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UC approaches completion, expect delay

By JOSIE L. CURTIS
Assistant News Editor

Austin Peay State University propelled the scheduled contract completion of the new Morgan University Center from Nov. 25 to Dec. 1.

Andy Kean, director of APSU's Office of Student Life, says weather and the needed "approval of certain tasks" caused the delay.

"I don't think moving the scheduled contract completion back a week is a bad thing," Kean said.

This postponement will not affect the expected occupancy date.

The 2002 Spring semester still stands as the expected date of official entrance into the UC.

"It probably will be January, maybe February, before we get in there for students to use," Kean said.

While some students may fret over the delay, most accept it with a shrug.

"Oh, six days, big deal," said Thomas Bowers, freshman.

APSU freshmen reason the delay does not bother them because they never used the former UC, therefore the absence of such a luxury does not affect their college experience.

"Maybe if we (freshmen) had been in it (the UC) before, but since we haven't used it I don't really miss it," Adam Susong, freshman, said.

Most students do not mind the rescheduling as long as it does not hold up the expected occupancy date.

Marie Lavalley, senior, says she does not mind the delay as long as it does not change the day students get into the UC.

Moreover, other students condone the deferral if it secures the total completion of the UC.

"I'd rather get it done completely," said Stephanie Highsmith, sophomore.

While most students do not condemn the postponement, some do regret it because their time at APSU will soon come to an end.

"The sooner the UC is completed the better because we'll only have 14 days to walk through it," said Jonathan Thomas, a senior graduating in December.

Although the delay may place a damper on students' expectations, it suspends the excitement of the opening of the new UC will generate only temporarily.

"That place will be so awesome if they ever get it done," Susong said.

The All State goes audio

By JOSIE L. CURTIS
Assistant News Editor

Students in Austin Peay State University's Audio Production II course record editions of *The All State* on audiocassettes, which are available at APSU's Office of Disability Services.

Under the tutelage of John Kowley, assistant professor of communication, students Aaron Coleman, Lorneth Abie, Franziska Scone and Shane Sharpe aid those who cannot read *The All State* in the traditional manner by utilizing their voices to transfer written articles into verbal readings on audiotapes.

Participants receive a sense of

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Staff photo by Tammy Sparks

A performer spreads his wings at the Midnight Crossing.

Dude looks like a lady

By Teresa Pigg
Staff Writer

The Midnight Crossing exceeded expectations again, Tuesday.

Michael Higley, residence hall director in Cross, bestows the successful topping of last year's attendance of 250 to the campus residents and professional performers.

"I think the residents did a great job performing alongside the professionals, and I hope that next year brings in even more residents to Midnight Crossing" said

Higley.

Filling the Clement Auditorium with approximately 350 spectators, the décor of the stage, the tall pillars, multicolored balloons and spotlight system, added festivity and fun to the already zesty night.

Due to the overwhelming total of more than \$200 in donations, the humble 50-cent admission fee to the show along with the performers' tips, prove that every little bit adds up.

Working up the crowd at this unforgettable affair were

emcees Chelsea Clinton, drag entertainer, Higley and "the Baroness," David Baron, Cross resident assistant.

Opening the night of excitement, Clinton began warming the audience up immediately by performing her rendition of Mariah Carey's song "Butterfly."

Following Clinton's act, four other professional drag performers, Austria Andrews, Kimmie Cliché, Andrea Andrews and Angelic got the audience going by stepping down into the aisles of Clement Auditorium and

interacting with the animated audience.

Additionally, three groups of student impersonators performed throughout the night at Midnight Crossing and were observed by a panel of judges.

The students let loose with their lively performances and embellished apparel.

While all three acts performed considerably well, only one group took home the reigning title and plaque.

Winning the contest, the

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Anthrax anxiety strikes

Prompt response restores calm

By JOHNNY SPARKS
Editor in Chief

Anthrax anxiety struck the Austin Peay State University post office Friday morning, but prompt action restored the calm before afternoon.

Officer Lorenzo Cantu says officials immediately evacuated the Red Barn — Memorial Health Building — when a student reported opening an envelope dusted with a "white" substance.

"When she took the contents out of the letter, she noticed some — not white powder — but more like crumbs," said Cantu. "We did not take any chances. We called the fire department and the hazardous team."

Just before 9:30 a.m., Dorian Webb, an APSU student, opened an envelope addressed to her from her parents. The student called her step-mother regarding the mysterious white

substance that dusted the letter.

"She said that it was crackers," said Webb.

Webb says her step-sister "was eating crackers," when the letter was sealed. Clarksville city police, the fire department and hazmat unit assisted in the investigation.

Clarksville police called before noon — in less than 3 hours — giving the "all clear" and APSU officials reopened the Red Barn.

At 9:30 a.m., Dr. Sherry Hoppe, APSU president, sent out a campus-wide e-mail altering the community of the developing situation.

"It was clear to us that we needed to immediately get people out of that building and get the proper authorities in here to the analysis," said Hoppe. "It was the prudent thing to do."



Anthrax forum addresses timely topic

In response to intense community interest and numerous telephone calls inquiring about anthrax, three members of the Austin Peay State University biology faculty have scheduled an open forum to address the timely topic.

