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## Student Affairs announces reorganization



Vanessya Fountain serves students at the Office of Student Affairs.

By JOHNNY V. SPARKS JR.  
Editor in Chief

The Austin Peay State University Division of Student Affairs recently introduced a "learning-centered" reorganization plan that eliminates one position, but increases student services.

The scheme promises to more effectively manage dwindling fiscal and human resources, according to Dr. Jennifer Meningall, vice president of Student Affairs.

"What we've decided to do is cluster things together," Meningall said. "The services will continue to be provided, but in a different format."

Meningall says the new configuration will "enhance a

team approach."

She says that the plan will help maximize the potential and creativity of the Student Affairs staff, provide students with the highest quality of programs and service and minimize duplication of program, services and expenditures.

One facet of the plan involves training student leaders to assist through the implementation of more paraprofessional positions like the Resident Assistant.

"We are going to be working with students to give them more leadership opportunities to help us do this work," Meningall said.

Learning stands as a central goal of the new arrangement.

"We are going to be doing a lot of talking to students," Meningall said. "We are going to focus a great deal of attention to academic-related support and personal social development."

In addition to the student services previously provided by the division, new services emerge with the proposal including adult programming, evening services and a residential recycling program.

The Director for Student Affairs Fort Campbell and Off-Campus Programs represents the only position eliminated. The former position's duties will be redistributed to the remaining staff.

Several staff members will

incur new titles and duties.

The redistribution of duties was designed to meet student needs and facilitates fiscal demands.

"Even before going to this we saved over \$90,000, this year," Meningall said. "When we do this, there will savings mostly in operational budgets. I am not sure we will be able to save any additional money. We are going to be able to use more efficiently the money we have."

*The All State will continue with comprehensive coverage of the reorganization of the Division of Student Affairs beginning in January 2002.*

## Campus prepares for TBR meeting

Regents define APSU's future starting Thursday

By JOSIE L. CURTIS  
Assistant News Editor

Austin Peay State University will host the quarterly meeting of the Tennessee Board of Regents in the music mass communication concert hall Dec. 6-7.

The board will hold individual committee meetings on Dec. 6, beginning at 9 a.m. and will

convene Dec. 7 at 9:30 a.m. to take formal action on the Defining Our Future proposal.

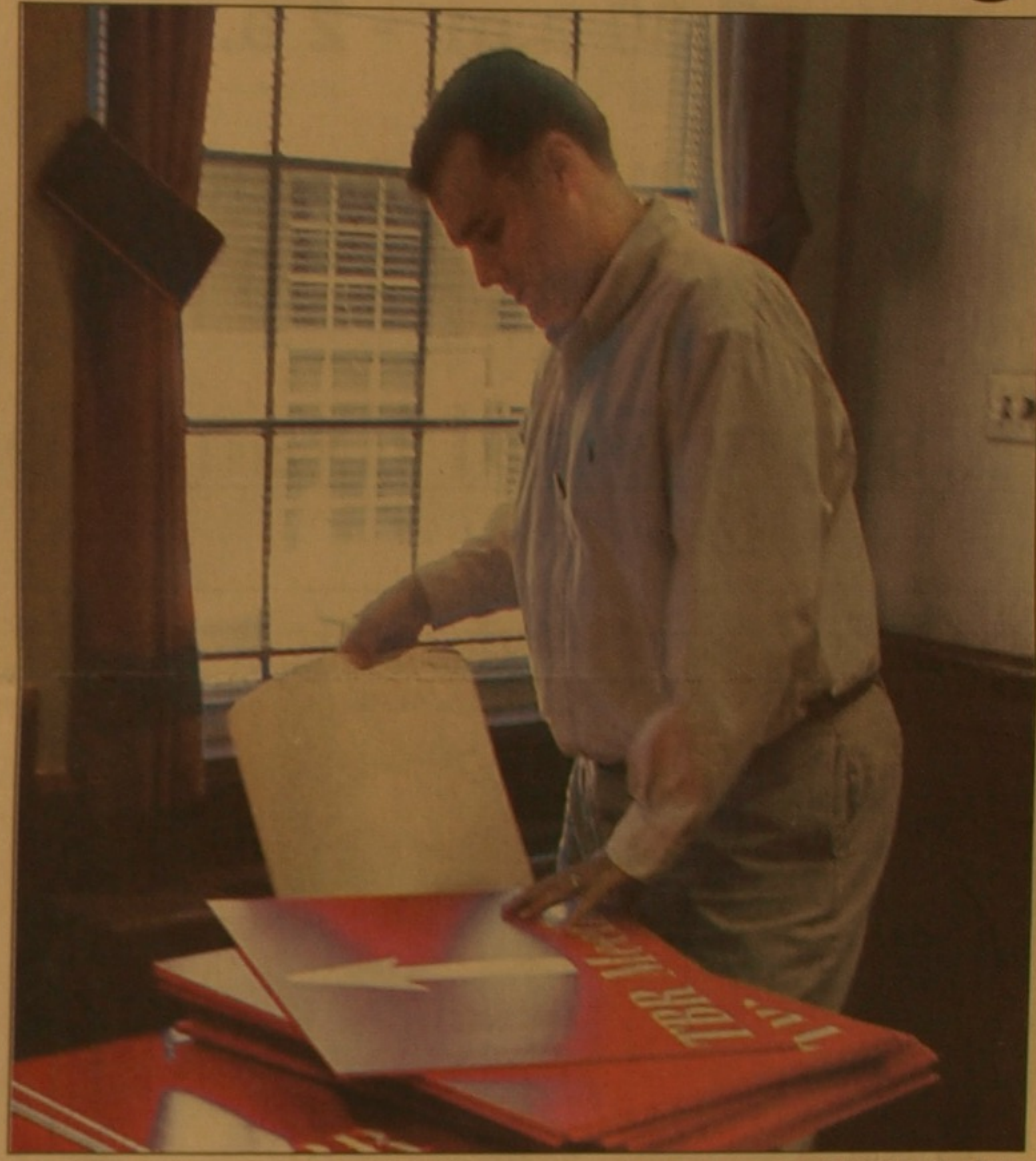
"The report that will be discussed and presumably voted on integrates information from town hall meetings, action committee reports and discussions and interactions with the presidents and members of the Tennessee Board of Regents," said Dr. Charles

Manning, TBR chancellor.

According to the latest draft of the Defining Our Future proposal, the primary objective for this meeting requires board members and trustees to "study their operations to determine how they can operate more efficiently and with more limited resources."

The proposal lists the following six recommendations the TBR will take into consideration in order to achieve the meeting's objective: reduce the cost of remedial and developmental education, reduce the cost of earning a degree, reduce the time to earn a degree for transfer students, reduce the cost of or eliminate off-campus locations that are not cost-effective, eliminate underperforming academic programs and share and pool resources.

"The goal is to be more efficient in using our very limited resources and thereby reach more students



Bill Persinger, APSU Public Relations, prepares signs for the weekend meeting.



The regents' packets stand ready for distribution in the Browning Building.

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## Alpha Sigma Alpha helps Special Olympics

By TERESA PIGG  
Guest Writer

Sisters of Austin Peay State University's Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority donated more than 100 decorated water bottles from fall recruitment to the Special Olympics program at Montgomery Central High School Nov. 29.

The Special Olympics program is Alpha Sigma

Alpha's national philanthropy project.

