEP Team walk away winners



Got that Peay spirit!

Homecoming activities concluded Saturday with the football game against Tennessee Tech and junior Nancy Washington being crowned the 1997 Homecoming Queen.

Sigma Phi Epsilon won first place in the float contest; Sigma Chi and Alpha Delta Pi won second and Chi Omega Women's Fraternity and Pi Kappa Alpha took third place in the float competition.

In the Paint the UC contest, the STEP team won first place, while Austin Peay's cheerleaders took second place and Kappa Sigma and Delta Sigma Theta garnered third.

The Dunn Center took first place in the color war between the buildings.

(Top left) Friends congratulate 1997 Homecoming Queen Nancy Washington just after she was crowned on Saturday.

(Top right) APSU cheerleaders show their spirit at the Homecoming game against Tennessee Tech.

(Bottom left) Frank Escobar (23) hauls in a pass against a Tech defender.

(Bottom right) Students bear the hot sun to cheer on the Gobs in their 36-3 loss in Governor's Stadium.



Austin Peay hosts Ohio Valley History Conference

Austin Peay's department of history and philosophy is hosting the 13th annual Ohio Valley History Conference Oct. 18 at the Ramada Inn-Riverview, Knoxville.

In conjunction with the conference, Dewey Browder, APSU associate professor of history and conference coordinator, has arranged for an exhibit to be brought from Fort Riley, Kan.

The exhibit, which will be on display throughout the month of October in the Knoxville-Montgomery County Museum, is on the occupation of Austria

and Germany by the United States Consular.

Dr. Terry Van Meter, the curator of the Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley, will be the speaker at a Friday luncheon at the museum. The luncheon will be co-sponsored by the Society for Military History and the Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum.

The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, also will be supported by the Fort Campbell Pratt Museum and Rex Boggs, curator.

Browder said, "This will be the largest

Ohio Valley Conference ever. We will have about 150 scholars from universities, colleges and community colleges throughout the United States and even Germany."

This marks the first time Austin Peay has hosted the conference. Browder said, "We are honored to be hosting the conference—as we join on a five-year rotational basis with the other host schools."

Austin Peay and Tennessee Technological University are the only Tennessee institutions that serve as host sites for the nationwide conference.

During the three days, there will be 40 sessions (typically with two papers per session) on topics ranging from social history, economic history, political history, military history and women's history.

In addition to history faculty, Austin Peay faculty from several other departments will serve on panels.

Titled "Shades of Blue and Gray," the keynote address at the Friday night banquet will be presented by Dr. Herman M. Hattaway, professor of military history at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The address will be based on Hattaway's latest book, which also is titled, "Shades of Blue and Gray."

Browder said, "Herman Hattaway is a distinguished Civil War historian and a former Visiting Professor at West Point. He earned his doctorate from Louisiana State University where he studied with the noted scholar T. Harry Williams."

There is a registration fee of \$40 per person for the conference. This includes a reception, banquet and conference materials.

For more information, telephone 7919.

Enrollment task force reorganized; sub-committees formed

JON TERRY
staff writer

Each year Austin Peay organizes a task force to study how the school can more effectively recruit, retain and graduate students. Despite the obscurity in which the group usually works, its findings can have a major impact on how the school serves.

This year the process was given emphasis when APSU President Dr. Sal Inella created a new office to organize the task force and implement its recommendations. He also hired Dr. Barbara Tarter as an assistant vice-president to run the Office of Enrollment Management.

Tarter took over the office in July. She came to APSU from Emporia State University where she served in a similar position for nine years. She also recently taught a series of seminars for Army officers on how to work more effectively

on college campuses.

According to Tarter, one of the biggest changes in the task force from previous years is membership. In the past most of the members were from the administration. This year Tarter wanted to involve more of the faculty and even some students. Tarter explained that such an important process needed input from everyone involved. She was very pleased with the results. "There was tremendous teamwork," she said.