Titled "Anthrax in the Arsenal: Diffusing the Threat," the forum is slated to begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8 in E106 of the Sundquist Science Complex.

Panelists are APSU biology faculty members, Dr. Keith Belcher, Dr. Don Dailey and Dr. R.H. McCoy, along with Clarksville Postmaster Wayne Scott and U.S. Postal Inspector Waller; Lt. Mell

James of the Montgomery County Emergency Medical Services; Maj. Samuel Jang, M.D., Fort Campbell, Ky., who is a medical expert on anthrax; and a representative from the Tennessee Department of Public Health.

Drawing from their respective areas of expertise, each panelist will talk briefly about anthrax. After discussing drugs used in the treatment of anthrax, panelists will answer audience questions.

The forum is free and open to the public. For more information, telephone McCoy, Dailey or Belcher at (931) 221-7781.



Staff photo by Tammy Sparks

Officer Lorenzo Cantu, APSU campus police, assists in securing the post office.

Fight breaks out at step show

By KALEN McELHENNEY
Assistant to the Editor

A fight broke out during Austin Peay State University's Homecoming Stepshow at 8:53 p.m., Saturday, in Clement Auditorium, according to a police report.

The report said the incident occurred during the Fifth Beta Sigma Group's performance. Ten assailants allegedly rushed the stage. The assailants were "believed to be Omega's," according to APSU police.

"While one of the groups was stepping, another group was taunting the group that was stepping," said Andy Kean, director of student life/university center, who attended the event.

"A shoving match ensued which erupted into a slug fest," said the police report. "Individuals from both groups were exchanging blows with closed fists."

"Public safety and members of other organizations pulled them apart," Kean said. "No one was arrested. I'm not aware

of anyone being injured."

Officers Cantu, Hummel and CPD Lt. Tucker were at the event to provide security.

They were forced to spray the mob with chemical spray canisters when fighting participants failed to obey the officers' verbal commands, the report said.

Students involved in the scuffle dispersed after the chemical was sprayed and quickly fled the scene.

Kean said many audience members left the performance early because of the fight, although the show

continued after the incident.

Only a few students received refunds. He said the decision to continue with the show, "was a mass decision of all administrators involved."

Kean said future steps will be taken to ensure safety during these types of events and hopefully prevent students from reaching the stage.

"Meetings are being held about that now," he said. "We are discussing additional guidelines to protect steppers and the audience."



Staff photos by David Brockman

(Top) Hazmat crews enter the post office. (Right) Agent Brad Crow of the major crimes unit of Clarksville police department removes the suspect letter from the scene for analysis.

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Staff photo by Alicia Archueta

Homecoming King Jermaine Boyd and Queen Patricia Ortega

Study abroad in Spain serves up culture

By STACY MURPHREE
News Editor

Every summer Dr. Miguel Ruiz-Aviles, assistant professor of languages and literature, offers a four-week study abroad program in Madrid, Spain.

This year the dates for the summer 2002 program are May 23-June 21.

Students attend classes at Estudio Internacional Sempere (EIS) earning six credit hours for APSU in classes ranging from the intermediate to advanced levels.

Classes at EIS are small, usually consisting of only five to eight students, and are taught by a native Spanish speaker.

The classroom is truly a multi-

cultural experience because, not only do you attend class with other students from different colleges in the United States, but also with students from different countries around the world.

At EIS, students also can arrange to take cooking, guitar or flamenco dance lessons.

The cost of the program is \$1,400 plus airfare. Financial aid and scholarships are available to students receiving credit through a study abroad program.

The cost includes health insurance, room and board, laundry services, classes and textbooks at EIS, four cultural trips in Madrid and four excursions outside of the capital.

Students have the unique

opportunity to live with a family and experience the culture through them.

"It is a benefit of total immersion," says Ruiz.

He comments about how living with your host family puts you in constant touch with a cultural experience.

The excursions inside Madrid include anything from museums to historic locations. During free time, students also are encouraged to sight see on their own and attend plays or sporting events.

Visits outside of Madrid include the cities of Toledo, Segovia and Salamanca.

Students also have the opportunity to travel on their own to the beach or other cities such as

Cordoba or Barcelona. Traveling to other major European cities outside of Spain also is an option to students.

The study abroad program to Spain gives students the opportunity to learn or practice Spanish in a country where it is the primary language.

"Learning in a classroom doesn't compare to the experience you have overseas," says Ruiz.

An orientation and informational meeting about the study abroad program in Spain will be held Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. in Harned 231.

For more information about the program, telephone Ruiz at (931) 221-7855 or visit the Web site at www.apsu.edu/ruizm.



APSU study abroad students take a break at an outdoor cafe in Madrid.

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"lady marmalade" group wowed the audience with their entertaining impersonation of the ladies of Moulin Rouge.

To stir up even more craziness and amusement, a Rawlins resident participated in a drag makeover from host Clinton while the night progressed.

Making a final shocking appearance near the conclusion of the show, the resident entered the stage to hear jovial catcalls from the audience.

For the majority, the audience appeared to be entertained by this variety show, and no unruly

disturbances from the onlookers occurred.

"I think everyone there enjoyed the show because most of the audience stayed for the entire time," said Jennifer Goddard, resident performance coordinator.

Reactions about Midnight Crossing took a more positive note because of the successful fundraising from the participating audience.