"This philanthropy provides us direction on how to help others," said Stephanie Highsmith, sister of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Along with the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha, ladies who had participated in sorority recruitment 2001 lent a helping hand by decorating all of the water bottles during the week's

philanthropy night to donate to the Special Olympics program. The ladies from Alpha Sigma Alpha's philanthropy night also signed a card for the children who participated in the program.

The sorority's idea to donate the water bottles to the program at Montgomery Central came from Alpha Sigma Alpha sister Ashley Martin who had worked with

this particular school's program previously.

Six sisters, Nikki England, Stephanie Highsmith, Ashley Martin, Haley Ray, Lindsay Reeves and Naydia Spears, donated their personal time to deliver the water bottles to Montgomery Central's Special Olympics program.

The Special Olympics' participants greeted the sisters warmly as they entered the classroom.

"The children loved all the attention and friendly spirit they received from the sisters," said Highsmith.

The sisters handed out the water bottles, passed around the card from sorority recruitment, sang various Christmas songs and took pictures with the children. The program director told the sisters they would donate some of the decorated water bottles to the main Special

Olympics program.

Highsmith felt the program was very rewarding, not only to the participating children, but also to her and her sisters.

"It wasn't the material things we brought to them. It was the friendship and kindness we gave to them while we were there. We were blessed and enriched by this experience," said Highsmith.

## Renovations continue at Pace Alumni Center

By STACY MURPHREE  
News Editor

Renovations for the Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill are scheduled to be completed in January.

The center is the home of Austin Peay State University's National Alumni Association and has been under reconstruction since April 2000.

"I am looking forward to having space available for alumni and the university community again," Shelia Boone, director of Alumni and Annual Giving, said.

For the past year, the alumni offices have been located temporarily in the Browning Building, sharing office space with the Office

of University Advancement.

Boone notes her enthusiasm has been heightened within the past few weeks because progress in the restoration project is becoming more noticeable.

Stabilizing the foundation, replacing outdated wiring and plumbing, installing new heating and air systems and replacing the roof and windows are among some of the ongoing renovations. Also, a handicap ramp is being added to the building.

"I think people will be impressed with the new look," Boone said.

Unexpected repairs were needed when the back portion of the house was discovered to be structurally

unsound. This part will be torn down and rebuilt.

"This was the only major addition to our initial plans of construction," Boone said.

The renovation project has been funded by donations from different companies and alumni including Wayne Pace, John R. Wallace, the Montgomery County Alumni Chapter and the Trane Support Group.

The Alumni Office is planning a dedication of the newly restored building in the spring, possibly in May.

"It will be wonderful to be back into such a magnificent setting," says Boone.



Johnny Simon repairs the decorative rail on the balcony of the Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hills.

TBR discusses the future of remedial, developmental studies

By KALEN McELHENY  
Assistant to the Editor

The future of Austin Peay State University's development and remedial programs will be one of many topics discussed at the meeting held on Dec. 6 by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Each of these programs was intended to provide added instruction to students who need a helping hand before they begin college.

"Students in remedial developmental studies need a little refresher in a subject area," said Charles Manning, chancellor of the TBR.

"Students in remedial courses are not ready for college-level work and must learn a significant amount of material before they are prepared to succeed in college courses."

Discussions over the necessity of remedial courses at APSU included the phasing out of these programs within the next five years due to budget cuts.

"Under discussion now would be a reduction in the funding at universities for remedial/developmental courses to the same funding level as the state gives community colleges," said Dr. Sherry Hoppe, APSU president.

Hoppe said they were looking at possibly reducing the tuition level to the same charged at community colleges when they are enrolled in remedial/developmental courses.

Hoppe said her biggest concern is the lack of community colleges located near APSU to provide alternate remedial programs.

"The original proposal was to transfer the programming to community colleges," she said.

"We were concerned about it because the adult students who come to us and need remediation may well not be willing to travel to Clarksville, which is the closest community college."

She also said a plan to move students through the program more quickly will be considered with emphasis on the most cost-efficient plan.

"We will still have them, but the question is how they will be structured and how they will be taught," Hoppe said.

"We just have to get our remedial/developmental faculty to put on their creative hats and come up with ways to reduce costs and to move students through faster."

Even if the developmental program remained, the remedial program will be eliminated.

"The remedial program could continue for five years, but after five years we would stop having remedial and continue to have developmental," she said.

The TBR meeting will affect working on the APSU campus Dec. 5, 6, and 7.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 5, through noon on Dec. 7, approximately one hundred parking spaces in the Archwood and Truham parking lots will be served to accommodate our guests. Shuttle service will be provided from the Armory parking lot and the APSU overflow parking lot on Farris Street during the days affected from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Thank you, Bob Adams, Vice President for Finance and Administration



## Tax system prompts TBR action

BY KALEN McELHENY  
Assistant to the Editor

The Tennessee Board of Regents will attend a meeting on Dec. 6 entitled "Defining Our Future" to discuss a number of issues dealing with Austin Peay State University's financial future.

These budget cuts are the result of the Tennessee's tax base, said Dr. Sherry Hoppe, president of APSU.

"Our tax base is predominantly sales tax driven and so it fluctuates pretty dramatically with changes in the economy," said Hoppe.

"The states that have a more stable funding base, that is an income tax, have fewer fluctuations,

so they don't end up with the same kind of situation that we have."

Members of the TBR and representatives from their universities will consider how their institutions can operate efficiently with limited resources.

Questions facing the board include the impact of the decrease in the current budget, continuing decreases and how the TBR itself can operate efficiently with decreased revenue.

Hoppe said higher education is competing with a number of government-funded programs including prisons, grade level schools and TennCare.

"In Tennessee, you have all of

these competing needs taking larger and larger pieces of the budget and the economy is not what we would like for it to be," said Hoppe.

"Once those inflections go down, we're a place that the state can look to and cut, unfortunately."

The decisions being made this year may drastically influence APSU's curriculum.

"It's hard to know until we see the exact numbers, what the impact would be," said Hoppe.

"On a very positive note, you've got the potential for salary increases that are certainly needed."

### Help Wanted:

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## Library Final Exam Hours

**Sunday, December 9**  
**3 p.m. - 2 a.m.**

**Mon., Dec. 10 - Thurs., Dec. 13**  
**7:30 a.m. - 2 a.m.**

**Friday, December 14**  
**7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

## Library Final Exam Hours



Workers race to complete the sidewalk before the arrival of the regents on Friday. The Joe Morgan University Center

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with a quality education," said Manning.

Reducing the cost of remedial and developmental education involves moving students into college-level classes faster, awarding a maximum of three credit hours for remedial and developmental courses and decreasing the state and student costs for remedial and developmental courses at universities to the community college level.

Reducing the cost of earning a degree includes lowering the number of hours required for graduation to 60 hours for associate degrees and 120 hours for baccalaureate degrees and allowing exceptions only for specialized accreditation requirements.

"That would be a major change to across the state reduce all baccalaureate degrees to 120 hours," said Dr. Sherry Hoppe, APSU president.

Reducing the time to earn a degree for transfer students entails mandating universities to accept AA and AS degrees as fulfillments of lower division general education core requirements and establishing a common lower division general education core fully transferable within the TBR system.

"If you take a combination of reducing the total number of hours to 120 and reducing the general education core at lower division, we'd be limited in the number of hours we could have at the upper division," Hoppe said.

"You would have 32 hours at the lower division and 12 at the upper division," she said.