Despite that teamwork, the increased membership made it impossible to run the task force in the discussion-group style of past years. Instead, Tarter split it into three sub-committees with separate areas of responsibility. Each group worked out proposals for its issues and then brought them to the main body for approval.

The first sub-committee focused on registration and customer service. It

studied alternatives to the old Dunn Center registration to develop the decentralized system that debuted this fall. The members suggested the admissions offices in the Ellington Building be expanded. The sub-committee also advised that the sorority letters be removed from Ellington's facade because they confuse people looking for admissions.

The sub-committee also looked into changes in the school's newest customer service tool, the APSU webpage. They recognized that the webpage isn't just for current students. It is also a great way to advertise. The sub-committee recommended that the page be upgraded to include more information for prospective transfer students.

Sub-committee two was tasked with improving orientation, student registration and academic advising. This group developed the new Academic Advising

Center to help undecided students find their way to a major. A breakthrough in this difficult process is a computer program that allows students to compare how credits they already have fit into different majors. The sub-committee also restructured the New Students and APEX programs.

The final subcommittee was in charge of new student transition and retention. The focus of the group was reorganizing the Developmental Studies program. Developmental Studies previously was in charge of any student with even one developmental studies course. It also ran the campus disabilities program and helped undecided students determine a major.

Tarter explained that, while the previous head of the program, Dr. Carlette Hardin, professor of education, managed to juggle all of this very well, her departure made it a logical time to streamline

the office.

The disabilities program moved to Student Affairs. The Academic Advisement Center was created for undecided students. The remaining core of developmental studies will reside in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students may now take developmental studies courses while remaining in their major departments.

Tarter explained that a benefit of the new sub-committee structure, aside from the input of more voices, was that it forced the task force to become more efficient. The ideas of the old, single committee could be difficult to translate into plans. Because this summer's sub-committees had to present their findings to the full group, they had to develop formal proposals.

According to Tarter, these written proposals have become useful tools in turning ideas into reality.

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News

Peay Briefs

Wesley Foundation sponsors food drive

The Wesley Foundation is sponsoring its Second Annual Canned Meat Drive through Oct. 17. If your organization is donating, please label all items. The two organizations which donate the greatest amount of canned meat will each receive a plaque. All organizations who participate will receive a Certificate of Participation.

For more information, telephone 647-6412.

Book discussion in library

The Women's Studies Brown Bag Series Fall '97 is sponsoring "Promiscuities: The Secret Struggle for Womanhood," by Naomi Wolf on Wednesday, Oct. 8, in library study rooms five and six. Dr. Susan Calovini will be discussing this book on women's sexual coming of age.

Internet programming course

"Internet Programming" will be offered on Wednesdays, Oct. 8-Nov. 12 from 7:15-9:15 p.m. in

the Solution Center. The course is an introduction to Internet programming, including HTML, JavaScript, VBScript and ActiveX.

Accounting lecture

On Oct. 8 at 6 p.m., Alpha Kappa Psi will be hosting a guest speaker, Jerry Weatherspoon, C.P.A. Weatherspoon will be speaking about accounting. The lecture will be held in Kimbrough room 119.

ACTS drama troupe

The ACTS Drama troupe is presenting its first presentation of the year on Thursday, Oct. 9th at 8 p.m. Wesley Wired will consist of a combination of serious and funny skits. Special musical guests Shawn Shoemaker and Micah Fairchild will be performing as well. No admission will be charged.

Honors dorm made official



APSU President Dr. Sal Rinella discusses life in Harvill Hall with residents and faculty during the official opening of the honors residence hall last week. (Photo by Andy Smith)

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The ins and outs of coming out

By

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Opinion Editor



As I was looking through the All State archives, I came across an interesting entry:

Dear Mr. Editor:

What's so bad about being gay or bisexual? Call it unnatural or sinful or whatever you want, but being gay is very natural and beautiful. If you are not someone who is gay, how can you justify your condemnation?