"I thought it was an extremely beneficial fundraising event for the United Way, and I hope we can continue this next year," said Higley.

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of satisfaction from the deed.

"It feels nice to help other people make their lives easier," Coleman said.

Each member of the class contributes to the recording process.

Coleman vocalizes features, Fahie voices the front page, Scone articulates editorials and Sharpe broadcasts sports.

"It's just a good experience, and it helps other people," Sharpe said.

The recording process originates with the newspaper itself.

Staff and guest reporters write, edit and submit articles on deadlines.

Next, editor in chief Johnny

Sparks along with sports editor T.J. Lusk, news editor Stacy Murphree, features editor Sarah Reed and editorial page editor Lindsey Reeves edit articles and design and layout their respective pages to produce the newspaper students find in various locations on campus.

The recording process begins when the Audio Production II crew obtains an issue of *The All State* and initiates the actual recording process.

First, each individual reads certain articles from his or her respective section onto a minidisk.

Next, each class member edits his or her verbal material on computer adding sound effects to signal the

beginning and end of articles and checking for vocal blunders.

Moseley combines the original readings and the revised version onto an audiotape, which he takes the audiocassette to the Office of Disability Services.

"We do it because a lot of people are not as fortunate as us to have eyes and to be able to read the paper," Fahie said.

The audio version of *The All State* benefits those who are visually impaired, but it also assists those who have other disabilities, such as people who cannot turn or hold the pages of the paper.

"It's a great idea," Scone says.

Scone can vouch for the

Goddard agreed, "The performers gave us our money's worth and a whole lot more."

Proving to be a prosperous and worthwhile affair according to Britt White, freshman theatre major, after hearing about last year's controversy about Midnight Crossing and watching it this year, White could not understand why it was such a big dispute.

"I thought it was very interesting, the performers did well and it was great that the professional performers took time out of their busy schedule to help out the United Way," said White.

"It gave Austin Peay's students the opportunity to see a show they would not normally be able to see at any other time on a college campus," said Goddard.

The staff of Midnight Crossing wishes to express gratitude to the audience for their donations and support that were put forth in a triumphant affair.

"Thanks to all who came and made it a huge success. We raised a lot of money and it went to a good cause," said "the Baroness."

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Recently our goal of implementing a free e-mail service for Austin Peay students was realized through the implementation of WebMail. WebMail offers all currently enrolled students the opportunity to have both free web-based e-mail service and a direct communication link with University faculty and staff.

IT IS EVERY STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK WEBMAIL REGULARLY FOR COMMUNICATION FROM FACULTY, STAFF, AND OTHER STUDENTS.

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE ANNUAL "HELP AN ELF" HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Help An Elf is designed to assist eligible APSU students by providing gifts for their children. Recipients of the holiday gifts will be children of income eligible, full-time APSU students (12 hours or more). This program is for students who are not participating in any off campus holiday gift programs.

Applications are available in Student Affairs, Browning 115. All applications will remain confidential. Priority will be given to first time participants of this program.

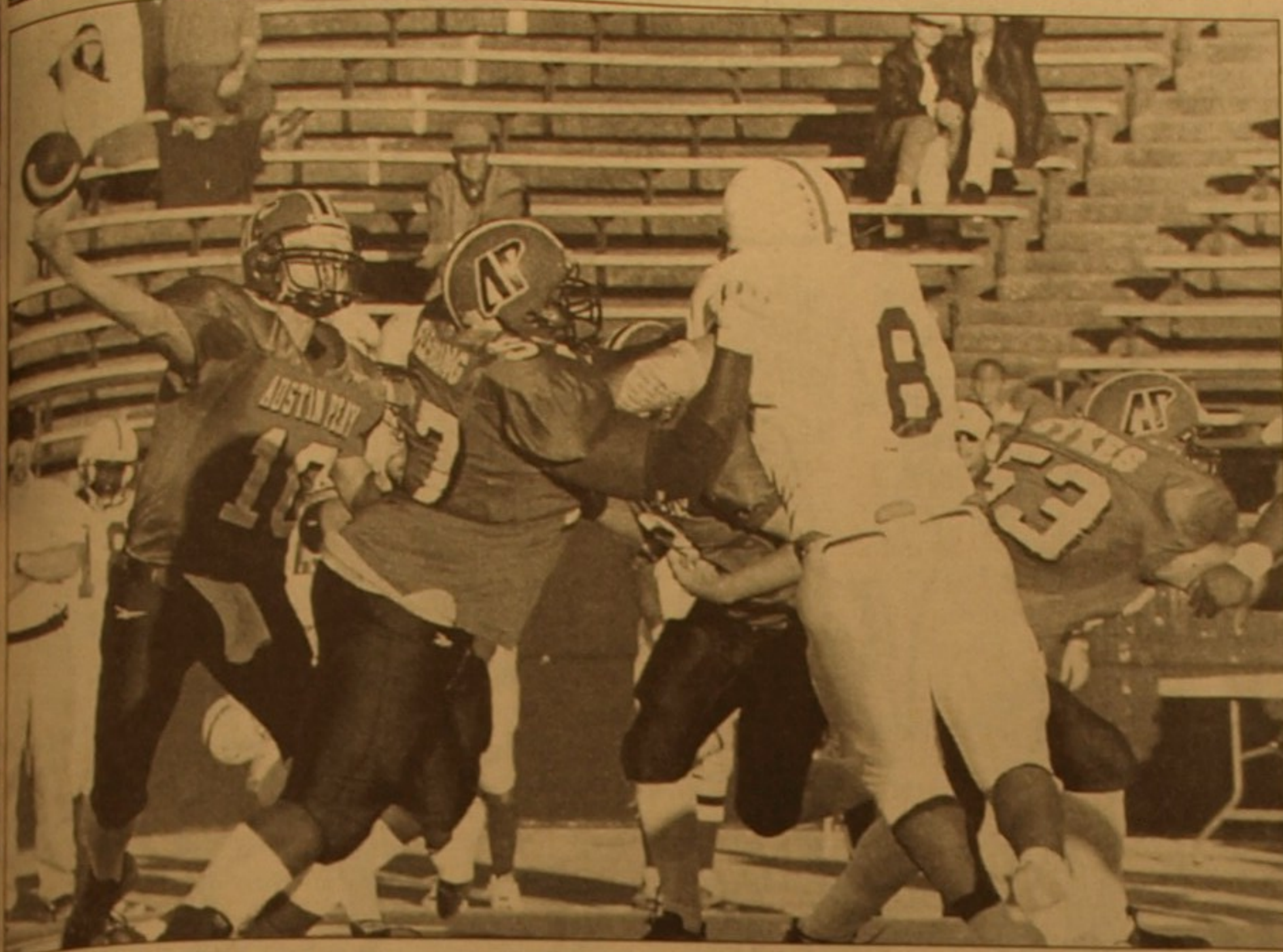
The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, November 16, 2001.

