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PSU educates students on quality

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America has struggled with the idea of equality since the years before the Civil War. Discrimination, in light of Sept. 11 attacks, is now subject of the latest forum held on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in the African-American Cultural Center. "As a whole, there are a lot of misconceptions since Sept. 11 happened among racialities," said Terry McMoore, resident of Clarksville and forum organizer.

"I want to educate (the public) about different cultures," said Seddiq Brown, an orthodox Muslim and member of the Clarksville community, will speak about religious and political compliments of Martin Luther King Jr.

"Many people have gone and broken Islam into many different groups," McMoore said about Brown's teachings. "I want the students of Austin Peay to be more conscious of the political atmosphere, especially when comes to some of the things that are not equal for African Americans here in the United States."

McMoore said the purpose of the forum is to help all cultures feel comfortable talking about their differences in order to eliminate stereotypes and narrow the racial gap.

"Some people don't realize consciously that they are using something that is considered racist to another race," said McMoore.

"Every race has a different way of doing things." Along with King's history as an equal rights' advocate, Brown will discuss the idea of racial and religious profiling, a topic that McMoore said is more important in light of recent events.

"I encourage everyone to support the AACC and the activities that it has, but I especially encourage the African-American students because it's there for them," said McMoore.



Seddiq Brown

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Photo by Andy Kean

An inside look at the Joe Morgan University Center cafeteria.

By JOSIE L. CURTIS
News Editor

Austin Peay may finally rid itself of orange tape,

bulldozers and construction crews the week of March 18 with the proposed opening of its new university center.

"We are working with everyone to attempt to have an opening ... the week after Spring Break," said Andy Kean, APSU director of Student Life.

Weather and "lingering technology issues" concerning the coffee house and the legislative meeting room remain obstacles to construction completion.

Until the contractor finishes construction, the university cannot obtain possession of the building.

"They're (contractors) making progress," Kean said.

Once the university gains possession of the UC, it must install equipment, move

furniture and relocate offices into the building.

Upon completion, APSU will host a grand opening celebration for both students and the community.

"In some ways, it will be formal, ... and in some ways, it will be less formal, more student-oriented," Kean said.

The grand opening will not only be a ribbon-cutting ceremony but will also entertain participants with various games and activities.

While APSU plans the grand opening of the UC, a "sneak-peek weekend" remains a possibility.

"That (sneak-peek weekend) is something we're

playing with because we don't know when we're going to get into the building," Kean said.

Despite the two-year construction strain, student optimism thrives.

"Construction is something you have to live with because you want to take the time to get it built and to get it built right," senior Dennis Devine said.

Some students have had the opportunity to view the inside of the UC.

"You can tell that this is a place ... for students to come to relax," Devine said.

Music students entertaining the Tennessee

Board of Regents in December marveled at the facility.

"I was afraid to touch anything for fear I might get it dirty," said Matt Whitt, senior French horn major.

The Joe Morgan University Center currently stands as a costly project that has taken more than two years to complete.

However, Kean says, "You all (students) will be very pleased with the facilities."

Students, faculty, staff and community can view floor plans and pictures of the UC by traveling to www.apsu.edu/activities/uc/maps.htm.

APSU retires Hassell jersey

By MATTHEW ROARK
Sports Editor

Trenton Hassell, Chicago Bulls' second-round draft pick, returned to his alma mater Thursday night to see his jersey retired - only the sixth in Austin Peay's athletic history.

Through his achievement, Hassell managed to bring recognition and honor to the city of Clarksville.

The ceremony followed the Lady Gobs' game against the University of Tennessee-Martin and was preceded by a short reception.

The night showcased handing Hassell a framed number 44 jersey, symbolizing the retirement of his number. As usual, the former "OVC 2000-2001 Male Athlete of the Year" was cool, calm and collected.

He shied away from the limelight shined on him by his many supporters.

His short-winded speech was a testament to his reserve and attested to his class as a person.

His long-awaited return to the Dave Aaron Arena comes after entering the Bull's starting rotation as a rookie.

Hassell was selected as the first pick in the NBA's second round last June and has managed to earn plenty of playing time.

As a student-athlete at Austin Peay, he was named to three consecutive All-OVC first teams and was the only player in the nation to be listed in the ranks of the "Top Five" in scoring, rebounds and assists - two years in a row.

He was honored as APSU Outstanding Male Athlete for the second-straight year in 2001, after averaging 21.7 points, 7.8 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game his senior year.

His 21.7 points per game was 13th in national rankings. Hassell was featured in *Sports Illustrated's* Preseason Basketball issue and *Playboy's* Preseason All-American while at Austin Peay.

"(APSU) means a lot, and it is one of the most important parts of my life," Hassell said.

"It is with me everywhere I go because I represent this school, my coaches, my teammates and all the people who supported me throughout the years."

Hassell said that "life, the whole situation, being a student and playing in front of a small community such as this" was the most important experience taken from APSU.

The 6'5" guard/forward had many influences at APSU.

"First of all, Coach Loos has been through a lot and has always been there for me

when I needed him," Hassell said.

Athletic advisor Joe Lucky helped him greatly and "all my teachers because they pushed me and made me do the best that I can do."

Hassell knows he is viewed as a role model by his peers and the younger crowd but remains modest.

"I know there are going to be some players that are better than me," he said.

"My advice is to be yourself. It is hard living up to what someone else has done and accomplished, no matter what they did. It would be great for me to set a trend for other athletes," said Hassell.

He had the opportunity to play against basketball legend Michael Jordan.

"It was not really intimidating," Hassell said.

"You've just got to go into the game thinking that he's just another player. I just had to know that at any time he could go for 50 and that made it kind of hard to stay tough mentally."

Several people commented on Hassell, both in the reception and in the ceremony.

"We are proud of you, and we appreciate the recognition that you've brought to Austin Peay State University when you were here," said Austin



File staff photos by Tammy Sparks

Trenton Hassell shows off his trademark moves in one of his final appearances as Guard/Forward for Austin Peay's Governors.

Peay's president, Dr. Sherry L. Hoppe.

"We appreciate the character you displayed, your sportsmanship and the recognition you continue to bring to the university."

