

Faculty

Campus says
farewell to
Greek adviser,
assistant director

By JENELLE GREWELL
Staff Writer

Lindsay Mazer-Best, assistant director of Student Life and Leadership, will resign after Friday, Dec. 19. Mazer-Best said she is leaving APSU to relocate to North Carolina to be with her husband and step-son.

Mazer-Best has been a member of the APSU staff since July 2005.

Mazer-Best said her responsibilities as assistant director are to oversee student organizations and advise the three Greek governing councils, Interfraternity (IFC), PanHellenic (PC) and National Pan-Hellenic Councils (NPHC). She also advises Order of Omega, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Rho Lambda and serves as the co-adviser for the Govs Organization Council (GOC).

“Lindsay was there to make sure things ran smoothly,” Jonathan Lister, president of Order of Omega, said, “She did a great job being there for support and guidance.”

Mazer-Best said she currently serves on the football and basketball planning committee and the 2007-2008 Staff Council executive committee. She was a member of the Collegiate Leadership Summit planning committee.

Mazer-Best said she hopes she has contributed to APSU through her work with student organizations. “As the adviser for the Greek governing councils, I have worked with the officers each year to develop and identify for the councils and build a fraternity and sorority community, as opposed to a system.”

Mazer-Best said in her time as assistant director, many new programs have started and changes have been made to how organizations operate on campus, such as the

implementation of club manager, PC’s Operation Fairy Godmother, the NPHC Legacies of Greatness scholarship banquet, the One Night Stand Dance Marathon growing by more than 200 percent in fundraising for the Monroe Carrell Jr. Children’s Hospital, implementing an alcohol registration process, the development of the GOC to oversee students organizations, expanding the IFC to bring in Alpha Tau Omega, the development of Greek life promotional materials including a new Greek Life Web site and the start of more than 20 new student organizations with many still functioning.

Lister said Mazer-Best has done a great job improving APSU in general.

“Few people know this, but many successful community service projects have come out of her office while she has been here, which have really attached a positive connotation with the students of APSU,” Lister said.

Heidi Scheusner-Leming, director of Student Life and Leadership, said that Mazer-Best’s biggest accomplishment was bringing the three Greek-governing councils to work together and provide more unity and consistency to the entire Greek system.

She said bringing the councils together is not easy to do. “It’s something we are constantly trying to encourage the students in the three councils to work towards,” Scheusner-Leming said.

Jessica Monfries, PC president, said Mazer-Best has done an amazing job creating a sense of unity and cooperation among student organizations. Monfries also said Mazer-

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Academics

Students rate faculty

Online rating Web site measures up APSU professors

By MARSEL GRAY
Online Editor

Each semester, students have the responsibility of selecting their classes for the following term. Along with the nail-biting task of time management and figuring out which electives to take, there is a mystifying question: What will my new professor be like? Talking to other students and using past experience are two very helpful methods to find a good professor, but in today’s technology-based society, many students are using www.ratemyprofessors.com.

Ratemyprofessors.com began in 1999 with the simple method of helping students “plan their class schedules and rate current and past professors.”

According to the Web site, it is the “Internet’s largest listing of collegiate professor ratings, with more than 6.8 million student-generated ratings of over one million professors.”

An unscientific survey conducted by *The All State* shows that about 61.9 percent of students have used ratemyprofessor.com.

Anthony Sulezich, a sophomore German major, said “I’ve used ratemyprofessors.com almost as an afterthought to see if other people feel the same way about my current teachers. Some of the descriptions are uncannily accurate. Others, not so much. I’m taking “Comparative World Religions” next semester with professor Randall and the Web site has warned me about his tests and attendance policies. In that way, I feel a little more prepared than I would have been.”