For further information, please contact Student Affairs on campus at 7341 or off campus at 221-7341.



The Help An Elf program is sponsored by Student Affairs

Sports



Austin Peay quarterback Matt Schmitz releases a pass during the Gobs' 17-14 loss to St. Joseph's (Ind.) at Governors Stadium Saturday. Schmitz — who finished 14 of 30 for 219 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions — replaced starting quarterback Brian Baker, who broke his leg on the Gobs' first series.

Bitter homecoming

Gobs can't recover after losing Baker on first drive, fall to St. Joe's 17-14

By T.J. LUSK
Sports editor

One by one, they'd watched them vanish.

Hopes for a conference championship dashed five games into the season.

Dreams of a winning season: shattered two weeks ago.

All that remained for Austin Peay's seniors, it seemed, was one last moment of glory

on their home field, on homecoming.

But fate would not even grant that modest request to these long-suffering souls, who lost their leader and their final home game in an emotional 17-14 loss to Div. II St. Joseph's (2-7) at Governors Stadium Saturday.

"I don't like to see anybody go out with a loss, but this one was extra tough," said Gobs head coach Bill Schmitz of his seniors, who have compiled a 12-30 record over the past four years, including a 3-6 mark this season.

"And it's tough not only from a performance standpoint, but an emotional standpoint as well."

For much of the game, the Gobs' emotions were centered around senior quarterback and captain Brian Baker, whose career was ended after both bones in his lower leg were broken during Austin Peay's first drive.

"I just couldn't get over that feeling in my stomach, seeing Brian laying there, knowing his career at Austin Peay was over," Schmitz said.

"I'd never seen him as fired up for a game as he was last Saturday."

In serious danger of not qualifying for the Ohio Valley Conference's six-team tournament not long ago, the Lady Gobs (14-10, 7-6) can clinch a spot with just one win in their final three matches.

(Results of APSU's Tuesday match with Murray State — who defeated the Lady Gobs earlier this season — were not available at presstime.)

"We're probably playing better as a team right now than we have the entire season," Holt said. "As we win, we develop more confidence, and that helps breed success."

The culmination of the team's current snowball of confidence was the win over Eastern.

"It was probably the best match of the year that we had played," Holt said. "Our kids were zoned — there was a feeling that it was going to be their game."

"I wish they would have told me. I could have relaxed a little bit."

While the upset over the Lady Panthers certainly boosted their position in the conference standings, a win of that caliber has done a lot for now's the time."

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Golf teams finish fall leg on sour note at home tourney

Caps off a disappointing first half of season for highly regarded squads

By T.J. LUSK
Sports editor

Mark Leroux isn't one to pull punches. If his team's better than yours, he'll say so. But by the same token, he'll tell you just as flatly when his players aren't getting it done.

And unfortunately, he's been doing more of the latter these days.

"It's not been up to par," said Leroux of his teams' play thus far. "Both the players and the coaches are disappointed with the way we've played."

On paper, neither the men's finishes in tournaments (2nd, 3rd, 5th and 17th) nor the women's (3rd, 4th, 4th, 5th, 14th) have been awful, but their coach has understandably high expectations.

His Gobs are the defending Ohio Valley Conference Champions, while the Lady Gobs return nearly everyone from their third-place team of a year ago.

"We feel like these are the most competitive teams we've ever had at Austin Peay," Leroux said, "but they still haven't performed like they're capable."

And last week's showing at APSU's own Precept Intercollegiate was a perfect example of that.