Former APSU basketball standout and Hassell's fiancée, Tiffany McCarley

said, "He was kind of subtle about it, and it really is a bright spot in his life. He's feeling it, believe me."

"It feels good, but there have been a few players ahead of me that did the same thing for whatever reason," Hassell said.

"It is an honor."

Hoppe continues to press forward

By JOSIE L. CURTIS
News Editor

Austin Peay State University's president, Dr. Sherry L. Hoppe, completed her first 100 days in office on Dec. 25, 2001, yet she continues to press forward in this new semester.

"The first 100 days have really been no different than the days that preceded them after I was named permanent president and the year prior to that when I was interim president," Hoppe said.

Prior to her inauguration, Hoppe identified two short-term goals and two long-term goals that topped her agenda upon inauguration.

Her two short-term goals: "to redefine how we (APSU) are distinctive in the liberal arts" through "providing a distinctive experience for everyone" and to establish a more productive and cost-effective operation despite the current budget crisis in Tennessee.

Hoppe retains high expectations for what she calls "Austin Peay's liberal arts mission."

"We hope that every student who graduates, after we put this new liberal arts core in place, will have

good, strong critical-thinking skills, problem-solving skills, political skills, team-building skills, communication skills and so forth," Hoppe said.

A task force Hoppe assembled last spring will present a "position paper" within the next couple of weeks, recommending changes to Austin Peay's current liberal arts core.

"They're (changes) going to be pretty dramatic," Hoppe said.

One such proposal suggests reducing the present liberal arts core from 52-54 hours to 36 hours.

"What we hope to do is that within that 36 hours ensure that the students who graduate from Austin Peay do have a distinctive liberal arts experience that prepares them for living and working in the 21st century," Hoppe said.

Concerning productivity, Hoppe has witnessed one success thus far and has further plans to accomplish cost-effective operation.

"Probably the greatest accomplishment ... is that we were able to give our faculty and staff raises mid-year," Hoppe said.

Hoppe says the university still needs more money to further

increase the salaries of faculty and staff but notes that APSU has won one battle in that specific war.

A budget allocation model exists as Hoppe's strategy to produce the cost-efficient operation of the university.

"It will be designed so that the dollars follow the growth within academic disciplines," Hoppe said.

The budget allocation model will ensure growing departments receive more money while declining departments will lose funds.

"In the past, the way the budget was handled at Austin Peay, generally, was that whatever you spent last year is what you got next year," Hoppe said.

This system will finance growing departments that attract more students.

"The budget allocation model will ... enable us to support those departments that are attracting more students, so that those departments can serve the students," Hoppe said.

Hoppe's long-term goals included a salary increase for faculty and staff plus financing scholarships with money outside of state appropriation.

"The very fact that we were able to award raises in mid-year in a tight budget year says something about our ability to manage the scarce resources we have," Hoppe said.

This spring, Hoppe intends to launch a multi-million dollar capital campaign.

Hoppe, along with others, will quietly "cultivate" and call potential donors for 12 to 18 months prior to the public acknowledgement of the fund-raising.

"Generally, in a capital campaign, you raise half the money before you announce publicly you are running a campaign," Hoppe said.

Hoppe urges the community, faculty, staff and students to support



Photo courtesy of Public Relations

Austin Peay's president, Dr. Sherry L. Hoppe.

university activities, such as basketball games and musical performances.

"It's (support) something you work at constantly," Hoppe said.

Editorial

Sutton sounds off on new vision

By GARY SUTTON
Editorial Page Editor

Welcome back! It is a new semester here at the Peay, and I am excited to be here.

There are a lot of new faces in new places around campus, and I am one of them.

My name is Gary Sutton and I am the new Editorial Page Editor for the All State.

I have a wide variety of

opinions that I hope to share with you as well as some very interesting opinions from various students on campus.

My first reaction when I got this position was one of nervousness. What do I write about? Well, traditionally the first column is usually set aside as an introduction.

I am a senior history major with a minor in English.

It seems like I have been here at the Peay for a very long time.

I have been in the Student Government Association and a member of Hall Government.

I am currently a resident assistant and have been with the All State since last fall.

I believe that my experiences here at the Peay will help me with my new job here as I have seen many things come and go.

Recently I have asked myself about the direction of this page.

Is there somewhere I want to go with this? I do not have some

hidden agenda that I hope to accomplish while I am here, just some random thoughts about life at the Peay and life in general.

College students are, to me, at one of the most important stages of their life, with the transition from adolescence to adulthood.

As college students, we have so many new choices to make, which may extend beyond Coke versus Pepsi.

I guess what it all comes down to is that this page is a journey.

It is a journey into the questions and opinions that college students may have in everyday life.

Of course, being who I am, humor has a large part in the journey.

It is always good to laugh at ourselves often—laughter takes the seriousness off of the little things we do everyday.

One of the coolest things about this journey is that I do not have to take it alone.

There are some truly talented writers on campus, and I'd like to see voice their opinions about what is on their minds.