Students can rate professors with a few simple rubrics. Professors can be graded on their easiness, helpfulness, clarity and rater interest on a scale of one to five. APSU’s departments differ on their relative score and their total number of ratings. For example, the English

REPORT CARD See how APSU professors measure up.					
DEPT.	# OF RATINGS	AVG. QUALITY (out of 5)	AVG. EASE (out of 5)	LOWEST SCORE	HIGHEST SCORE
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HIST	442	4	3	Chang	Pigg
MATH	381	3.2	3	Harnel	Menser
COMM	259	4	3.6	Mumpower	Dunn
BIOL	393	3.6	3	Chadwick	Brooks
ENGL	541	4	3.4	Franks	Call
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Departments are rated by average quality score and average ease score. Instructors listed above are the highest scoring and the lowest scoring of each department. Departments are rated on a five-point rating scale.

department has been rated 541 times, has an average quality of 4.0 and average ease of 3.4. The instructor with the highest overall score is Thomas Call and the instructor with the lowest overall score is Jill Franks.

Chad Brooks, associate professor of biology, said, “Education is a two component piece: an effective instructor and

relating the subject to a classes level.” On the Web site, many students commented on Brooks’s great personality, stating he “is an amazing teacher” and “he made a tough subject understandable.”

As one of the younger professors at APSU, Brooks believes one reason he received such ratings is because there is “no generation gap”

between him and his students. Compared to other professors, Brooks is ranked highest in both overall quality and ease among the biology professors. Brooks, however, doesn’t consider himself an easy professor. “I’m very fair, but not easy,” Brooks said. “I set fair expectations.”

History instructor Jimmy Pigg said that “from my experiences with the ratemyprofessors.com Web site, I have found that the entries placed by students either love or hate you. There seems to be little of the middle of the road types on this site. Now all of my students have not come out of my classes in love with my classes and I’m sure that if all students posted on the rate my professor Web site I would receive some low scores just like any other teacher,” Pigg said. “Now, the one thing I hear from students mostly is that I can make history interesting. For me, it is not a problem to do that since I love history and love to talk about history.”

Ratemyprofessors.com is not one sided. The Web site allows professors a chance to voice their opinion. In what is known as “professors strike back,” professors record videos and post them to the Web site. According to their Web site, ratemyprofessors.com also suggests to professors “the best thing you can do is write an article about the site in your school paper. Other things you can do are post flyers around campus, post links to the site on message boards that are school-related, and e-mail your friends about the site.”

Professors grade their students based on their performance, but with the introduction of ratemyprofessors.com the tables have turned. Whether or not it is fair, accurate or helpful, this new fad is likely to stick around and remain a resource to students registering for classes. Now that registration has begun for Spring 2009, students may be using ratemyprofessors.com more than ever to determine next semester’s professors. ♦

Academics

APSU celebrates National Distance Learning Week

By NICOLE JUNE
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National Distance Learning Week (NDLW) began Monday, Nov. 10, and will continue through Friday, Nov. 14. The Center for Extended and Distance Education has planned several events in recognition.

Nationwide Statistics

According to the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA), “NDLW seeks to promote and celebrate the tremendous growth and accomplishments occurring today in distance learning programs offered by schools, businesses and governmental departments.”

The USDLA reports over 3.5 million college students are taking online courses and/or earning their degrees online.

They report that 40.7 percent

of schools offering online courses agree “students are at least as satisfied” with their online courses, 56.2 percent are neutral and only 3.1 percent disagree. “E-Learning,” or online learning, represents about 10 percent of the overall training and educational market.

Activities

The Center for Extended and Distance Education planned events for NDLW. A student online scavenger hunt started Monday and will end at midnight, Thursday, Nov. 13. Prizes include an iPod shuffle. USDLA-sponsored “webinars” will be held each day of the week in the Felix G. Woodward Library room 114. These webinars feature topics related to distance education and its future goals.

A listening session with President Timothy Hall will also be held Friday, Nov. 14 in the Felix G.

Woodward Library room 114. Other sessions will be held throughout the week, including “Understanding Quizzes in D2L” with Robert Anderson, instructional technologist of Extended and Distance Education, and “iTunes Introduction” with Katherine Bailey, Extended and Distance Education multimedia specialist. For additional information and a complete list of the week’s activities visit the Center for Extended and Distance Education Web site.

APSU Distance education

The center offered its first online courses during the Fall 2002 semester. Only three courses were offered at the time. Thirty students were enrolled in online courses, and there were 38 total enrollments.