The Peay is full of gays and bisexuals waiting for you to make the first move. Come Out. Come Out, wherever you are! Be different! Be an individual! Be yourself!

Something from the recent past? No, try 1975! And while it was great to find a topic that fit in nicely with today's editorial, I was also saddened. Here it is, 1997, and we still live in a world where coming out is so often viewed in a negative light, it is seen as something to be sneered at.

Not to say that there hasn't been progress. There just certainly has been a lot of change in the past few years. While same-sex prom dates are not a common occurrence, they're not unheard of either. Gay and lesbian issues have been incorporated into the mainstream dialogue, thanks in large part to TV shows and movies that depict gay and lesbian people in a positive light, rather than as demented, depraved wackos.

While coming out may not be a picnic, it is highly unlikely that gays and lesbians will grow up thinking they are alone, "as one writer recently said.

It seems like people today are coming out at an earlier age, you're right, they are. XX magazine recently commented that the average coming-out age is now 16. I do find this a little hard to believe, especially in the heartland, but I do know that it has changed a lot since I was in high school.

Perhaps another reason that people are coming out at an earlier age is the number of role models that are available to gay youth. Whether it is Greg Ginn, Ellen DeGeneres, Chad Allen, Melissa Etheridge, or Gene Kuffel (Mr. USA International 1997), gay youth have people that they can look up

to and relate with.

Unfortunately, coming out is still a two-edged sword. While it allows the gay or lesbian person to come to terms with their identity and to learn to love themselves for who they are, the increased visibility of being 'out' often leads to antigay harassment, physical as well as verbal.

Harassment comes not only from other students, but from school officials and school boards. School and parent groups have been notoriously close-minded in the past, restricting the formation of gay and lesbian student organizations, prohibiting open discussion of topics relevant to gay and lesbian youth, even encouraging hatred and violence against gay youth by turning a blind eye to what goes on in their schools.

However, there is evidence that change is taking place. The court systems have increasingly supported the rights of the 'sexual minority,' and people's attitudes are changing as well. More than ever before, parents are choosing to love their gay children rather than putting them out on the street, or condemning them with threats of fire and brimstone.

Still, old habits die hard. One comment I often hear is "I don't mind somebody being gay as long as they're straight-acting." Aargh! What a load of crap! We want people to like us because we're gay, and because being 'gay' is a great way to be, just like any other 'way.' As long as 'straight-acting' is considered normal, then gay and lesbian people can never feel good about themselves.

Instead of 'straight-acting' or 'nelly-acting,' how about if I'm just 'me-acting.' And anyway, if I am always 'straight-acting,' I'd know how am I going to attract any of those good-looking (gay) guys! Life is just too short to waste any time!

Should every gay or lesbian person come out right away? Well, no, there are a lot of issues that have to be dealt with before a person comes out. Is it their right and responsibility? You bet. While your sexual orientation does not make you any better or worse as a human being, your self-acceptance plays a huge role in being able to live out a healthy and gratifying life.

The chances are good that a gay or lesbian person plays an important role in your life, whether they are in or out. I urge you to respect the rights and feelings of these individuals. If you are thinking about that move out of the closet, why not listen to our letter writer from 1975: Come Out, be different, be yourself!

The terms gay and lesbian were used generically to subsume other sexual minorities, namely bisexuals and transgendered persons into these broad categories.



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"So your boyfriend wants to date other people. What's the big deal?"

"He wants to date you!"

Respect is first rule of dress

By

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WEYANT

staff writer

As students of the liberal arts, we have been disciplined to think critically, analyze a situation thoroughly and take nothing at face value. Perhaps this is the same analytical spirit that has caused a certain writer to wonder about an established societal pillar we all seem to embrace.