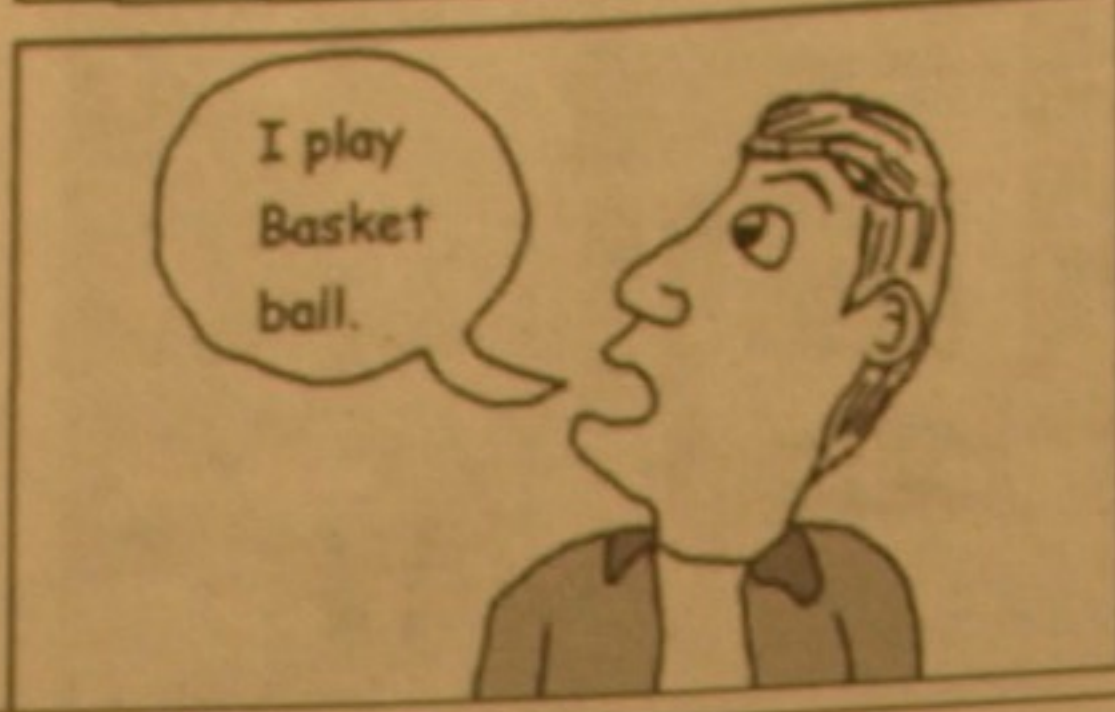
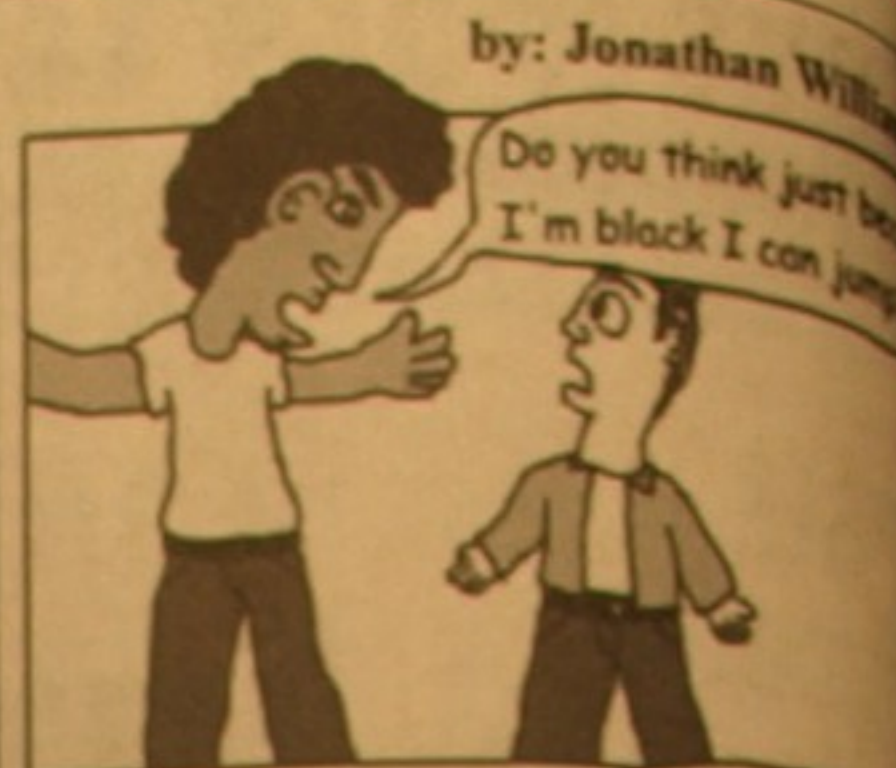
This would be one very boring page if all that ever appeared were my opinions. I do not speak for the majority—nor have I been brainwashed by space aliens.

This new spring semester has a completely different feel for me, it is almost like I am starting off on a new, fresh start.

I think a fresh start can be a good thing.

If life turns out to be too routine, a shift in focus or perhaps a new thought process can prove to be healthful and refreshing.

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Spears reflects on the Peay

By NAYDIA SPEARS
Editorial Page Assistant

I would like to start this article with a bit of redundancy, welcome back. I am quite certain that each of you have heard or seen those two words more than once in the past few days.

Nevertheless, a welcoming smile or a friendly wave rarely grows old.

Since my return to the sidewalks of Austin Peay State University, exactly two weeks ago, my thoughts have been random and I must admit I have been challenged trying to get back into the "swing of things." However, time has a way of curing most things, even my lack of motivation.

Because of this inadequacy, I often take long walks around campus to clear my mind.

Especially when the weather is nice. I have learned that one can acquire a great deal of knowledge

about people, just by watching the way they react with each other.

Last Thursday night, I returned from a movie with a close friend.

We had been to see the movie, The Majestic, which, I might add, is well worth the \$4.50 Austin Peay Thursday night price.

Anyway, after returning from the movie I decided to take a walk around all the well-lit areas of campus.

It is here that my story unfolds.

I was walking back to my room late that night, entirely too late for anyone to be walking around alone.

However, I was walking in silence with no more than a breeze to call my companion.

Almost no one was stirring, except the occasional guy or girl heading back to his or her room after escaping the well-known midnight curfew for opposite-sex guests.

My steps were light and airy, barely grazing the clay-stained sidewalk or the pebbles that were scattered loosely through my path.

Every now and then I could hear the rustle of leaves being awakened by the crisp kiss of wind.

It made me aware that aspects of

life were still awake this time of night.

The short voyage from the library to Sevier Hall is not a long walk; actually it would be extremely short, if one chose to run.

I might mention though, that I am not a runner.

So, I walked slowly, taking in the midnight aroma of the afternoon rain.

As I neared one of the many pole lights that pierced the empty darkness, I stopped for a moment.

As I allowed my gaze to drift over campus, I noticed a delicate beauty, with aspirations of knowledge springing from blades of grass and building corners.

Reflections of art and music also danced in the breeze, and for a mere moment I felt as though I were the only person who saw this.

And perhaps I was.

Do you ever look around and try to imagine what this campus would be like without the things we take for granted?

I was not attending school here when the tornado destroyed so much of our campus.