This semester, 2,683 students

are enrolled and there are 5,375 enrollments. All general education courses are offered online as well as a variety of specialized courses.

Julia McGee, director of extended education, attributes this increase to the support of the administration and the faculty. “The success of the program wouldn’t happen without them,” McGee said. “I think that technology has affected the program also, but more through the quality of the programs rather than their growth.”

McGee said online courses have many advantages. “I believe there is a real need for online classes. They offer opportunities for students, particularly non-traditional students, who have jobs [and] families. They give them the option of a more flexible schedule.”

McGee said the number of main campus students taking online courses surprises her. “I suppose

it’s due to the convenience that they offer.”

Online courses combine technology and convenience to help students and instructors. Students interested in taking an online course can view an online orientation through the academic support Web site. Instructors can now use iTunes for downloading or uploading, conduct live classrooms through the use of cameras and video conferencing and setting up chat sessions.

Live classrooms can be archived for future use for students unable to attend the sessions at the time they are held.

APSU offers 13 online degree programs in which students can complete their entire degree online. The Tennessee Board of Regents also offers additional degree options through the Regents

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Community Calendar

Feminist Film Series

A showing of “When Abortion was Illegal” will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12 in UC room 303. The Academy award-nominated film features accounts revealing the physical, legal and emotional consequences during the era when abortion was a crime. Contact Jill Eichhorn at 221-6314 for more information.

Looking for Hispanic students for Focus Group

The Hispanic Cultural Center will host a focus group at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14 in UC room 120. Free lunch will be given to the first 15 students who sign up. The focus group is for any Hispanic student to give input on center programs and services. Students can RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 12. Call 221-6645 or stop by UC 120 to sign up.

Human Rights Club first meeting

The APSU Human Rights Club will hold its first meeting at 12 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14 in Clement room 150. Interested students are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Matthew Kenney at 221-6424 for more information.

Christmas for Kids

Students can sign up Friday, Nov. 14 to help the second annual “Christmas for Kids”, sponsored by the Wesley Foundation. The event starts at 8 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, in the UC Ballroom. Student “helpers” will be paired with children from the community. Children will be given a \$100 gift card to shop for families and have pictures taken with Santa. Contact Jodi McCullah at 931-378-7108 for more information.

“Music a la Mode” performance

VocalEase, an eight-voice choral ensemble, will present “Music a la Mode”, a jazz and Broadway music performance at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 16. Pie a la mode will be served in the lobby after the performance. Donations are pay what you can. Suggested donation for students and seniors is \$5, \$7.50 for adults. Contact Valerie Oyen-Larsen at 221-7898 for more information.

Preregistration for Spring 2009 Semester

Preregistration for Spring 2009 Semester has begun. Students can check their apmail account for information about preregistration or go to www.apsu.edu/records/ for more information.

Student Government Association

SGA discusses SR4, presents four others

The Student Government Association announced the SGA Campus Talk, discussed Senate Resolution No. 4 during old business and presented Senate Resolution Nos. 6 through 9 during the Wednesday, Nov. 5 Senate meeting.

EC report

SGA Secretary Hykeem Craft announced the SGA Campus Talk would be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the UC Ballroom. Craft also discussed publishing a newsletter SGA will be writing about the semester.

SGA Vice President Steven Biter discussed the Saturday, Nov. 8 AP Day and the new SGA incentive, Senator of the Month.



Chris Drew

The incentive would be based on the amount of legislation passed and help with SGA projects and programs. Biter discussed the opening of a sophomore senator seat. He said sophomores who want to get more involved in APSU campus life and the future of

APSU and meet all the SGA requirements are eligible to become a senator.

SGA President Chris Drew also spoke about the Campus Talk and discussed the potential 2009 Homecoming dates. The two options given were Sept. 26 or Oct. 31. “These are the most realistic dates,” Drew said.

Committee report

Govs Programming Council (GPC) reported at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12 in the UC Ballroom, Marie Lynn Smith will be presenting “Rolling Away”

and at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20 in UC rooms 303-305, GPC will show a movie.