Reducing the cost of or eliminating off-campus locations that are not cost-effective necessitates that all off-campus sites operate efficiently.

Eliminating under-performing academic programs implicates

abolishing or combining programs with unwarranted net cost or a low number of graduates and removing combining programs that unnecessarily duplicate.

Sharing and pooling means sharing technology, faculty and courses among institutions to increase efficiency and service.

"Higher education institutions in Tennessee are being asked to be more efficient with less money while at the same time delivering a quality education to increasing numbers of people," Manning said.

The meeting is open to the public, and the latest draft of "Defining Our Future" is available at [www.tbr.edu](http://www.tbr.edu).

"I encourage students, faculty and staff to come," Hoppe said.

## Austin Peay State University Student Allocations Committee

takes pride in recognizing the following student organizations for providing activities and events for Austin Peay students:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority - Fatima Coofer, President  
Special interest forum, party

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Game Convention

Govs Guard Club - ROTC - Daniel Galloway, President  
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Special interest forums

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Midnite Crossing

Student Government Association - Louise Morales, President  
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To learn more about how to obtain funding from Student Allocations Committee for events sponsored by your organization please visit [www.apsu.edu/sac](http://www.apsu.edu/sac) or contact Student Affairs.



## SPICE UP THE SEASON

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## "END OF THE SEMESTER PARTY!"

**WHAT:** End of the semester party—open to ALL APSU students

**WHEN:** Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 9-Midnight

**WHERE:** Franklin St. Banquet Hall--Downtown (Old Moose Creek)

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# Sports



T.J. LUSK

## Lusk: 'I miss my blankie'

It hit me a few weeks back. And it hit me hard. It was just after I'd wrapped up another routine Monday night at The All State. I left the building, just as the sun was rising, to find my vehicle entombed in an arctic glacier — nothing unusual. But as I chiseled my windshield, and with the sun blinding my still-bleeding eyes, I finally saw it. It was time.

Time for me to hang 'em up after one year as sports editor of The All State.

Now, I know what you're thinking. Why now? Why — when he's at the pinnacle of his game? When he's still got so much gas left in the tank?

Valid questions all. But while the perks that go along with the job are many — the glory, the adoration, the groupies to name a few — their glow fades with time.

And eventually, the things that really matter — the things I'd been missing out on for so long — start coming into back into focus.

Sleep. My Tuesday morning class. Monday Night Football.

But there's another reason behind my decision: I've seen my skills begin to diminish over the past semester.

Sure, it hardly shows up to the average fan come Wednesday. But I see it.

Those sections that I could whip out in less than nine hours when I was a sophomore? A thing of the past now.

"Nine hours?" you say. Nine hours.

Sigh ... it's something I've been too proud to admit until now.

It takes me nothing short of a geological epoch to write a single cohesive story.

And believe me, I've tried it all. Choking up on my mouse. Corking my keyboard. Everything.

But as much as I've fought it, every Monday night/Tuesday morning seems to turn out the same way every time:

5-8 p.m.: Compile information, conduct interviews with coaches, etc.

8:00: Begin formulating lede for first story.

11:37: Lede crafted to perfection.

11:43: Realization that lede sucks. I contemplate suicide.

12:06-2:21 a.m.: Rift in the space-time continuum. No memory of my coinciding actions.

3:32: Hallucinations begin. The All State is overrun with little purple elephants.

4:09: I flatline. Elephants manage to revive me.

4:45: I have totally evolved into Tom Hanks' character in "Castaway" — complete with foot-long beard, loin cloth, makeshift raft (I don't know why either) and inanimate companion: Tachikara, my volleyball media guide.

5:13: I lose consciousness on Ol' Pukey, The All State's green vinyl couch (circa 1966).

6:10: I awake to find that Tachikara has completed my section. I go home.

Every time, it seems.

And what's more, I'm just not seeing another tide run on this team's horizon.

After Kyle Tucker stabbed me in the back, my assistant editor left after testing the free agent waters last semester, we just haven't been able to get back to that championship level.

And so, as sad and abrupt as it seems to you all, today I officially announce my retirement as sports editor of The All State.

I look forward to returning to the simple life — a life where I can, once again, skip my classes for no legitimate reason.

## Ball State drops Govs 81-60 in title game

### Stapleton finding stroke after early shooting slump

The All State

Austin Peay left the First Merchants Classic as the runners-up — but not because Nick Stapleton didn't leave a championship performance out on the floor.

Stapleton, APSU's standout senior shooting guard, scored 29 and 30 points in the Govs' second-place showing last week in Muncie, Ind.

Stapleton rallied APSU (3-4) past SUNY-Binghamton, 54-51, in their first game, but the Govs were overpowered by host Ball State, 81-60, in the championship game.

The Cardinals (4-1), the nation's 20th-ranked team, defeated No. 4 Kansas and No. 3 UCLA in the season-opening Maui Invitational.

But whereas Stapleton's offensive performance was brilliant, his teammates' was lackluster.

No other Gov scored in double figures in either game, and Stapleton outscored the rest of his teammates by a count of 59-55.

The Govs are searching for somebody to complement Stapleton's output — nobody else on the Govs' roster is averaging double-figure scoring.

Sharpshooting guard Rhet Wierzbza has shown flashes of offensive firepower, but shot only 3-of-13 from the field (27 percent) during the tournament.

Stapleton's scoring, though, was just enough against SUNY-Binghamton.

Austin Peay trailed by 7 at halftime, but Stapleton scored 18 of his 30 points in the second half.

His final two — coming on a 16-footer with 13 seconds remaining — gave APSU the lead



Austin Peay's Nick Stapleton soars to the basket during the Govs' 75-42 win over Marian on Nov. 26 at the Dunn Center.

for good.

Stapleton's 29 points against Ball State, however, weren't nearly enough. The Govs were tied with the Cardinals at halftime, but were outscored 49-28 in the second half.

Next, the Govs face Arkansas-Little Rock on the road tonight, then will return for home games against No. 25 Western Kentucky (Sat., 2 p.m.) and Arkansas-Little Rock (Dec. 15 at 2 p.m.).

## Lady Govs slip to 2-3 after losses to MTSU, Florida St.

### Armistead goes for career-high 39 against Lady Raiders

The All State

Austin Peay followed up a 2-0 week by dropping games to Middle Tennessee and Florida State last week.

The Lady Govs fell to MTSU 78-69 at home on Nov. 27, then lost 89-65 at FSU last Sunday.

Sub-par shooting did the Lady Govs in each game.

Against the Lady

Raiders, APSU (2-3) simply dug itself into a hole it couldn't get out of, shooting only 7-of-27 (26 percent) on the way to trailing 33-22 at the half.

They shot better (44 percent) in the second, managing to cut their deficit to eight, but could get no closer.

Junior guard Brooke Armistead, however, had no trouble finding the net, as she scored a career-high 39 points on 11-of-20 shooting.

She also set a school record for free throws made, finishing 16-of-17 (94 percent) from the line.





Armistead cooled off a bit against FSU, though, scoring 17 points on 7-of-16 shooting.

Nevertheless, it's doubtful that APSU could have done anything to beat FSU on that day — the Seminoles set a national record by shooting a perfect 17-of-17 from the field in the second half.

The Lady Govs will play four more road games before returning for a seven-game home-stand, which includes five Ohio Valley Conference games.