When a friend or family member passes away, the need for a funeral is obvious. A ceremony of reflection and inspirational guidance is in order to bid farewell to our loved one and, according to psychologists, aid the grieving process for the survivors. However, why must there be such fuss over what one wears to the funeral service?

Tradition has dictated that we must wear dark colors such as black or grey in order to be properly dressed at a funeral service. In addition, the attendees must be 'spiffy,' not lacking in the area of taste. Even the family of the deceased are bound by this convention. This comes at a time when less stress and more calm are very much needed. We dismiss this practice as being one of respect without a second thought. A closer examination of this custom, however, reveals its real meaning: VANITY. Unfortunately, vanity spills over into other aspects of our lives as well.

The same flaw in our character that inhibits us from wearing more casual clothing to the mortuary is in effect when we attend church, too. Even the smaller, more rural congregations have fallen prey to the notion that members must outdo one another's dress during worship. The wealthy of the church find it necessary to wear the best suits, the shiniest

shoes and the largest piece of jewelry they own. Their luxury car will be the one parked closest to the front door.

They go to church services with everything they need to look vague, but invariably forget to bring their Bible. In the process, less affluent members are discouraged from attending their place of worship. For the larger churches, magnify this scenario accordingly.

The cynical nature of this article is not to encourage 'tackiness' or brute rebellion in the matter of our clothing at funerals or churches. There is no need to cater a party and take an accordion player to visitation with you the next time a relative dies. Likewise, don't run out and buy any overalls to wear to church next Sunday, even if that is the way they do it in your town.

The emphasis in both church and memorial services should be on people and the purpose of your being at one of these events in the first place. We go to a funeral to pay our respects and give our condolences to the dearly departed's surviving relatives. The family will not remember or care what we wear when we greet them, only that we were there in their time of need.

By the same token, we attend church to worship, not to parade around in the shadow of the steeple in our silk ties and Florsheim shoes. In the presence of such vanity are hurting individuals that need the hope that religion can offer, and these with Bible in hand.

The head of the Christian church set an example of simplicity and humility. He did not and would not wear the best of apparel. Jesus warned us of the Pharisees' sin of pretentiousness, and we should take heed, or "verily we shall have our reward."

When does etiquette die?

By

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staff writer

Hello there, how are y'all doing out there?? Great! Now, today I wanted to write about a common courtesy that I really never thought about until the other week when I was driving. OK, so I'm in the right lane, just going to the mall listening to the radio. I notice how traffic is backed up in the left lane. Then I look up and see that the cars in the right lane aren't moving either. Looking at the opposite lanes I see some of them pulled over also. What else - a funeral procession.

So now I'm thinking, "Do I pull over or keep going around them?" I mean, what exactly is the etiquette on something like this? When I was in high school, a funeral procession went by the football field where they were having practice, and the coach actually stopped practice and made his players take off their helmets until the procession passed by. Talk about over the top. Now, all of that is very commendable. However, I don't see why motorists have to stop. I don't mean any disrespect to the family who just lost their loved one, I just need to get where I'm going!

OK, if you're going opposite the funeral, I can see stopping because sooner or later it will pass and you can get back to cruising. But what if you're in the lane over and going the same way? I mean, sure you can stop, but when it goes by and you start to move again, you're just gonna catch up to it and have to stop all over again!

Besides, they just lost their loved one. Do you really think they're gonna go "Hey, why's that guy not stopping? Let's go run him down to avenge Billy Bob's death!" I have also been in funeral processions and know that it can get pretty uncomfortable with strangers staring at you and

wondering why you couldn't have been a better friend. So maybe they don't mind if we go about our business.

And another thing - is being stopped by a funeral procession a good excuse to your boss as to why you're late? I can see it now, every time you're late, Sammy the sandwich guy is going to say "Who died and made you late?" Now, people, THAT is disrespectful. And, if you think about it, I'm sure that the dearly departed would want you to go on with your life already. I hate traffic enough right now, I sure as heck don't want to contribute to it when I'm dead!