Old business

Sen. Aaron Taylor discussed Senate Resolution No. 4, which would change how wireless Internet is accessed on campus. Taylor wanted to change from clicking the “submit” button on the wireless authorization page to being able to click the “enter” key on the keyboard to access the Internet. He said he gets many complaints from

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Mazer-Best: Greek leaders say goodbyes, hiring

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Best has been a great help in advancing PanHellenic Greek sororities. She said there has been a consistent increase in recruitment participants since Mazer-Best has been at APSU.

“She helped facilitate the structural change the council implemented in the recruitment process,” Monfries said. “We have changed from a seven-day process to a three-and-half-day process which we believe was a reason for such high increase in our recruitment numbers.”

NPHC president Samantha Henderson said Mazer-Best has understood, in working with the NPHC, the amount of time it takes to oversee a small council that’s not always willing to cooperate. Henderson said she sees Mazer-Best’s eagerness to help the council and understand its needs. “[Working with the NPHC]

takes great courage and it has been my pleasure to work with her,” Henderson said.

Mazer-Best said, in her absence, student organizations as well as students will be affected and will have an adjustment period. “I believe that the three Greek-governing organizations will be impacted the most because of my daily contact with the council officers and the member organizations.”

Lister said he thinks in first few months of Mazer-Best’s absence, the biggest missing component will be the lack of proper guidance. “It is hard to lose someone that is so familiar with your system and can easily assist you at anytime,” he said.

Henderson agreed. “As a council, her giving us that constructive criticism and those encouraging words will be missed,” Henderson said “But mostly it will be her willingness to work

with us and understand our values and principles.”

“I am particularly sad to see her leave,” Monfries said. “She was always very helpful to me when I was dealing with stressful situations as president. She always seemed to have a solution for any problem.”

The search process of hiring the new assistant director is coordinated by Scheusner-Leming. She said no further details about the hiring process could be obtained due to a hiring freeze.

Scheusner-Leming said the new assistant director will have requirements in terms of degrees, years of experience and knowledge. She said the position works with all student organizations to keep various groups informed and help the groups accomplish goals. “I will certainly look for someone who can provide leadership to our student organizations

as well as our Greek community.” Henderson said NPHC’s role in the hiring process will be to voice an opinion about what the council expects from a potential Greek adviser. “From my understanding, [the NPHC] will be allowed to ask questions about [the potential new hire’s] knowledge of NPHC and what we can expect from them as a Greek adviser.”

Monfries said she hopes the new assistant director will have experience working with Greek organizations. She said the Greek community is growing and someone who is familiar with the rules and regulations of the three Greek governing councils.

“The next assistant director is following up a tough act,” Lister said.

“I hope he or she will take the first four months and just get to know students. That has to be the number one priority.” ♦

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All: Supporters celebrate Tim Barnes and Barack Obama's victories at Riverview Inn (above, top) and Hand Village (right). More photos at www.theallstate.com



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students about the wireless Internet.

New business

Sen. Emmanuel Romanus presented SR 6, which would encourage campus police to issue formal warning for first time parking offenses. Sen. Will Hendricks presented SR 7, which called for the establishment of a university-wide calendar to view all upcoming events in one convenient place. Hendricks also presented SR 8, which would extend the Peay Pick Up trolley route. The trolley resolution

called for extending the route to Eighth Street that crosses College Street, to a section of Commerce Street, then right onto University Avenue, linking it back with the original route along College Street. Sen. Elle Smith and Sen. Jordan Reid read SR 9, which would install signs informing students, faculty and visitors of the significance of the two detached steeples between the UC and the Felix G. Woodward Library. The signs would outline of the importance and history of the two steeples. The next SGA meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 12:20 p.m. in UC room 307. ♦

Distance: program standards

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Online Degree Program.