Moreover, I cannot fathom the disbelief of students when they first

saw the destruction.

However, trees grow and wildlife finds new homes, and the passion of students is rekindled.

Now, despite the everyday annoyance of checkered fences, the smell of concrete mortar, and numerous problems, Austin Peay is still a beautiful campus.

As I stood there thinking about the past three semesters I have been here, I realized I witnessed the birth of a magnificent university among other things.

Above all, I realized why I chose to attend APSU.

It was not because I received a lot of scholarships or because I was overly impressed with its placement of the big yellow book of top colleges. I chose to come to Austin Peay part because of its beauty.

No matter where life may take us, the years we spend in college are some of the most memorable and challenging years of our lives.

Furthermore, it is very important that we take time to appreciate the part of today that will represent such a wonderful memory in our futures.

Writer urges TV viewing caution

By KRISTIN HALL
Staff Writer

Ours is a nation of constant information intake, as news networks feed the American public thousands of bits of information in the speed of seconds through the television screens.

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, we have become glued to the sets daily between classes, at work, at home, hoping and praying for some sort of sign that life can be immediately revert back to Sept. 10.

As if life can just be reversed.

I wait every day for some semblance of real news instead of the constant stream of moderators and talk show hosts and special guests who can provide no concrete information, only guesses, theories and hunches.

This war in Afghanistan, if you even want to call it a war, provides the news-starved networks with little or nothing to report, except for maybe the latest tidings from Geraldo and his mustache.

In such situations wherein reporters have very little to say and anchors are left to fill up time, then truth sometimes gets stretched out of proportion.

Thus you'll find more and more reliance on people's opinions, which are judged to carry the same weight as facts.

This increasing trend in cable news has spread now to every facet of news down to even the local television channels.

This effect has been obvious on campus as well.

Last semester, News Channel 5 Plus, just shortly after the WTC

attacks, invited Dr. Bert Randall on the talk show, claiming he was an "expert" on terrorism.

Dr. Randall claimed later at Austin Peay's open forum on the Middle East that although he had extensive knowledge about the Middle Eastern cultures and religions, he was not an expert on terrorism.

I can only guess that this is a direction taken by the media as a result of the attitudes of the politically correct national government.

They drop bombs and food hoping to satisfy the innocents and kill the guilty. No one in authority wants to say directly whom we are targeting until public opinion approves.

I'm urging the general public to remember that television news needs to be taken with a grain of salt and a skeptical mind.

Often in the classrooms, the ease in which students fall into argument based solely on opinion is outstanding.

Reason is the only true judge of right and wrong.

Ultimately, but students we learn to use reason and sound judgment to decide for ourselves and not rely on others to tell us.

Once it was safe to trust in the network news, but now we have to be wary of what we easily accept as true.

Public opinion is a deciding factor in almost all of the major modern wars, so it is important not to fall into the mob mentality that some reporters seem to purposely incite.

Mosier welcomes back all to campus

By KELLY MOSIER
Staff Writer

"Back to school—" probably the three most dreaded words for any student to hear.

So exactly why is "back to school" a phrase that is cringed at by most students? Oh right, "back to school" means back to studying, back to exams,

back to late-night cram sessions, back to the pages of notes you try to look over every night (not that you actually do), and back to the inevitable infection from one student to the next of the "hardest-class-I-have-ever-taken" syndrome.

Going back to school is often a very stressful time.

Between figuring out what classes you lack for your major and

trying to register for those classes, any sane person could be spotted banging his head on a wall.

I mean, everyone knows how it feels to carefully go through the schedule of classes and neatly highlight the classes you need to take to graduate.

You await the designated day set aside for you to register.

At precisely 12:01 a.m. you call AP Talk and hear that ever-cheerful woman saying, "Welcome to AP Talk. Austin Peay State University's voice response system."

Holding your breath and crossing your fingers, you dial in each call number to each class you are hoping to take.

At the end of your AP Talk session, you are close to tears as you realize that only three of the six classes you originally planned to take are available.

As anyone could see, this process begins the back-to-school blues.

Is "back to school" really

something to be so upset about though? Back to school can also mean back to life; back to normalcy, back to friends, fun, the "occasional" party, and back to self-discipline—or in some cases, the lack of self-discipline.

Freshman student Taura Riley states, "Back to school for me means that my life can get back into a steady routine. I am happy to be back to school with my friends, and I am really looking forward to my classes this upcoming semester. I have great expectations of myself this semester and I am hoping to exceed these expectations."

Sophomore transfer student Sarah Hebert explains, "Coming to a new school like Austin Peay is really overwhelming and exciting. Once I finally got registered for the classes I needed, I felt a lot more relaxed and confident. Back to school, for me right now, means a chance to start a new semester and meet new people, along with

striving to absorb as much information as I can, inside and outside of the classroom."

So upon hearing the phrase "back to school," remember just because there may be some things that are depressing about going back to school, there are equally positive things about going back to school.

Remember to count your blessings that you are a person who can go to school.

Be thankful that money can be provided, whether through parents, yourself, loans, grants, scholarships or other resources, you to be able to attend school.

Above all, be thankful that you are here and that you have taken responsibility and have motivation to further your knowledge in an area or profession. "Back to school" may be some things, but one thing is for sure, "back to school" is definitely what you make of it.

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Sports Report

Governors fall to UT Martin 71-65

By MATTHEW ROARK
Sports Editor

Even though effort counts for much in a basketball game, the "e-word" sadly cannot replace a "W" on the record board.

Being dragged kicking and screaming to a 71-65 loss on Thursday night at Dave Aaron Arena, the Austin Peay Governors (7-10, 1-2) gave their all in an effort to beat down the University of Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks (10-5, 1-1).

APSU's Adrian Henning set a career-high for points and rebounds with his double-double, raking in 16 and 10 respectively.

UT's Jeremy Sargent blasted in 19 points, while Jair Peralta passed away eight assists.

Austin Peay started off the game well with impressive passing and ball movement, successfully getting the ball down low to the post men.

Anthony Davis was instrumental in the first half as well as the second- to AP's ball movement, as he ran the offense.

"I just think that we came in and played very well," said Austin Peay coach Dave Loos.