APSU will travel to face Lipscomb tomorrow, will face Evansville on Nov. 15, and will play two games in a tournament at Alabama-Birmingham before returning home to face Canisius on Dec. 29.

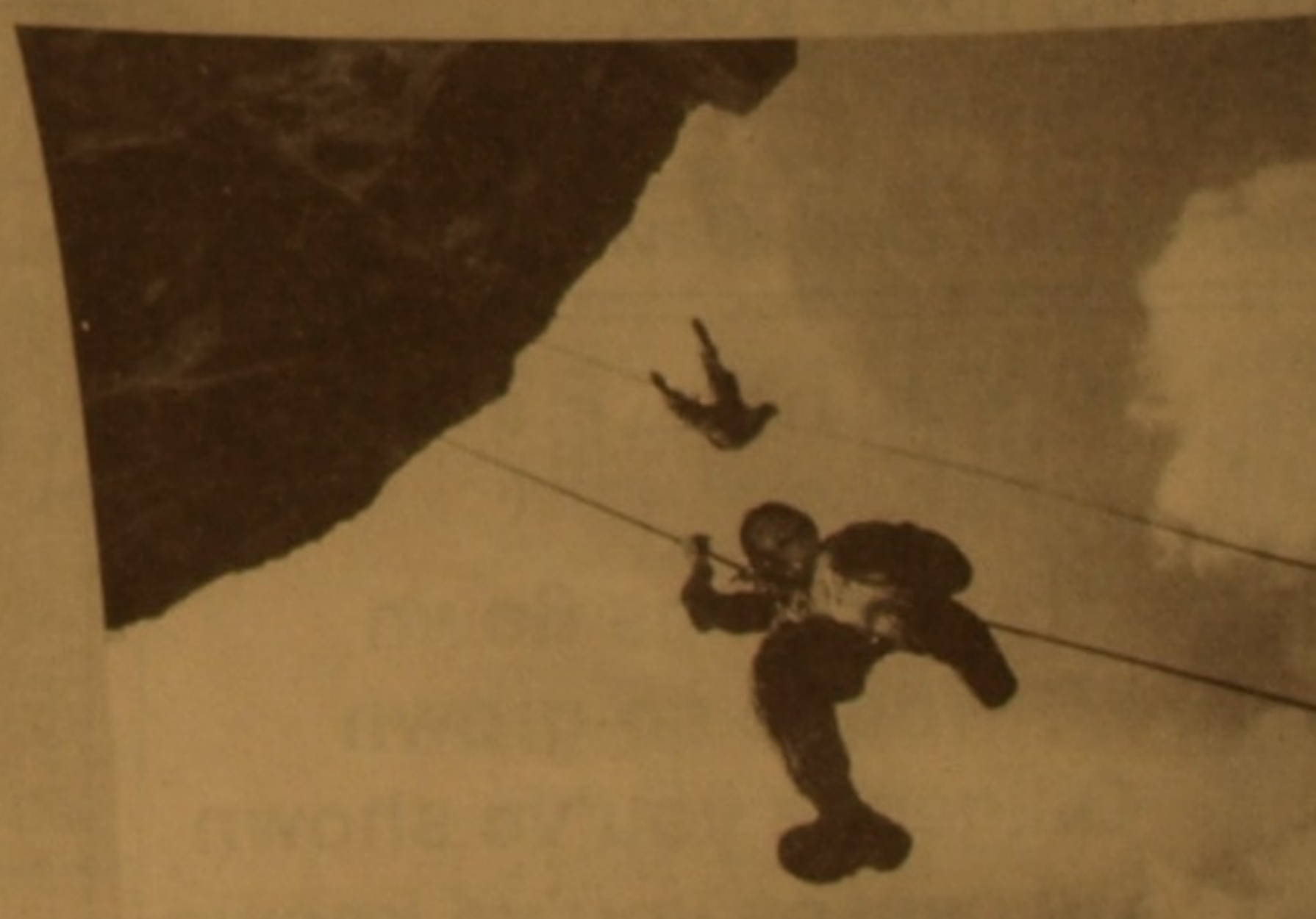
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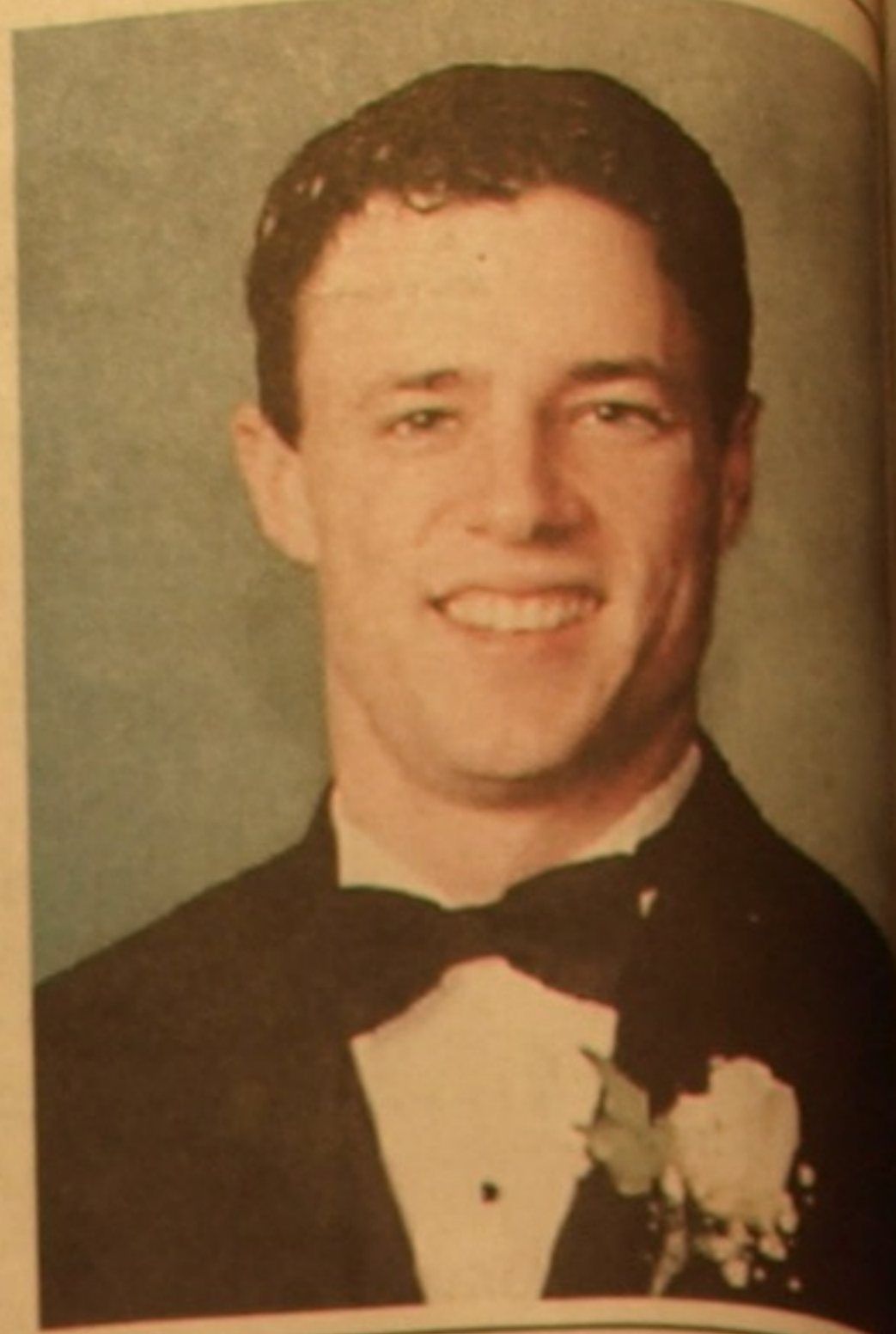
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Jennifer  
We are so proud of you as you graduate with honors. Our prayers are that God will continue to bless you  
as He has Blessed us with such a loving, bright and thoughtful daughter and sister. Always remember that  
we love you and wish you much success in the future.  
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Congratulations on  
your perseverance and  
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How blessed I am to be  
your mother and how  
thankful we are for all the  
joy you have brought into  
our lives. Steven, Lee,  
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you and join in the joy of your  
graduation. As you share your  
caring spirit with others, may your  
hopes and dreams come true.  
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## Regina McBath