The center also offers non-credit courses in continuing education, career development and business and industry. The distance education center has plans to improve the program in the future. "One of the things we want to do is improve classes. We want to take the 'distance' out of distance learning," McGee said. She said the center would also survey faculty to student communication. "We want to monitor faculty to make sure they communicate with their students and provide adequate feedback. Our focus is on quality and finding ways to

improve faculty training, especially with [D2L]," McGee also said the online committee may create a faculty rubric in the future to make sure they meet certain standards. Monitoring students is also important to the center. "We use the academic alert system to keep up with students and address any problems. Our emphasis is on engagement and retention," McGee said. Other plans for the center include possibly adding other degree options. McGee said that compared to other online education systems in Tennessee, APSU has one of the largest and most extensive. "We've claimed to be the leading developer of online education in Tennessee," she said. ♦

Crime Log

APSU crime log includes any arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within 48 hours of an incident and available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

- 10/2/08 - 5:45 a.m., aggravated burglary, Killebrew Hall.
- 10/5/08 - 4:13 a.m. public intoxication, minor possessing alcohol, arrested; Darryl T. Miller of Oak Ridge.
- 10/5/08 - 4:13 a.m. public intoxication, minor possessing alcohol, arrested; Gaston C. Mitchell of Oak Ridge.
- 10/6/08 - 10:51 p.m., disorderly conduct, arrested; Sammy Lee Sebree Jr. of Clarksville.
- 10/7/08 - 9:28 a.m., auto burglary, Killebrew lot.
- 10/7/08 - 12:31 p.m., theft of property, Killebrew Hall.
- 10/8/08 - 10:55 a.m., theft of property, University Center.
- 10/8/08 - 5:04 p.m., theft of property, Cafeteria.
- 10/11/08 - 1:48 p.m., minor possessing alcohol, Killebrew Hall, arrested; Christopher J. Parchman of Whitebluff.
- 10/11/08 - 1:48 p.m., simple possession, Killebrew Hall, arrested; Robert M. Peeler of Charlotte.
- 10/11/08 - 7:50 a.m., auto burglary, Meacham Apts.
- 10/12/08 - 5:47 a.m., DUI, Eighth, Marion Streets, arrested; Rashad L. Washington of Clarksville.
- 10/12/08 - 5:49 a.m., evading arrest, Eighth, Bailey Streets.
- 10/13/08 - 1:05 p.m., arson, Home Avenue.
- 10/15/08 - 1:17 a.m., aggravated assault, intimidation, weapons on school property, civil rights violation, Meacham Apts. arrested; Edreion A. Santana of Furance.
- 10/15/08 - 2:30 p.m., aggravated assault, Meacham Apts.
- 10/16/08 - 12 a.m., theft of property, Marks Building.
- 10/16/08 - 12:56 a.m., minor possessing alcohol, Hand Village, arrested; Adrian K. Mines of Ashburn, VA.
- 10/16/08 - 12:56 a.m., minor possessing alcohol, Hand Village, arrested; James A. Feezel of Sevierville.
- 10/16/08 - 1:38 a.m., vandalism, Hand Village.
- 10/17/08 - 11:25 a.m., theft of property, Foy Center.
- 10/17/08 - 1:25 p.m., theft of property, Foy Center.
- 10/20/08 - 1:59 a.m., stalking, Killebrew Hall, arrested; Jeremy R. Sutherland of Jackson.
- 10/20/08 - 3:39 p.m., minor possessing alcohol, Two Rivers, arrested; Rebecca Ann Burke of Smyrna.
- 10/20/08 - 3:39 p.m., minor possessing alcohol, Two Rivers, arrested; Amanda Michelle Brown of Clarksville.
- 10/21/08 - 1:19 p.m., theft of property, Foy Center.
- 10/21/08 - 4:39 p.m., vandalism, Meacham lot.
- 10/22/08 - 12:17 a.m., vandalism, Meacham Apts.
- 10/22/08 - 3:27 p.m., auto burglary, West Avenue.
- 10/22/08 - 10:06 p.m., minor possessing alcohol, Meacham Apts, arrested; Erica L. Rose of Maryville.
- 10/22/08 - 10:13 p.m., vandalism, Meacham Apts.

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OUR TAKE

TAS celebrates the end of presidential race

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We at *The All State* understand the importance of the election process. It is important the media and the electorate pay close attention to the process, but we are glad it is over.