In a tournament Leroux expected both of his teams to win, the women finished fourth of 10 teams, while the men surrendered their first-round lead to finish second.

Obviously disgusted with such results, Leroux had just one word to describe the way his team played at the Precept: "Poorly."

And unfortunately for his golfers, they'll be reminded of that all winter long — by way of Leroux's midseason workout regimen, that is.

And particularly so while engaging in what Leroux calls their "new-found adventure": sprinting up the steep hill behind the baseball field.

"It's our championship hill," says Leroux, who is already using it to put his teams' legs and lungs to the grindstone.

"We had a very ... spirited practice (Monday)," he said.



Staff photo by Alicia Archuleta

Austin Peay's Ryan Strickland blasts out of the sand during the Precept Intercollegiate at the Clarksville Country Club last Tuesday. The Gobs, who led after the first round, finished four shots behind first-place Samford. Strickland finished in a tie for 11th.

But while the teams haven't quite played to their potential thus far, Leroux is careful not to become too alarmed just yet — his teams have three more months before their next tournament, and five before the one that really matters: the OVC Championships.

Players on both sides are improving rapidly — a trend Leroux expects to continue all the way up to the championships.

"It's only a matter of time before the women blossom," Leroux said, mentioning that sophomore Lynn Mantooth and freshman Samantha Fox are making solid

progress.

And as for the men, "I think our chances of winning (the OVC) are as good as anyone's," Leroux said. "I know we have at least four very good golfers, and I'm not sure if any other team in the conference has that kind of depth."

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Austin Peay senior quarterback Brian Baker (partly obscured, on stretcher) is consoled by teammate Mike Ogg (8) before being loaded onto an ambulance after breaking his leg Saturday. Baker ended his career as the most prolific quarterback in school history despite being injured most of his junior season. Among the many career records he holds are most passing yards (5,587), most touchdown passes (48) and highest completion percentage (58.2).

the psyches of Holt's green group of young women.

"It was a real confidence-booster for our club," Holt said.

"It proved to them that they could do it — that they could play with the best."

OVC STANDINGS (as of Nov. 5)

	OVC	overall
Tennessee-Martin	12-2	22-7
Eastern Illinois	10-3	16-7
Morehead State	11-4	18-9
Southeast Missouri	8-6	12-13
Austin Peay	7-6	14-10
Eastern Kentucky	7-8	12-12
Murray State	6-9	8-19
Tennessee Tech	2-12	6-15
Tennessee State	0-13	4-19

*Top six qualify for OVC Tournament.

*Friday, Nov. 9—Austin Peay (14-10) at Tennessee-Martin (22-7)

*Sunday, Nov. 11—Austin Peay (14-10) at Eastern Illinois (16-7)



HOLT

Editorial

Fight breaks out, shatters spirit

By NAYDIA SPEARS
Editorial Page Assistant

For the past couple of weeks, I have been writing about the usual aspects that make up Austin Peay State University.



SPEARS

I have written about the threats made on America, Homecoming and the little accident I had last Friday.

Each week as I make my way across this campus, I realize and see things I have never seen before.

One of these realizations occurred Saturday.

During Homecoming week, there always are a variety of performances and activities that highlight the week.

This 75th year at APSU was no different.

On Saturday evening, I attended the step show in Clement Auditorium.

I volunteered to assist with the event and was surprised at the number of people crowded outside of Clement at 8 p.m.

Quite frankly, I had anticipated a small crowd.

But I was wrong.

The auditorium reached capacity, and people were turned away.

Those who had already paid were reimbursed.

The voices of parents, students and children alike were heard throughout the auditorium.

As the night began, I settled into my seat, the very last seat on the last row in the auditorium.

True, it was not the best seat in the house, but I could still see

everything that was happening.

I would soon regret that.

As the first group of steppers began their performance, the audience raved and cheered.

Even in my nosebleed seat, I was enjoying the event.

That is when all hell broke loose.

Please pardon my abrupt use of language; however, I feel there is simply no other way to describe it.

Chaos just would not do it justice.

Even upon reflection, I am not quite certain what happened or why.

It was like a car accident.

Everything took place so quickly, the audience and I had barely a chance to blink before fists began flying.

The clapping and yelling of the audience turned quickly into yells and screams as several young men rushed toward the stage.

For a brief moment, I was stunned.

I felt like it was all part of the act; then I realized it was real.

Remember earlier about the realization I had?

It was more like a slap in the face that made my body jolt.

As soon as I "came to," I rushed out the door to phone the police station.

There were only three officers present at the event that night, so I figured a few more could not hurt anything.

As a resident assistant in Sevier Hall, I am accustomed to speaking with the police, so I quickly informed the dispatcher about the situation.

As I was standing outside, several people began to stream out the side door.

I heard cuss words, complaints and unforgettably, I heard fear.

One could almost taste the

confusion and frustration in the atmosphere.

As things settled down and people regained their seats, I also made my way back into the auditorium.

At this point, I ran into a mother with two young children.

At that moment in time, I realized what her children had just witnessed, and I wondered what kind of impact it would have on their young lives.

This moment in their lives could easily have turned out to be one that no one could ever forget.

Even though it was announced that the event would continue, I decided not to stay.

As I left the concrete steps of the Clement Building and began my trek to Sevier Hall, I had a few moments to reflect on what had just happened.