Congratulations on this day; achievements  
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guide your life each day anew. When times  
get tough and things go wrong and those  
awards received just don't belong, fall on  
your knees and whisper a prayer to your  
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# DECEMBER 2001

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# Features

## Holiday concert, Hanging of the Green kick off holiday season

When Dr. George Mabry, professor of music, steps to the podium Sunday, he will celebrate his 35th anniversary conducting the Austin Peay State University Holiday Concert.

This annual event features the combined University Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Brass Choir as they perform some of the best loved music of the Christmas season.

Well known carols such as "I Saw Three Ships," "Coventry Carol," "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" and "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" will resound throughout the concert hall of the music/mass communication building on the APSU campus.

Some equally beautiful, though lesser known, music also is on the program, including the premiere performance of a new composition

by Mabry. The Chamber Singers will perform this work, a setting of "The Lamb," a poem from the "Songs of Innocence" by William Blake.

A work titled "Nunc natus est altissimus" ("Now is Born the Most High") by Dr. Jeffrey Wood, composer-in-residence, will be sung with Wood providing piano accompaniment. Pianist Anne Glass of the music faculty will play

George Frederick Handel's "With Cheerful Notes."

The 80-voice University Concert Choir will be joined by flutists Natasha Jacobs and Allison Bates in performances of "Angels to the Shepherds," "All My Heart" and "Wexford Carol."

The APSU Brass Quintet, under the direction of Richard Steffen, will join the choir in a performance of Mabry's "Sing to the Lord."

The annual "Hanging of the Green" has been incorporated into the afternoon's events.

This ritual marks APSU's official beginning of the Christmas season as the choirs and audience join in singing time-honored carols and dedicate an array of poinsettias donated by APSU faculty and staff.

Each year, the poinsettias are delivered by the APSU women's volleyball team to individuals who

are housebound.

Those attending are invited to join the performers for a hot wassail toast following the concert. The concert will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9. For information, telephone (931) 7876.

## APSU officials announce winners of 15th annual Young Composers' Competition

By SARAH REED  
Features Editor

Officials in the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts at Austin Peay State University announce the winners of the 15th annual Young Composers' Competition.

Marcus Macauley, of Mercer Island, Wash., was awarded first prize for his "Night Meditation" for violoncello and piano. At age 16, Macauley is the youngest person to win the competition.

Macauley has played the piano since age three. His compositions have received numerous national awards including the ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Award

for Young Composers, the Chamber Music Prize from the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts and the Hartt School and a BMI Student Composer Award.

His works have been performed by cellist Truls Mork, members of the Seattle Symphony, Ensemble Sospeso, Ensemble Eleven, the Aspen Music School, the Bowdoin Summer Music Festival and the Academy of Music Northwest.

A junior at Mercer Island High School, Macauley plays cello in the orchestra and piano in the jazz ensemble.

Dr. Jeremy Gill, Philadelphia, received second prize for his "Dos Sonetos de Amor" for violoncello

and piano.

Gill earned a bachelor's degree in composition from the Eastman School of Music and a doctorate in music composition from the University of Pennsylvania. In the fall of 2001, he joined the faculty of West Chester State University and accepted a teaching fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania.

Gill has received two BMI Student Composer Awards, the ASCAP Foundation Morton Gould Award for Young Composers and an honorable mention from the Barlow International Composition Competition. His music has been commissioned by the Chamber Singers of Harrisburg, the Hershey

Symphony, the Greater Harrisburg Foundation and Market Square Concerts, and it has been performed throughout the United States, France and the Czech Republic.

Sarah Snider, New York City, was awarded third prize for her "Ballade" for solo piano. Currently pursuing a master's degree in composition at New York University, she received a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University.

Trained as a pianist, vocalist and cellist, Snider began composing at age 11. Prior to studying at New York University, Snider composed incidental chamber music and art songs for the Bridge Collective's productions of Arthur Sainer's

"The Burning Out of '82" and David Vining's "Advanced Topics of Capricorn."

In 2000 and 2001, her "Prelude" and "Ballade," both written for solo piano, were performed at the Society of Composers' National Student Conference. Snider also received New York University's International New Music Consortium Award for Composition.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage young composers by providing professional-level performances of their music, as well as a financial incentive, with the hope of creating greater community awareness of their talent.

"This is a form of outreach for APSU. When I go to conduct the Young Composers' Competition is how APSU is known in the composer community," said Dr. Jeffrey Wood, professor of music and coordinator of the competition. Scores were submitted from a range of instrumental and vocal media, and a panel of university faculty and composers acted as judges.

The competition has been at APSU since 1987. Limited to the southeastern United States, the competition was national in 1993.

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## Advice goddess sheds light on opposite sex friendship

Dear Advice Goddess:

I've been friends with this girl for a little while now. I thought she was cool, so we started hanging out and doing things together. The problem is, recently, she's been acting like she wants me (and not in a friendly kind of way!) Obviously, since I'm writing this letter, I don't have feelings for her in that way. I want to tell her I don't like her like that, but I want to continue being her friend. I don't know how well she's going to take it. Is there a nice way to tell

her to back off?

Sincerely,  
Just Wants to be Friends

Dear Just Want to be Friends,

There is never an easy way to tell someone something they don't want to hear. Before you tell your friend how you feel, you should first find out how she really feels.

You say she's been "acting" like she wants you. Truthfully, that could be all there is to it! She may be flirting with you innocently.

When, and if, you find out she really does like you, there are

several ways you can tell her how you feel. I would suggest you start by dropping subtle hints.

I'll be the first to admit that women read into everything. Once you start emphasizing that you just want to be her friend, I think she'll get the picture.

Even so, she may not pick up on what you're trying to tell her. You may have to tell her plainly that you only want to be friends.

There is a nice way to do this. You don't have to come at her and tell her to back off. Be mindful of her feelings with everything you

say.

Make sure you tell her you value her as a person. Include all the things you do like about her and let her know how much fun she is around.

Friends are valuable, and if you don't want to lose her, you don't want to lose her. With her being such a good friend, I'm sure she will appreciate honesty and continue being a friend.

But don't wait too long. Sooner you let her in on the truth, sooner she can set her sights on someone else.



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# Editorial

## Remedial programs are unnecessary

By KALEN McELHENY  
Assistant to the Editor

The Tennessee Board of Regents convenes at Austin Peay this week. This is important to you, the students, because it will be a major factor in the future of this university.

With that having been said, you should seriously consider attending this meeting.