The campaigns seemed to last as long as the term the candidates were running for. When the race ended, we were exhausted. We all worked to cover events that were relevant to the campaign and provide Election Day coverage, but the process was tiring for both candidates and spectators.

We felt compelled to list the top ten reasons why we are glad the presidential race is

finally over.

1) We grew tired of what became an exceptionally brutal campaign. There are negative ads every election season, and the 2008 season was no exception. According to the University of Wisconsin Advertising Project, all of John McCain's TV ads were negative. Not all of Barack Obama's ads were negative, but he still spent more on negative advertising than McCain.

2) We are glad the presidential race is over because America got the "change" it's been asking for. One of the hallmarks of our democracy is the peaceful transition

of power from one leader to the next via the United States presidential election, and we are anxious to see what President-elect Obama will do in his four-year term.

3) We are ready for Saturday Night Live and the late shows to get back to making fun of celebrities. It was funny to watch them attack the presidential candidates, but we want to know what Brittany Spears has been doing over the past several months while the eye of "late night" media was elsewhere.

4) We were tired of billboards that explain how to vote for a write-in candidate. We get it; you write the name in

the blank.

5) We were tired of watching debates that had little to do with America's current economic and political situation. The candidates used the debates to argue about many things, but little was said about the global economic crisis, the \$700 billion bailout plan, or the war in Iraq.

6) We were tired of hearing about "Joe the Plumber." Who was this guy, and who chose him to represent all working-class Americans? Joe Wurzelbacher didn't even have a plumbing license, but he was referred to as "Joe the Plumber" 25 times during the final debate.

7) We were tired of

seeing campaign signs everywhere. It was impossible to escape the reach of the presidential race when many street corners and front yards were littered with campaign signage. We could turn off the radio to avoid news of the presidential race, but the forest of signs was unavoidable and never-ending.

8) We were tired of seeing other news stories neglected. A lot of the media's attention was focused on the presidential race. We understand it is important for the electorate to have access to the presidential race, but now that it's over, we want to see the media more focused

on local and pressing issues.

9) We were tired of being asked which candidate we planned to vote for. Sometimes you just don't want to say.

10) We grew tired of Sarah Palin impersonations. They were entertaining, and we think Tina Fey mastered the Palin character, but it wasn't just Tina Fey. Many Obama supporters our office and on our campus had their own impersonations of Palin. Some of them were pretty accurate, and some were not, but we hope to see them all fade away now that Palin is back to being the governor of Alaska. ♦

APSU weathers a 'rainy day'

APSU is one of many universities across the country subjected to substantial budget cuts in recent months. Colby Sledge of *The*



Jared Combs

Tennessean reported that, over the summer, the state of Tennessee cut \$56 million from higher education funding. In October, the state cut an additional \$42 million from higher education. President Tim Hall sent the student body an e-mail

about the cuts which amount to \$1.2 million from the APSU budget. According to Mitch Robinson, vice president of finance and administration, university officials are bracing for additional cuts in the 2009 spring semester.

What these budget cuts mean for APSU students is the global economic crisis has hit home. We should expect change. Tuition cannot stay as it is if the budget cuts continue unless faculty and programs are cut.

The budget cuts come after Tennessee reported lagging state revenues at the beginning of the fiscal year. *The Tennessean* reported that, two months into the fiscal year, in October, the state was 140 million dollars under projected revenues. Last month, the state took in only \$15 million of the \$41 million that it anticipated. Bob Adams, TBR vice chancellor of finance, said the state financial situation is the worst he has seen in his 35 years in higher education.

This deficit is only the state reflection of a national recession. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP), 34 states have faced unbalanced budgets this year. According to Lawrence Summers, Harvard professor and Treasury Secretary under Bill Clinton, the recession is likely to continue into 2009.

APSU has compensated for the budget cuts so far by increasing tuition and enrollment and, according to Vice President of Finance and Administration Mitch Robinson, APSU canceled many renovation and construction projects scheduled for summer 2008. Growth of the APSU student body makes up for some of the problem. APSU claims a 30 percent enrollment increase since 2000, as reported by the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness. The enrollment increase, coupled with tuition increases, has provided a means by which to make up for the smaller budget.