Questions were swirling around inside my head, and my feet moved in a constant, unchanging rhythm.

In my opinion, the stupidity of what I had witnessed baffled me.

When will people realize that violence serves only one race: ignorance!

I cannot define the emotions I felt after returning to my small room.

However, I was certain of one thing: I had witnessed fear, and I had felt panic.

For me, the overwhelming emotion was helplessness.

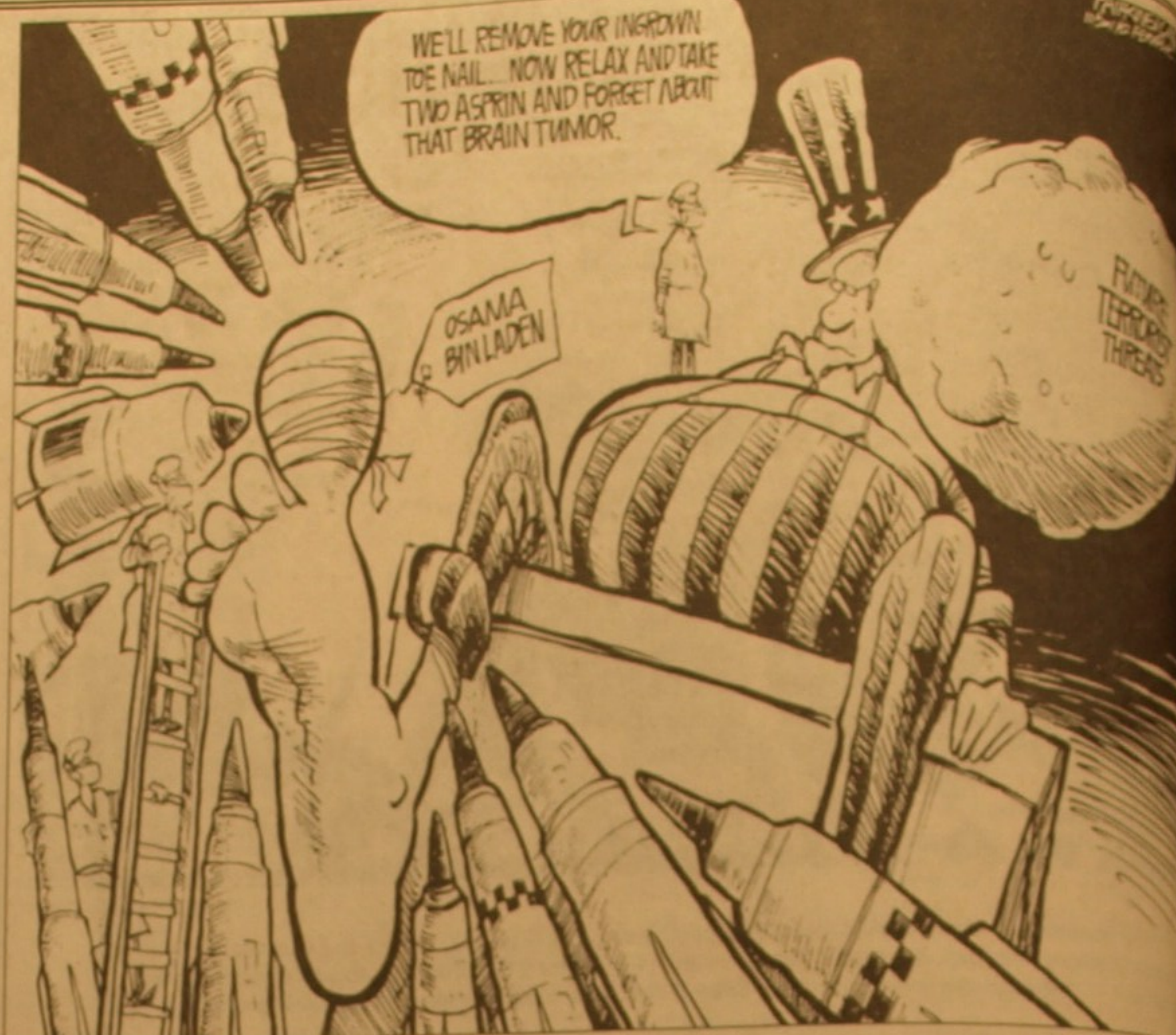
I felt utter defeat, as a student and as a citizen of America.

Celebrate diversity? What diversity?

It seems as though we are all alike.

We hit instead of speak. We scream when we should listen.

And we run away when we should help.



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In light of the recent bomb threat, I am reminded of what liberties Americans share.

Most important is the right to free speech, the freedom that was highly misused on Oct. 10 when a person called to say there was a bomb on the campus.

Although the individual did

express his or herself freely, what he or she did also broke the law.

Which is another reminder that there is a fine line between rights of the people and the possibility to step on another person's toes when exercising personal liberties.

I am not saying this person called in to make this point about infringing on rights, and it may have been someone's sick idea of a

joke. However, I cannot ignore events of the last months, and cannot help but appreciate that basic freedoms even when they are being misused.

Kristin Hall
Student

Dude looks like a lady revisited...

an editorial perspective



Staff photo by Tammy Sparks

Midnight Crossing returned to the APSU Homecoming stage on Tuesday.