Decisions need to be made in the remedial/developmental department.

There is nothing wrong with cutting the remedial program altogether, starting next fall.

It seems to me that students hardly capable of a ninth-grade learning ability should be enrolled in a community college, or perhaps a local high school.

"[Students] may well not be willing to travel to Nashville, which is the closest community college," Sherry Hoppe, president of APSU, said.

True, students may not want to travel 45 miles for school, but don't the words higher education infer that course work is above high school level?

Those students are not ready for the university, so why are we spending money to put them there?

It seems that it would take a person a while to learn four years of high school all over again. It starts to get pricey.

In fact, the program should never have been created, but no one asked

me and so here I sit, offering an opinion that yet again, no one asked for.

If cutting the program is not an option, labs seem to be a perfectly simple solution.

It is one that has already been considered, according to Hoppe.

Students shouldn't receive too many credits for the labs, but they should be allowed to take them along with regular or developmental classes.

How's that for compromise?

Teaching assistants could teach the laboratories, cutting the price of a full-time or even part-time employee. (We all know how grad. students will do just about anything for a little cash).

Eliminating the remedial program is one of the easiest ways to cut costs, so what are we waiting for?

## I just have one more thing

By NAYDIA SPEARS  
Editorial Page Assistant

This week I spent a lot of time thinking about what words I would use to fill my last column this semester.

Actually, that is a horrible lie.

I waited until the very last minute to write something. But I thought you might enjoy thinking there

were actually competent and organized people in college. Go figure.

Some of you probably do not care what I write about in this issue. After all, I have only provided you with the opportunity to feel bad for not helping people when they tumble out of the grill.

I have caused slight flare ups between organizations when I stated what I saw instead of what was politically correct.

I have shared my feelings with you about diversity, leadership, my RA life and, of course, love.

So this time, I decided not to write an article at all.

There are so many different aspects that possessed me to write about all the crazy stuff that

filled this page week after week.

But seriously, do most of you even care about your finances, your significant other or your future 10 years from now?

As I sit here tossing things around in my head like the salad I had for lunch today, I feel like this semester has flown by, and I have been too busy to enjoy it.

Yes, like you, I too am ready for this blessed semester to be over. However, I cannot believe that four months have passed and I am another semester closer to graduating.

Doesn't that scare you?

Sometimes I think life is just a blur and all of us are mere specks of dust, accumulating in a heap when the wind finally stops. I know I felt like that a lot this semester—like a particle of dirt, floating around campus, making people sneeze and then landing somewhere behind the orange fences.

But that is life, right? Enjoy it while you can. Party like there is no tomorrow. Live and let live. Drink and be merry. Is that all there is to life?

Sometimes I feel really small and insignificant. I especially felt this way during the course of this semester. I think others share these feelings as well. I cannot recall the number of times I have heard students complaining

about the severity of this semester.

I have been in college since the fall of 1999, and never have I experienced a semester so full of frustration and helplessness.

It is not every semester that someone flies an airplane into a huge New York building.

It is not every day that students walk out and see information about an anthrax scare at the campus post office.

It is not even once in a decade that students fear nuclear warfare, get asked questions about it or talk about terrorism.

Perhaps that is why this semester was so troublesome.

For now, I am busily preparing for my leadership exam tomorrow and all the other tests that will presumably cause me great anxiety over the next few days.

If I could give you one word of advice, as did my fellow colleague, enjoy every minute of college life. It passes so quickly.

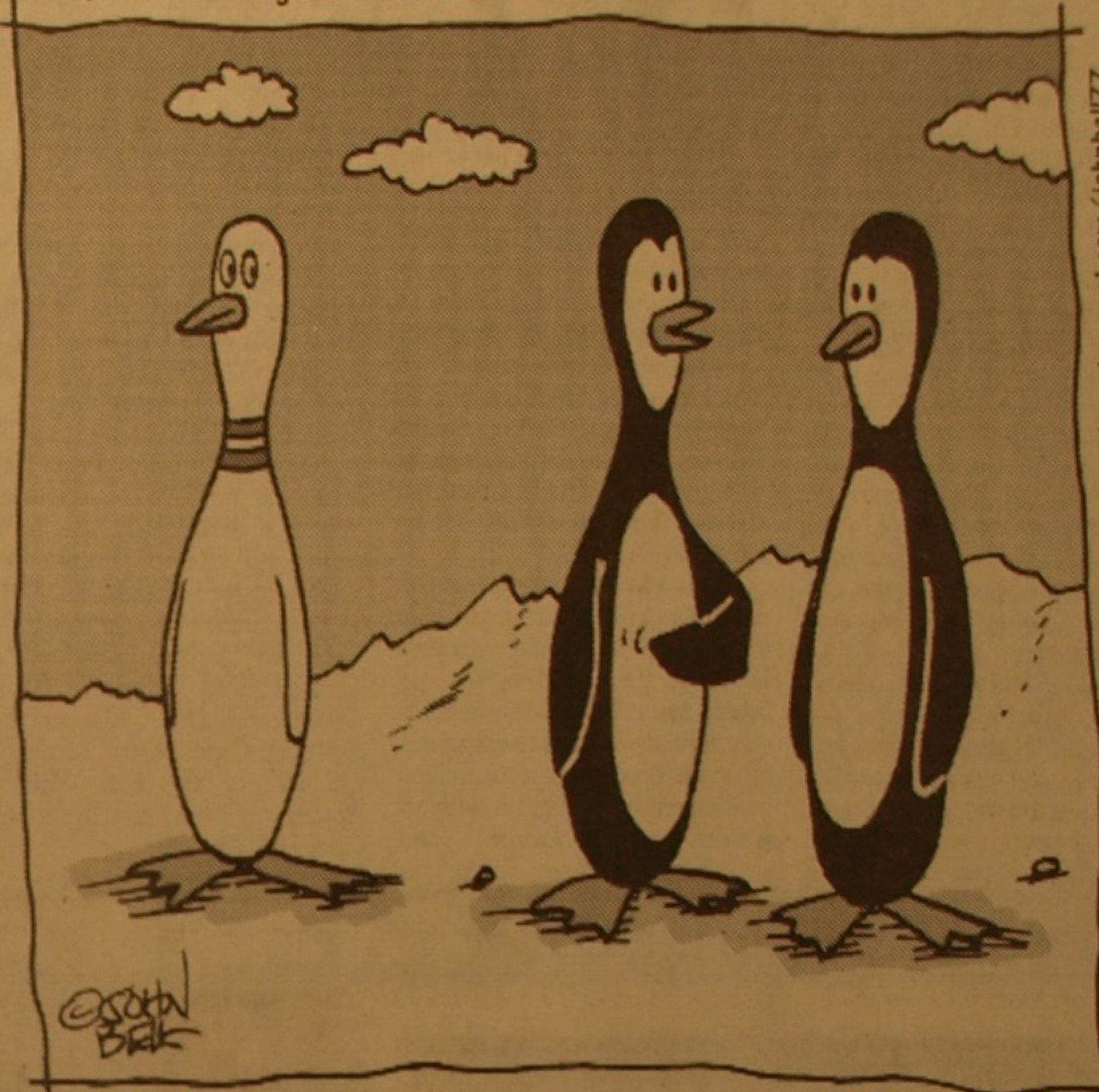
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And also, enjoy your holiday break because they too pass very quickly.

I know, I know, I said I was not going to write an article. I guess I had a few more things to say after all.