"We played hard and physical, but we didn't play as well as they did. From an emotional standpoint and intensity, they outplayed us," said Loos.

"I think their whole team put a whole lot of pressure on our full-court offense, and did a very good job."

Trailing by six after three minutes of play, UT Martin stepped up the tempo and brought the score back to even at the 14:27 tick on the clock, and pulled ahead 15-14 on a Foster jumper.

After this, Austin Peay would regain the lead twice again in the whole contest.

Around the midpoint of the first half, the Skyhawks looked to be finding holes in the Governor defense.

Martin's Michael Jackson left some "Blood on the Gym Floor" as he became somewhat of a showboat. Dunking once and immediately stealing the ball for a quick four points for UTM.

These Jackson actions

seemed to characterize the rest of the game in that Austin Peay would work hard to play "catch-up" to UTM.

APSU went a solid eight minutes with only three points amounted in the span, and looked unable to "throw one in the ocean."

Governor Davis mustered a crowd-pleasing dunk with around nine minutes left in the half, but the Skyhawk's Brian Foster and Jeremy Hampton stood up to halt AP's advances to a half time score of 34-29.

Returning after the half, Austin Peay looked to have worked out a few of the kinks in their game: pulling ahead by 42-41, thanks to a Nick Stapleton three at the 14:17 mark.

Henning and Stapleton paced AP through the first half of the second stanza with 18 combined.

Henning's lay-up gave Austin Peay its last lead of the game with scarcely 10 minutes left to play.

Up by three, UTM challenged the 51-48 score by pulling away and running with the game.

Brian Foster was crucial to

the Skyhawks late in the game, hitting a host of charity-stripe tosses as well as field goals.

Foster dashed all hopes for Austin Peay with close to three minutes remaining by hitting a fancy lay-up and managing an assist to Jeremy Kelly to nail in the coffin.

Although the Gov's played hard until the end, the squadron just could not pull out a win.

"Coming into the game, we felt positive," said Austin Peay guard Anthony Davis. "We wasn't really as focused as we should have following Trenton's jersey retirement."

"Really, mostly their defense is what we were focusing on. Their thing is to hustle, hustle, hustle and outrun the other team. They outthusted us, and we didn't play as a team," added Davis, who finished with a team-high 19 points.

"A few things we didn't communicate on. I think we played very poor. I think we played the worst game in the conference, and only lost by six points," Davis said.

As for UT-Martin, head coach Bret Campbell is very optimistic.



Picture By Tammy Sparks

Austin Peay's Adrian Henning grabs a board against Murray.

"We think we're going to be a pretty good basketball team this year, but we have to prove that on the road," said Coach Campbell.

"Our main focus was to play hard, win on the boards, and contain Stapleton. The game could've gone any way. I think Coach Loos has a good team

this year, and will have a lot of success," said Campbell.

"Our kids have a lot of heart to them, and they've battled hard this year on the road," said Campbell. "They knew how important a road win would be, and they knew what it would take."

Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

Jan. 17 - 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Austin Peay
Clarksville, Tenn./Dunn Center

Jan. 19 - 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee State at Austin Peay
Clarksville, Tenn./Dunn Center

Jan. 24 - 7:10 p.m.
Austin Peay at Eastern Illinois
Charleston, Ill./Lantz Arena

Jan. 25 - 1:00 p.m.
Austin Peay at Southeast Missouri
Cape Girardeau, Mo./The Show Me Center

Women's Basketball

Jan. 17 - 5:30 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Austin Peay
Clarksville, Tenn./Dunn Center

Jan. 19 - 5:30 p.m.
Tennessee State at Austin Peay
Clarksville, Tenn./Dunn Center

Jan. 21 - 4:30 p.m.
Austin Peay at Eastern Kentucky
Richmond, Ky./McBrayer

Jan. 24 - 5:15 p.m.
Austin Peay at Eastern Illinois
Charleston, Ill./Lantz Arena

Women's Rifle

Jan. 23 - TBA
Austin Peay at Tennessee-Martin
Martin, Ky.

Men's Tennis

Jan. 26 - 10:00 a.m.
Western Kentucky at AP
Clarksville, Tenn.

Lady Gobs drop heartbreaker to UT -Martin in OT

Break three-game streak

By MATTHEW ROARK
Sports Editor

If excitement alone could win a basketball game, then the Lady Gobs would have enough steam to finish the season without another loss.

With Paige Smith forcing an overtime with her 30-foot last-ditch three pointer, the Lady Gobs dropped an 81-76 overtime loss to the University of Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks on Thursday night at Dave Aaron arena.

The Lady Gobs (8-5, 1-1) just lacked what it took to turn the game away when the opportunity settled.

The contest brought UT Martin up to 3-10, 1-1 after a long seven game road trip.

Martin's Kelly Pendleton racked up career-high 36

points in the win, going 12 for 20 overall on the floor including six 3-pointers.

Austin Peay's Brooke Armistead came up with 19 points and seven boards to lead the Gobs' offensive effort.

Early on, the Gobs' defense stymied the Skyhawks, preventing any UT Martin pointage until the 14:14 mark in the first half.

Pendleton sank a jumper from the top-left corner of the key for UT Martin's first appearance on the scoreboard.

Pushing up the score to 11-2, AP's defense started becoming somewhat lax, and the Lady Skyhawks rallied with a nine-point, three-minute run.

Randi Morgan tied the game up 11-11 at the 11:19 point, and pushed UT Martin to a 28-24 halftime lead.

Returning after the half, the Lady Gobs marched to a 10-point lead after three minutes,

but three critical fouls turned up to haunt the squad.

Moving off momentum gained from two nice slash plays in the paint, the Lady Skyhawks closed the deficit and went up by five before their opponents could blink.

Skyhawk Jody Miller erupted for 11 points in nine minutes, putting UT up 47-43 with 10:00 left.

Gobs' Kelly Chavez sank a trey to bring AP within one, but UT's Pendleton showed herself by posting seven points in a minute and a half.

The only thing that really kept Austin Peay in the contest late was free throw shooting.

Going 7-8 in the last three minutes, the Lady Gobs were able to hold on to hope.