According to an e-mail to the student body from President Hall, tuition for fall 2008 semester increased \$243.48, or 6 percent, to compensate for the initial 2,188,000 budget cut, but APSU is still left with a \$600,000 budget reduction.

The recent round of budget cuts may have been smaller, but they only added to an already existing problem. In light of recent state revenue shortcomings, Tennessee decided to cut \$106 million from state agencies. The Chattanooga Times Free Press repoted The state cut nearly half of that, \$42 million, from higher education and 44 million from TennCare.

APSU recently hired 33 new tenure-track professors, according to President Hall, but since then,

APSU has been forced to implement a hiring freeze, and the newly hired professors will be put on review. APSU adjusted to the initial budget reduction without eliminating faculty or programs, but soon students may have to face even higher tuition if they want access to the same faculty and services.

Students rallied on the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus Oct. 22 to protest the most recent round of budget cuts. To many, it seems unfair higher education should have to suffer such a large portion of the budget cuts, but there is one rational reason: Of all the state agencies, only universities charge tuition. This gives universities the unparraleled ability to compensate for budget cuts; universities raise tuition and students fill in the revenue gap.

If state universities continue to suffer budget cuts, then it is likely tuition will continue to increase. APSU increased tuition for the fall 2008 semester by 6 percent. The 6 percent increase is modest considering on average TBR university tuition increased 15 percent in 2001 and 14 percent in 2003. The problem is in 2001 and 2003 Tennessee university tuition was less than that of surrounding states. Now the tuition of TBR institutions is on par with that of surrounding states, and if the budget cuts continue, it will probably increase further.

According to the CBPP, Tennessee

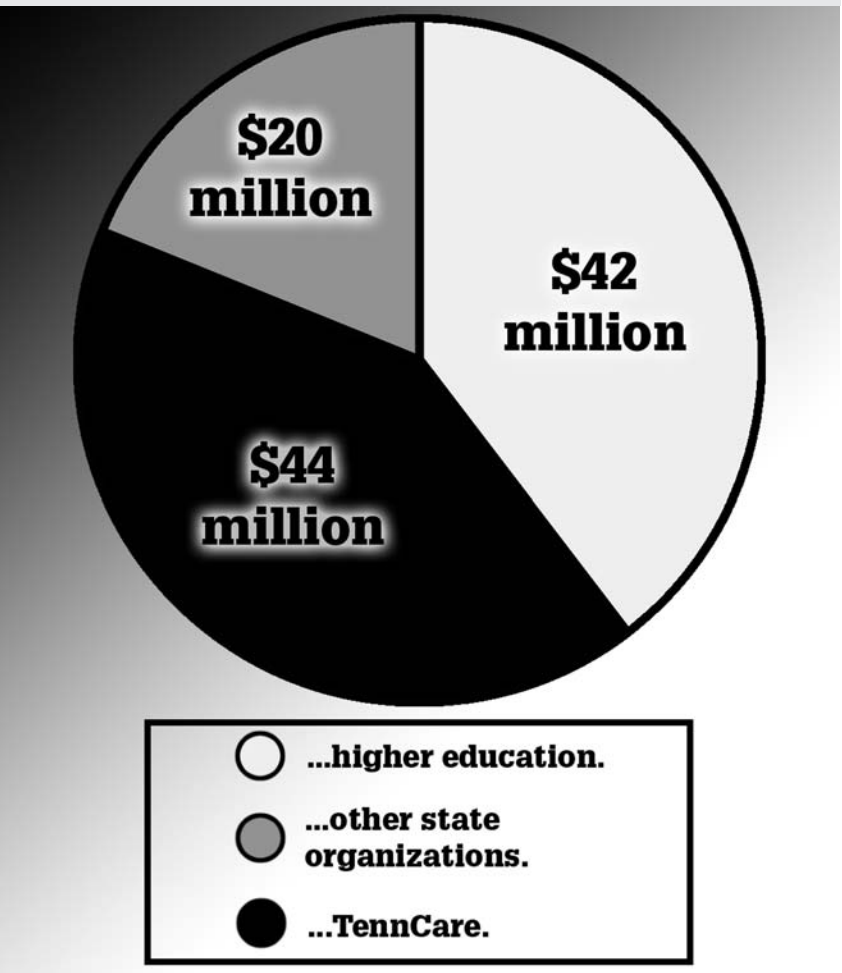
“The more recent round of budget cuts may have been smaller, but they only added to an already existing problem.”