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## Enjoy every moment of life

By LINDSEY REEVES  
Editorial Page Editor

As I sit here typing up my last article as the editorial page editor, I was pondering what I would say in my last article to grace *The All State's* pages.

What would be my final opinion to APSU students? It hopefully would help the students of this fair campus to live their lives with a different outlook than the one they normally choose to see.

As I sat at my computer desk in my room, I started looking around while contemplating ideas that seem trivial or not worthy of printing.

As I scanned my room, I saw pictures of friends and those friends who I have lost, pictures of organizations I have been in and pictures of my family that I hold dear to my heart.

After taking around an hour to look at my family's pictures, (since I have 128 of my nephew alone) it hit me how fast life has passed me by.

Granted in my 19 years I have seen and been through more than some at 89, but I have not realized how time has left me behind.

I started college when I was still in high school and now I am completing my second year here at APSU.

Where did the time go?

When I came to APSU, I started getting my feet wet by only joining one organization, the Resident Hall Association.

Then as that semester came to an end, I found another wonderful organization, Alpha Sigma Alpha, where I found out what my leadership and personal relationship skills were made of.

Now as a sophomore, I have participated in more than six different organizations where I have discovered more about myself than any classroom could have taught me.

As I thought about these organizations, it brought to mind all the friends that I have gained over the years here at APSU.

In high school, I was somewhat popular, but I was deemed too mature to "hang out" with.

I never dressed in jeans in high school; my days were filled with suits and briefcases.

Now, I have collection of jeans and wear a backpack (which my mother was shocked to see me wear). I realize it is not a suit or a briefcase that makes a person successful. It is how well you treat your friends and your colleagues around you.

At APSU I have gained so many friendships that my life overruns with joy of not being able to count the friends on my two hands or my two feet.

Now I can walk through campus and by the time I have reached my classes, I know more than half the people I see.

To have your name called out across campus or to feel a slap on your back by a friend or an individual who knows you from an organization you belong to is a wonderful feeling.

A friend who I would have never met if it had not been for APSU and I now have a Monday evenings ritual as we sit and watch "7th Heaven" and "World Wrestling Federation."

Going to International House of Pancakes at 10:30 p.m. and not leaving till 2:30 a.m. and seeing your friends at the gas station as you run inside to use the bathroom are the times we should cherish.

College is not something that we will be in forever although there are some who will be.

We need to enjoy every moment and know that these times are irreplaceable.

So do not hesitate to join an organization or say hello to a stranger who is walking past you. These decisions may bring some of the happiest times in your life.

So the next time you sit in IHOP or stop in a gas station, take the time to realize that our lives speed by us so quickly.

We need to reach out and grasp every second and hold it to our hearts for we all do not know how long we will be on this beautiful earth with our friends and family.

## APSU faces TBR operation

By JOSIE CURTIS  
Assistant News Editor

Higher education in Tennessee will undergo surgery Dec. 6-7 when the Tennessee Board of Regents defines its future.

The TBR will meet to discuss and vote on matters of operational efficiency and budget cuts set to impact Tennessee's institutions of higher education, including Austin Peay State University.

"It's hard to know until we see the exact numbers what the impact would be," Dr. Sherry L. Hoppe, APSU president said.

The meeting will impact the areas of remedial and developmental education, degree costs, off-campus locations, transfer students, academic programs and resources.

According to the Report of Efficiency section of the Defining Our Future proposal, institutions within the TBR system will experience both positive and negative changes in each of the six areas.

Remedial and developmental courses will consume less faculty hours and universities will lose the tuition received for remedial classes because such courses will be removed from universities to community colleges.

"That would create a significant funding reduction for us," Hoppe said.

A positive result in remedial and

developmental education will be the quick movement of students into college-level courses.

Concerning degree costs, the impact will involve improved graduation rates and enhanced educational attainment rates but will force universities to decrease required hours of graduation to 60 hours for associate degrees and 120 hours for baccalaureate degrees.

"That would be a major change to reduce all baccalaureate degrees across the state to 120 hours," said Hoppe.

Involving off-campus locations, if the TBR approves this recommendation, some students will have less access to a college education.

For example, APSU students who cannot attend courses on the main campus would not have the choice to travel to the satellite campus located at Fort Campbell if the TBR judges the off-campus location inefficient.

Concerning transfer students, the impact will appear in the form of a common lower-division general education core.

"The outcome could have a dramatic effect because it could cause us APSU to change our curriculum," Hoppe said.

On a positive note, the TBR recommendation for transfer students may result in reduced time required for graduation and an improvement in both educational attainment levels of Tennesseans and graduation rates.

The impact on underperforming academic programs will surface through reductions and limitations in the number of programs, reductions in accessibility for some students and

increases in the percentage of undergraduates in community colleges, in admission standards for universities and in retention and graduation rates. Other impacts include possible alternate delivery of some courses, more academic sharing and the Regent Online Degree Program being available for full financial aid.

"Higher education institutions in Tennessee are being asked to be more efficient with less money than institutions in other states while at the same time delivering a quality education to increasing numbers of people," said Dr. Charles Manning, TBR chancellor.

Finally, although the TBR may require universities to share technology, facilities, faculty and courses, such a development could result in improved delivery through technology and an increase in the productivity of existing faculty and facilities. Also, if the TBR does approve the sharing of resources, it may also affect an increase in staff productivity and also an increase in funds for capital involvement.

Although not a primary recommendation, the TBR compensation committee will suggest a raise in the salaries of faculty and staff.

"On a very positive note, you've got the potential for salary increases that are certainly needed," Hoppe said.

Institutions in the TBR jurisdiction could see changes as early as next fall.

"The goal is to be more efficient in using our very limited resources and thereby reach more students with a quality education," said Manning.

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Letters to the editor should be saved to a floppy or Zip disk as a text only document or as a Word document along with a signed hard copy including the author's full name, signature, address, and telephone number (plus major and class if applicable). All letters will be checked for authenticity. Letters should be received no later than 4 p.m. on Friday of each week for it to be considered for publication. Letters may be edited for clarity and grammar.

## Write for The All State



## APSU appoints alumna as new communication specialist

An Austin Peay State University alumna has been appointed the communication specialist in the Office of Public Relations and Marketing.

Effective Nov. 1, Cristina Henley replaced Ken West, who resigned in early August.

Henley received the Officer's Wives Club of Fort Campbell Scholarship to help defray graduate school tuition at Austin Peay. She finished all coursework last May with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, earning a master's degree in corporate communication. Her bachelor's degree in print journalism is from American University, Washington, D.C.

A member of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Henley was a founding member of Austin Peay's Public Relations Student Society of America and the International Association of Business Communicators. As a student, she won third place for Best Graduate Research Paper at the 2001 Southeast Journalism Conference, which includes students from 45 colleges and universities in eight southern states.

Last summer Henley worked part time for APSU, assisting with marketing efforts. Dennie Burke,



Christina Henley

executive director of public relations and marketing, said, "Cristina proved her value to Austin Peay during the short time she worked with us last summer. In addition to her intelligence, poise and tremendous initiative, Cristina has wonderful communication and problem-solving skills. And her enthusiasm and can-do attitude are infectious."

Henley was a campaign coordinator for Clarksville/Montgomery County Economic Development Council during Summer 2000. As such, she coordinated all promotional aspects of Aspire Clarksville, a \$2 million fund-raising campaign to support marketing, workforce and

economic development of the city. From January-May 2000, she worked as a volunteer for the local Adult Literacy Council, producing a comprehensive marketing plan.