Down by five with 11 seconds remaining, Paige Smith hit a three-pointer at the 00:04 mark, and sank a story-book shot from 30-feet out on the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Rolling into the 5-minute overtime on Cloud 9, Austin Peay was rudely awakened by a determined UT Martin.

Gobs' Smith nailed another three to start the OT, and was answered by Amy Watson of Martin with her own trey.

Gerlonda Hardin added two lay-ups, and Jessica Ezell capped off AP's scoring with a final three-pointer to account for the 76 points.

A Lady Skyhawk breakout

was seen as a host of Martin players began to shine, apparently blinding the Lady Gobs' and sending their squad on to a road win.

"When you have won as few games as we have, you just want to play hard and get better," said UT Martin co-head coach Gary Van Atta.

"It's all we want to do. We are a fairly young team, and we've struggled a lot."

"All we can do is come in here and play, hopefully keeping it close and maybe having a chance to win."

Commenting on his team's exhilaration in the matchup, Van Atta said, "We got so close, going up and down. I

told the girls, if maybe we can get up a little bit, things would change."

"It seems like our kids backslid a little. Sometimes it does takes a lot to come back. Well, we talked about the remotivation...we've been there before."

"We lost two one-point games, in the same situation as we were here."

"We just drew on our past experiences to do this," said Van Atta.

In reference to her big trey, Smith said, "Well, coach called a great play, and I had to hit a tough shot."

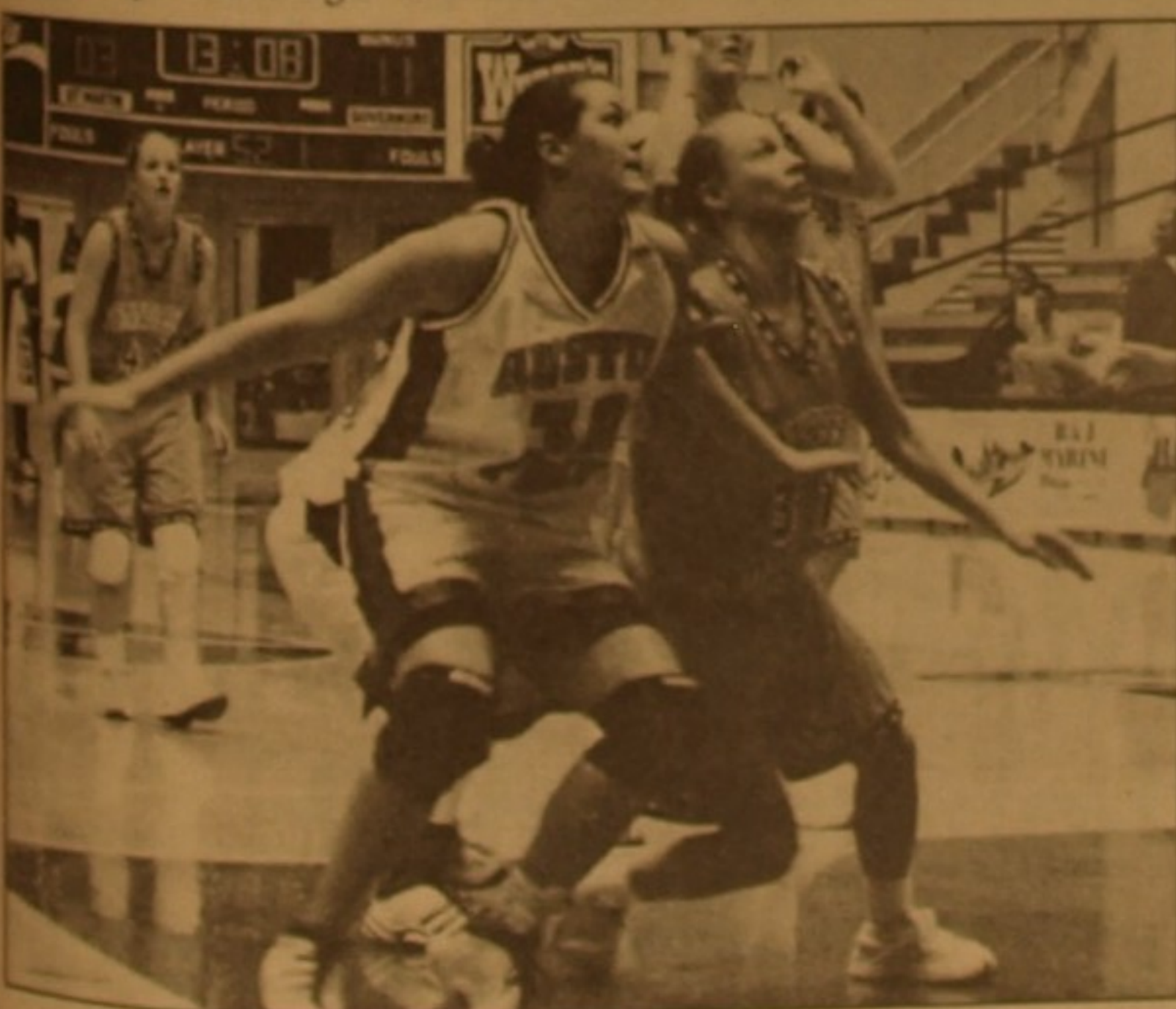
"I hadn't hit anything all game, and they played great

defense. We just couldn't get our offense going at all."

"I spent too much time working on our defense, rather than our offense," said AP Lady Gobs coach Susie Gardner.

"They played a matchup zone- a good matchup zone. Even though it looks like we were ahead, we didn't look tentative early on."

"They made us play their tempo, and slowed the game down with their press. But I am pleased with the last second shot- that play worked perfectly."



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Lady Gov Joey Walker awaits a rebound.

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Phonathon nets \$84,753

Accounting and Communication departments top earners

By SARAH REED
Features Editor

Austin Peay State University students, faculty and staff raised more than \$84,000 for scholarships during Phonathon 2001.

Sponsored by APSU's Alumni and Annual Giving Office, Phonathon is an annual telephone solicitation campaign to APSU alumni to raise money for academic scholarships.