Anthrax scares students

By KRISTEN HALL
Staff Writer

Friday morning the campus post office was shut down because of an anthrax scare.

I want to emphasize the word "scare" here because that was all it was.

Fear is spreading faster than any disease these terrorists could have concocted.

And that is exactly what they want. America's enemy is harder to spot now.

Masked behind letters, we cannot grasp or define it hoping in some way to regain some composure.

We look to our authorities to explain what is causing this fright, but they do not know either.

It seems impossible to combat an invisible enemy who is bound by no reasons other than to just frighten us.

The terrorists' weapon is not the anthrax they seal in envelopes but

the mass hysteria growing all around the country.

People who put hoax envelopes filled with white substances to post offices are tools of the enemy, although indirect, but just as dangerous.

Americans have more to fear in ourselves than in the mail.

Suddenly this has become a psychological war.

When this all started with the destruction of the World Trade Center, I never thought I would be affected so close to home.

War, to me and I'm sure many other young people, seems so far away, fought by people I do not know and whose actions rarely affect my own.

However, this is a very different fight.

Every American is involved now, and we have to stay united to win.

We cannot start accusing our neighbors and pointing fingers.

That is what these terrorists want: disunity and chaos. It is quite

easy to fall into this trap.

We have to start using some common sense, but we also must be educated to the threat.

President Sherry Hoppe proved to be an excellent example showing enough concern to fully investigate the problem Friday morning but not overreacting by evacuating the campus.

She used reason and prudence in response to the anthrax scare, and the situation was controlled in a matter of hours.

I hope this incident will not arise again, but if it does I believe the students of APSU are in very capable hands.

This is our campus, and for some of us, our homes.

I do not intend to let it be overrun by fear. We have to look to our national anthem for support because we live in "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

We must remember that we decide what our nation will be like.

Homecoming is rigged

By GARY SUTTON
Staff Writer

We all have gone through the grocery store and seen the contest that certain products have offered.

"Win a million dollars." "Win a skiing trip for two." "Win dog food for the rest of your dog's life."

And out of the sheer chance that we might actually win, we enter and then wait for that phone call to say that we have won the grand prize.

If you have ever looked on the small print while waiting for that phone call to come, you might have noticed the disclaimer that is attached to the rules:

"Employees and their family of corporation X are not eligible to win."

This rule was established to protect the consumer and give the buyer the notion that the game is not rigged.

However, the rules are not the same here at Austin Peay State University where all three

members of the Student Government Association executive council and one senator have been entered into the running for the title of Homecoming king or queen.

This might sound odd to you. Well, it would not if you did not know that SGA is the main organizer of Homecoming.

While candidates from all across the campus are gathering their campaign materials and rallying support, our own SGA executive officers are doing the same.

Is this fair? To most individuals, this is not.

Unfortunately, in this situation the inside track belongs to those who know the race and work to design the event.

Some people would argue that there is no special advantage to being in SGA and being on the court at the same time.

It is really not up to them if they get put on the court or not.

So, why the big fuss? It is called conflict of interest. To organize your own Homecoming event and join in the race is possibly unethical.

To be elected Homecoming king or queen, a panel of selected judges must interview the candidates.

You might ask who selects the

judges? A SGA committee!

So, to know the names of those doing the interviews would be an opportunity to make an early impression on the judges.

It also is an argument that during Homecoming our SGA leaders will be split into two different roles, one of Homecoming court attendant and the other as a troubleshooter, working out the kinks of the long day.

I propose that SGA should pass a rule prohibiting any SGA member from being considered a candidate for the Homecoming court.

This would ensure equal fairness among all potential candidates.

This rule also would allow more time for SGA members to devote to troubleshooting during Homecoming.

Another benefit of this new rule would be getting more people involved.

How fun is it to see the same people do everything?

Do we really need our elected SGA members to rule as Homecoming king or queen?

I think it would be more fair to allow someone else a chance to enjoy the spotlight.

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Features

Expert offers self-defense tips

By RICHARD LUNTZ
Executive Self Defense

College students and employees can take steps to protect themselves.

One of the best burglary deterrents is to be aware and cancel the open invitations you extend unwittingly to the roving burglar.

*If you have to go out and expect someone to visit, don't leave any notes taped to the door about when you will return. Let a neighbor know instead.

*Never carry tag with your name, phone number and address on your key ring. If you lose the ring, someone may call to see if you are home. If you are not, this is an invitation for an intruder to enter your home and steal your valuables.

*Separate your car keys from house keys.

*If you move into a new apartment or home, change the locks.

*Buy a key-locking bar for any patio sliding doors or use a strong, wooden dowel about a inch shorter than the length of the sliding door, and slip it in the door channel.

*If you are a woman living alone, list only your last name and initial in the phone book or apartment directory.

*When leaving the area, have someone you trust turn lights off and on or get a timer that will do it automatically.

*If you return home and find the door open or hear noise inside, don't go in. Call campus police or 911.

*If you enter building and want to use elevator or stairs to upper floors and see something suspicious, wait and don't enter.

Most criminals are opportunists. They take advantage of a promising situation, which is presented to them. The key to crime prevention is to remove the opportunity for crime from your everyday activities. Be aware and don't be a victim.