During January 1997, Henley was on the Media Logistics Staff of the Presidential Inaugural Committee, Washington, D.C. She has been a contributing writer to newspapers in Virginia and Florida and was a staff writer for the "Daleville Sun Courier" and Thomas Technology Inc., Daleville, Ala.

As communication specialist, Henley's duties include gathering information and disseminating news about the University and its programs, activities, events and personnel; contributing to marketing efforts; and serving as a writer for "Austin Peay," the magazine for APSU alumni and friends. Additionally, she is the writer and editor of "LocalAngle," an ongoing project that links APSU faculty experts with area media.

Henley is the daughter of Gabriel and Monica Gross, Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Capt. Shawn Henley, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, live at Fort Campbell, Ky.

### Graduate Salute to the Editor

Johnny,

Since the day you were born, I knew God had something special planned for you. No matter how busy you have been the last few years, you have always had the time to help and encourage us. I am so very proud of all you have accomplished in life. You have always been a blessing and a gift from God.

Congratulations,  
Mom

Johnny,

A parent looks into a new born baby's eyes, and sees the future of many years from now. I remember looking into your eyes and seeing all my dreams and aspirations. I did not realize my dreams for you would have put limits on your dreams. Some where along the way I learned it was more important to watch you fulfill your dreams rather than mine.

Congratulations on your many accomplishments,  
Dad

Johnny,

You have traveled a long road and accomplished many things during your stay here at APSU. May God continue to guide you and watch over you as you move on and go forward.

I am very proud of you and thank god every day for being able to share my life with you. We Love you,  
Tammy and Eli



Johnny V. Sparks Jr.  
Editor in Chief  
Resident Assistant  
Professor

## FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

December 10-14

UNDERGRADUATE & DAY CLASSES:

Monday, December 10

8:00 - 10:00 All MWF classes which meet at 8:00  
10:30 - 12:30 All MWF classes which meet at 12:00  
1:30 - 3:30 All T/TH classes which meet at 2:00

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 - 10:00 All T/TH classes which meet at 8:00  
10:30 - 12:30 All MWF classes which meet at 10:00  
1:30 - 3:30 All MWF classes which meet at 1:00

Wednesday, December 12

8:00 - 10:00 All T/TH classes which meet at 9:30  
10:30 - 12:30 All T/TH classes which meet at 12:30  
1:30 - 3:30 All MWF classes which meet at 11:00

Thursday, December 13

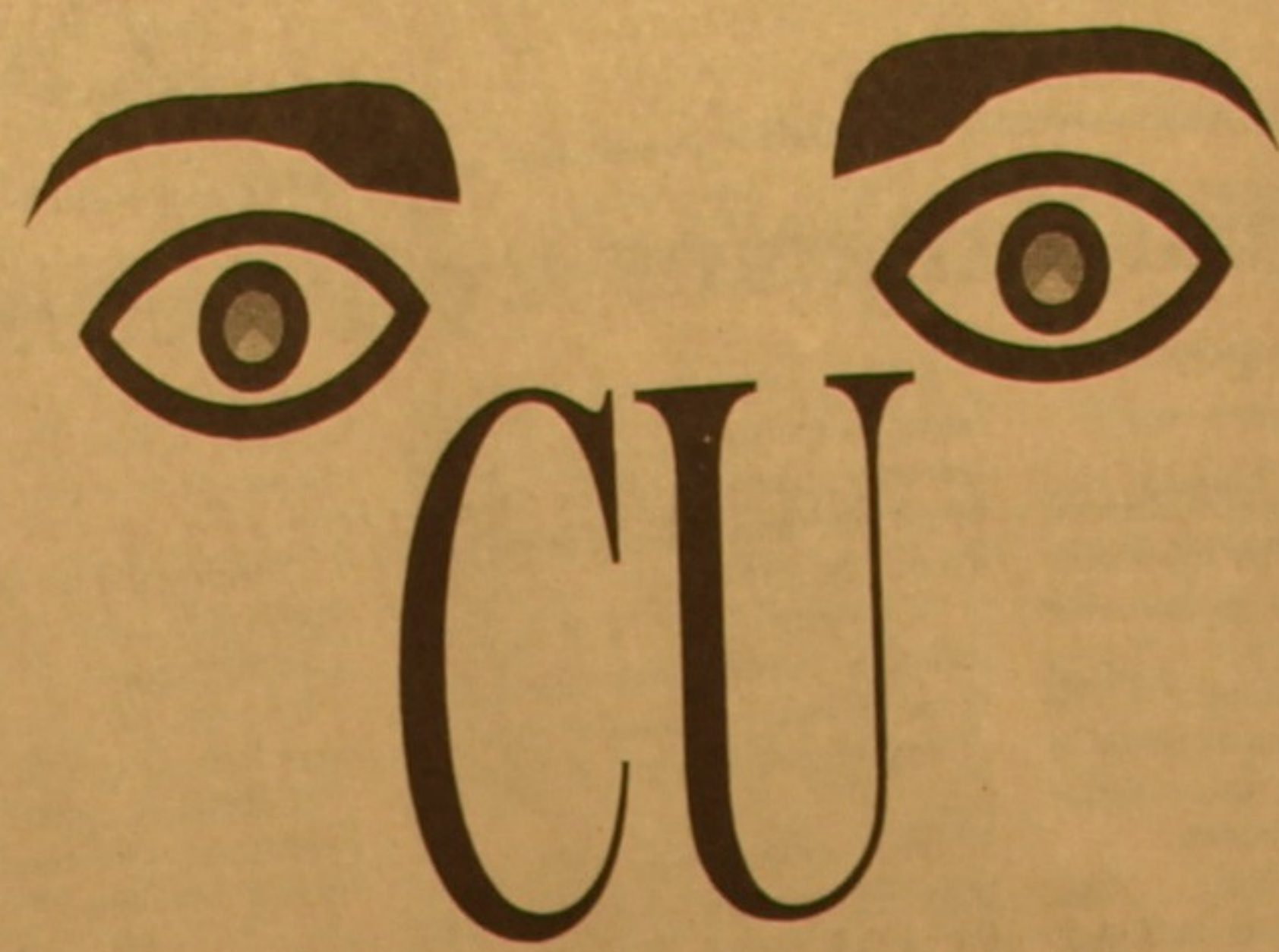
8:00 - 10:00 All MWF classes which meet at 9:00  
10:30 - 12:30 All T/TH classes which meet at 11:00  
1:30 - 3:30 All MW classes which meet at 3:00

Friday, December 14

8:00 - 10:00 . . . . All MWF classes which meet at 7:00  
10:30 - 12:30 . . . . All MWF classes which meet at 2:00  
1:00 - 3:00 . . . . Open

### GRADUATE AND EVENING CLASSES:

Graduate Students will take final exams at the designated time period during exam week. If taking an evening class, 3:45 p.m. or later, the final exam is during the time the class normally meets during exam week. If the class meets two evenings per week, the final exam is scheduled for the first day it is offered during exam week.



Division of Student Affairs

Stay Tuned...

## A Holiday Celebration

All APSU students are invited  
to be our guests at the

Division of Student Affairs  
Drop-In Reception

Tuesday, December 11, 2001  
between 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Browning 115 (hallway)

Refreshments will be provided