For the second straight year, Lawrence Baggett, associate professor and chair of the department of accounting, was the top faculty caller, raising \$19,826 for the department of accounting.

Dr. Bruce Myers, professor of mathematics and computer science, collected \$5,050 for the George Brotherton Scholarship.

Dr. Gaines Hunt, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, followed with \$2,735 for the department of agriculture.

Kalechia Murray, a junior communication major, was the top student caller, raising \$4,720.

Toya Richardson, a junior interdisciplinary studies major, was the second-place student caller, collecting \$2,840.

Stenisa Jones, a junior English major, followed with \$1,960.

Sixty-three faculty and staff members and 48 students raised a

total of \$84,753. The Alumni and Annual Giving Office has sponsored Phonathon since 1995.

"While we raised less money this year, it is important to acknowledge the fact that people continued to give and that we raised as much as we did in view of the Sept. 11 tragedy and the feeling of uneasiness that followed.

"We talked with several people who lost their jobs, which affected their ability to give, and many people were uncertain about their economic future and were therefore, afraid to give. We were sensitive to their concerns," said Shelia Boone, director of Alumni and Annual Giving.

"Under the circumstances, I am delighted with the total scholarship dollars raised and appreciate greatly the generosity of our alumni who continue to support this project," said Boone.

Boone thanks Verizon Wireless for donating cellular telephones and airtime, ARAMARK Catering Services for contributing food for the callers, Coca-Cola for providing beverages and the APSU telecommunications staff for their assistance in equipping the classrooms with multiple telephone lines.

"All of these people were instrumental in the success of Phonathon 2001," said Boone.

Ellis assists students with career needs



Jennifer Taylor Ellis helps students achieve their career goals.

By SARAH REED
Features Editor

An enthusiastic smile radiates Jennifer Taylor Ellis' face as she talks about her experiences at Austin Peay State University.

A native Clarksvillian, Ellis has called APSU home for 10 years. She began at the cashier's window in the Business Office in April 1992 before transferring to Career Services nine years ago.

As the secretary in Career Services, Ellis is responsible for resume and career consultations, maintaining Career Services' Web page, scheduling campus recruiting and career fairs, and resume and career development workshops.

"My job is to help students achieve their career goals," says Ellis. "I enjoy assisting them with their career needs."

Since July 2001, the director's position has been vacant, so Ellis has assumed added responsibilities and become a "jack of all trades" by necessity.

"Jennifer is good at listening to students talk about where they see themselves and placing them in jobs or referring them to the Counseling and Testing Center for career exploration," says Dr. Diane Berty, dean of Student Development.

Ellis earned an associate's degree in management technology from APSU in May 2001. Currently, she is pursuing a bachelor of professional studies degree through the Regents Online Degree Program.

Although Ellis has witnessed a variety of changes at APSU, she says the greatest change has been the technology.

"This office has stayed afloat with online technology," says Ellis. "Because that's the way the market

is, Career Services is, too."

Frequently, students are able to complete an entire job search online, from the application to the interview.

Career Services, along with the Division of Student Affairs, is in a transition stage and is moving toward focusing specifically on placement. In July, it will move under the umbrella of the Counseling and Testing Center.

"We're ultimately trying to make this transition as seamless as possible for students," says Berty. Ellis believes her greatest contribution to APSU is her ability to relate to students.

"Sometimes, I consider myself overly kind, and this comes from wanting to help everyone any way I can," says Ellis.

Ellis cherishes time spent with her husband, Randy, a captain in the fire training division of the Clarksville Fire Department, whom she married Dec. 28, 2000. This is evident from the glow that appears on her face at the mention of his name.

In addition to spending time with her husband, Ellis enjoys reading anything from Jane Austen to Stephen King.

She also loves to cook and surf the Web.

"I absorb information on the Internet," says Ellis.

She responds without hesitation as she describes her most memorable moment at APSU.

"When the campus gathered together at the memorial service after September 11, it showed strong support present on campus," says Ellis.

"Austin Peay is a wonderful campus for students and staff," says Ellis. "We are in the process of growing. Dr. Hoppe is getting in the place we need to be."

Muir's work brings honor to APSU

An Austin Peay State University history professor continues to bring honor and recognition to APSU through his work.

This semester Dr. Malcolm Muir is holder of the Edwin P. Conquest '14 Chair, a military history chair at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), Lexington. As such, Muir will be teaching courses on World War II and on sea power in the 20th century.

An internationally known scholar, author and military-history expert, Muir was chosen to serve in 1987-88 as the Secretary of the Navy's Research Chair in Naval History.

Then in an unprecedented action, officials at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point invited Muir to be a visiting professor there for two consecutive years, 1988-89 and 1989-90. In 1996-97, he was a visiting professor at the U.S. Air Force War College.