Anyway, I know you're dying to know what I did aren't ya. Well, I went on by the cars as slowly-yet-faster-than them as I could go, and while I drove by each car, I looked at them and mouthed "I'm sorry" real big. Maybe that's what we should do, I mean, my dad can pull off the road, they do it in Nashville all the time! That doesn't mean they feel sorry. They may just be out gas at the exact time the procession is going by. I hate phones.

Oh yeah, and why should we make them think we're sorry? I mean, what do you think they'd do if we drove up and went to the burial? Everybody would be in nice suits and dresses, crying their hearts out, and then you and your girlfriend wait up. You're wearing overalls and muddy boots with blood on your hands from the awesome day of deer hunting you just had. You're girlfriend is wearing her Daisy Dukes and a tight tank-top with no bra. Oh yeah, they're really gonna like to see that! Pretty soon your dog gets loose and starts chasing the widow around. Now ya got a law suit on your hands. So in other words... why don't we just keep driving, but wave or something to let them know you care.

Have a groovy-type day today! This is Nathan Daugherty zipping up, flushing and saying "Talk to ya later Peay!"

Toilet paper shows no spirit; serves to embarrass the Peay

By

HILLERY
GRIFEN

guest writer

I walked onto campus the Thursday morning of Homecoming week and was shocked. For those of you with a short memory, like myself, that was the morning I arrived to find toilet paper hanging from everything that would stand still. Now, perhaps it is just me, but I fail to see the school spirit in wasted toilet paper dangling from every tree on campus. If someone can explain it to me, great! Please do. Otherwise, all I saw was a university where students have so little pride that they willingly make it look like someone forgot to clean up after a rowdy party.

A visit to the cafeteria added to my sense of shame. Sharing the lunch hour with me on Thursday was an Elderhostel. I'm so happy that visitors to our campus got to see it in all of its beauty. Even if I pretend for a moment that toilet paper has nothing to do with school spirit, our guests do not know it is Homecoming. Alumni and other guests will be on our campus. Now, aren't we all dead old trees are in full bloom for that event?

Just so you don't think I'm some old fart or a dick in the mud, I'm in my early twenties and have

participated in my share of practical jokes and pranks. Give me some time and I'll tell you all about wrapping street corners in Christmas paper.

Rolling is a prank and perhaps some of you can recall having your yard rolled. Do you remember how bad it made your house look? How much of a fuss you or your parents made about it? Do you recall how aggravating it was to clean up after your friends' or your enemies' "fun."

Congratulations! By rolling our campus, you just did it to yourself. I know something that makes it a little worse. Campus was rolled last year too. The respected student organization that did it then did it with the administration's permission. Does anyone want to place wagers on whether or not it was the same respected student organization?

There are so many ways to show school spirit, especially during Homecoming Week. Paint the windows. Go to the bonfire. Ride in the parade. Vote for the Homecoming Queen Court. Wear school colors and letters. Here's a real crazy idea: Go to the game! Don't make our campus look one step up from a junk yard, because it is not a very big step.

One last thing. I know that paper is made from trees, but I hardly think returning them to nature in this fashion qualifies as conservation.

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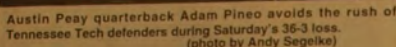
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The Goys continued to struggle offen-

The Governors' defense struggled as well, allowing 405 net yards to the visitors from Cookeville, including 212 yards on the ground. The Eagles' Andre Caballero was 12-of-20 passing for 143 yards in the victory.

The Govs travel to Murray State on Friday to face the nationally ranked team. Kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m. in Paducah, Ky.

The Lady Gays (11-4 overall,

Freshman Laura Mitchell and sophomore Jenny Wenning each had 17 kills, while Becky Sowinski added 12 kills and 29 digs.

The men's squad placed ninth out of 10 teams with 211 points, while the Lady Gavs finished 11th out of 13 with 303 points.

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