For more information about self defense, call (931) 572-9534 or send e-mail to sgtmaj@webtv.net.

Chi Epsilon Mu receives national rating

By SARAH REED
Features Editor

Chi Epsilon Mu, Austin Peay State University's student affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS), received an outstanding rating for its level and range of activities during the 2000-2001 academic year, an honor received by only 24 chapters out of more than 900 in the United States and the highest recognition given to student affiliate chapters.

Under the leadership of Dr. Ron Robertson, associate professor of chemistry, and Dr. Todd Lafrenz, assistant professor of chemistry, Chi

Epsilon Mu received the rating for the second year in a row. "This recognition reflects back on the students. They take a lot of pride in being involved and care genuinely about having a good program," said Lafrenz.

"To me the honor means we have a strong chemistry department that is student-oriented and relates well to the community. This has brought honor to our University, our department and, most importantly, to the students we have in our club. It shows once again that great things can happen when the chemistry's right," said Robertson.

The APSU chapter will be recognized at the national ACS meeting in Orlando in April 2002 and will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Chemical and Engineering News*.

To achieve this recognition, Chi Epsilon Mu members worked more than 100 hours in Montgomery County classrooms doing chemistry demonstrations in "Kids and Chemistry," helped with hands-on activities during National Chemistry Week at the Cumberland Science Museum, sponsored an annual pre-professional health career seminar, helped with the Montgomery

County Science Fair and started a high school research competition modeled after the collegiate division of the Tennessee Academy of Science.

Every year ACS chapters submit a report of their activities, and these reports determine which chapters are honored. "To achieve this award, documentation of activities involving research, career education, fellowship and outreach to the community was shown," said Robertson.

The purpose of Chi Epsilon Mu is to provide an opportunity for students to become better acquainted with other students in

chemistry and related fields, to sponsor extracurricular activities that will expand students' knowledge of chemistry and associated careers, to involve students in service to APSU and the community and to give students an understanding of career opportunities in chemistry and related fields. "Membership in ACS, the largest professional organization in the world, is a way of beginning to build a professional network," said Lafrenz.

For more information about Chi Epsilon Mu, telephone Robertson at (931) 221-6298 or Lafrenz (931) 221-7621.

Taylors establish geography scholarship

By SARAH REED
Features Editor

Staff in Austin Peay State University's Office of University Advancement announce the establishment of the Taylor Scholarship in Geography.

Dr. James Woodall Taylor and Mrs. Avo Head Taylor, Cedar Hill, created this endowed scholarship.

The endowment is provided from funds from a living trust established by the Taylors who designated that their home, five acres of land and securities be given to APSU. Interest from the endowment will provide scholarships to students majoring in geography with preference given to students from Montgomery, Robertson and Sumner counties.

"I am very pleased and appreciative of Dr. and Mrs. Taylor's desire to create scholarships for students majoring in geography. This type of planned giving is an excellent way for donors to continue to use their resources while ensuring that their estate will benefit students in the future," said Dr. Sherry Hoppe, APSU president.

"Endowments such as this provide a gift over and over again through the income they generate. Many students will have the opportunity to attend Austin Peay for years to come as a result of this generous gift," said Hoppe.

A 1947 alumnus of APSU, Dr. Taylor said, "Austin Peay Normal School helped me get a good education in ways I could not help myself. During the late 1930s, unemployment in the United States was about 25 percent, and I could not get a job to support myself.

"Austin Peay Normal School put me on National Youth Administration and the next quarter gave me a job washing dishes in the cafeteria. These jobs provided my food, and I borrowed money to pay my registration and textbook rental."

According to Dr. Taylor, he then

completed the two-year program and received a teaching certificate.

"We have fond memories of APSU and are interested in helping students who need assistance," said Mrs. Taylor.

"Dr. and Mrs. Taylor's generosity will make a difference in the lives of APSU students. We appreciate deeply this gesture and know it will provide opportunities for students to be successful in the field of geography. Our geography department is excited about the Taylors' generous gift," said Roy Gregory, executive director of the Office of University Advancement.

While at APSU, Dr. Taylor completed an associate's degree and taught for one year. Then the military called. He signed up for a year but served 54 months during World War II. After the war, he returned to APSU to complete his bachelor's degree.

After earning a bachelor of science degree in education with a double major in science and English, Taylor undertook post-graduate work at Syracuse University where he received a master's degree and Indiana University where he earned a doctorate in geography.

He spent his career teaching geography at Peabody College,

Memphis State University, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and Western Kentucky University.

According to the Taylors, they always will have fond memories of APSU because of the relationships they developed and the teachers who touched their lives.

"At APSU we had small classes, so we got to know the teachers and they got to know us. This left emotional and psychological bonds to the University. I remember Mr. Spafford, Mr. Law, Mr. Bond, Mr. Woodward, Ms. Huff and Mr. Moffit. Their interest in the individual student was outstanding," said Dr. Taylor.

"There are still students in Sumner, Robertson and Montgomery counties who are unable to attend college financially. A scholarship program to help these worthy students obtain an education—a good knowledge of the world in which we live—will repay in a small way the debt which I owe to my alma mater and the state of Tennessee.

"The education I received has enabled me to live a happy, successful and productive life for which I am grateful," said Dr. Taylor.



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