Most recently, Muir was asked to

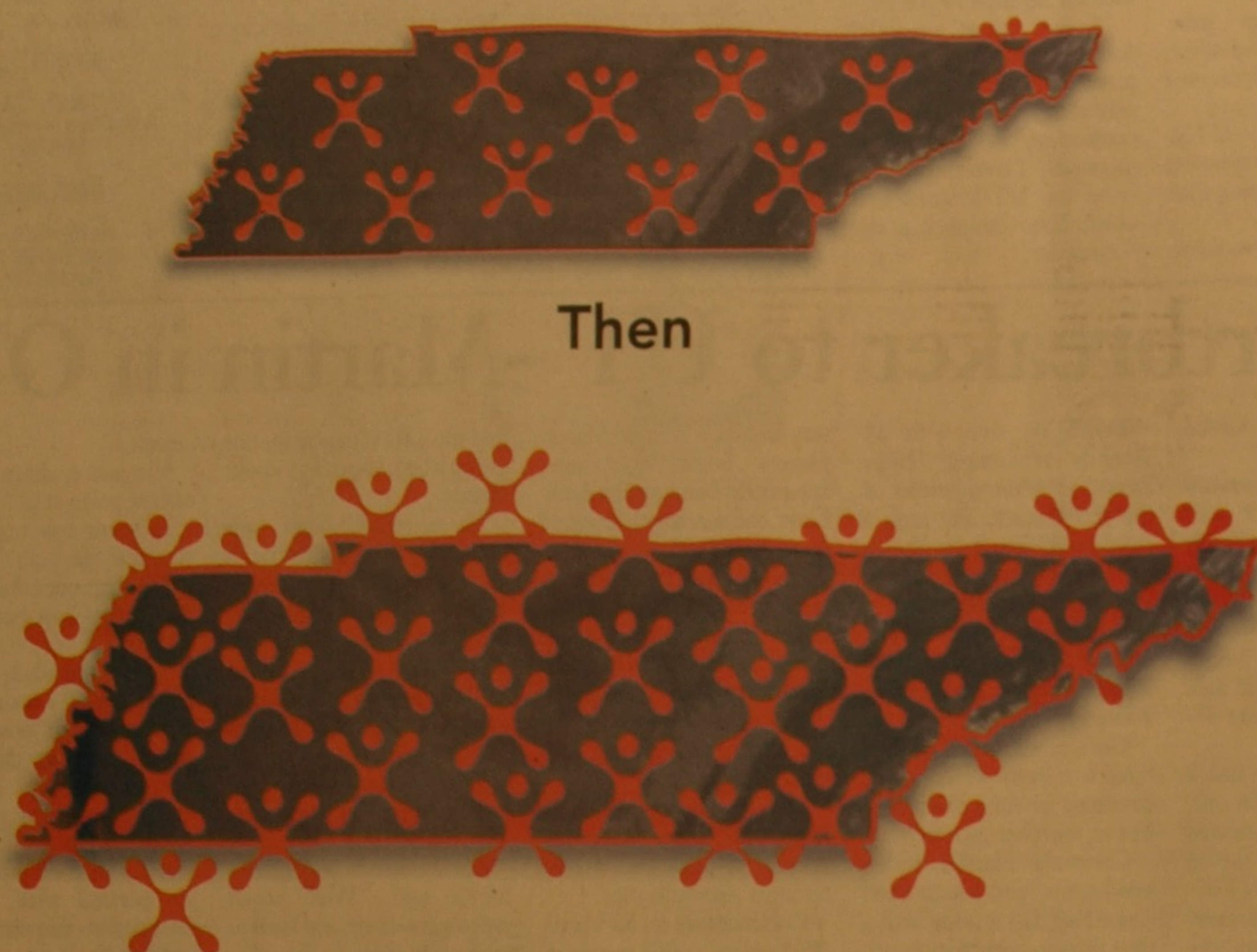
work as an associate editor of a multi-volume encyclopedia of world wars: The World War I and World War II set will be significantly larger.

In a letter to Muir, Dr. Stephen Tucker, professor of history at VMI, wrote: "I am thrilled to be working with you on this project. Our goal here is nothing less than the finest encyclopedias available on both World War I and World War II."

Dr. Dewey Browder, chair of APSU's department of history and philosophy, said, "Dr. Muir is a strong scholar whose work is admired by military historians and wide. The fact he was chosen to occupy the Conquest Chair at VMI attests to this reputation."

"The encyclopedias are certainly will become standard at the desk of many a historian."

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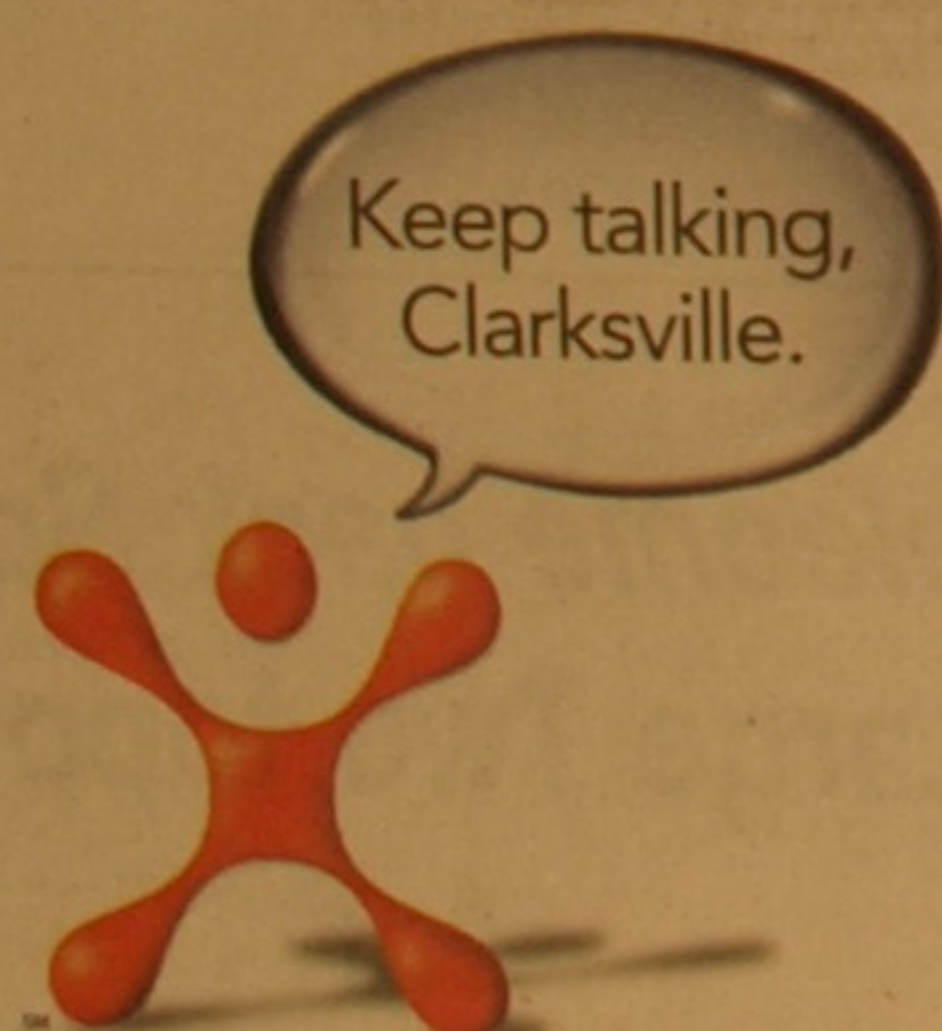
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