has a \$750 million dollar reserve. Recently, Gov. Phil Bredesen said it may be necessary to tap this reserve to alleviating tensions on higher education, but state officials have not said for sure they would be willing to do so. According to the CBPP, the reserve accounts for 6.5 percent of the total state budget. State officials and the CBPP refer to the reserve as a "rainy day fund" and it seems that it is raining.

According to CBPP, the "rainy day fund" is a viable option for easing the effects of economic recession at the state level. Using state reserves does not affect consumer spending, and thereby does not negatively impact the already receding economy, as does raising taxes or cutting programs. This would allow the state some time to adjust to revenue shortcoming.

I am an economist, and I know there is no simple fix for this problem, but if we don't consider our options now, then college students may find themselves unable to afford school. The current economic recession naturally means students have less money to spend, yet we are expected to pay more for our education. If someone has to fill in the state revenue deficit then it shouldn't be students. ♦

TN cuts \$106 million from budget



DUSTIN KRAMER/ART DIRECTOR

GRE amalgamates grandiloquence

Desuetude, adumbrate, imbroglia, pusillanimous and sycophant, are these words part of your everyday vocabulary? Now, if I tell you what they mean it would spoil the fun of writing this.



Lois Jones

I am willing to bet you looked at these words and said to yourself, "huh?" These are just a sample the of words in the *Prinston Review* study guide for the GRE exam. Have fun looking them up. Points if you know any of them already.

The first time I photographed one of our graduation ceremonies, I witnessed graduate students getting their hoods, part of their regalia they receive at graduation from their graduate program. At that moment I knew I wanted one of those. Mind you I was a sophomore at the time. I figured it would be a long time before that day would come.

The day is here. I graduate December 12 at 10:00 a.m. with my undergraduate degree. The scary part is on November13, I take the GRE exam. I am going to grad school.

Most students know that they will have to take some sort of exam for higher education beyond an undergrad degree. The MCAT (medical school), LSAT (law school), GMAT (business school) and GRE (general graduate school) are all tests required to get into graduate programs.

Did you know part of the test is vocabulary? Not the vocabulary you learned in high school or even college. Not the vocabulary you learned even if you are an English major.

These are words that chances are you have never heard, used or even seen before.

For example, here are five words we all know: stand, august, brook, damp and essay. Stand is a verb, August is a month, a brook is a bunch of water, damp means moist and essay is something you write. Not in the GRE.

Stand is a noun meaning a group of trees, august is an adjective meaning majestic, brook is a verb meaning to tolerate, damp is a verb meaning to check the vibration of a sound or diminish the intensity (music majors may have gotten that one) and essay is to attempt or try, also a verb. These are alternate definitions printed in the *Princeton Review*, GRE study guide. OK, have I scared you just a little with the vocab I have shared so far?

I, for one, never thought about what I would have to know for the exam. When I started looking through the study book, my eyes got wide. I was pleased my mother used "big words" when I was a child because, surprisingly, I knew a lot of the words in the vocabulary section that some of my friends had never heard God bless Mom.

Not only do we have to know vocabulary words, tons of them, but also how the words relate to each other, their antonyms and how to use them in context. There is also analytical writing, and then we have to know math. Algebra has been my "nemesis," another good word, since going back to college. I took the Compass test and did well in English but I was obliterated by the math section, thus beginning my "foray" into DSP algebra. I proceeded to take Math 1010 and learned about voting in other countries and art; yes, voting and art had mathematical applications and required us to learn and use our math skills. Thanks, Dr. Rayburn.

This has been an adventure getting ready for the exam. Think about your future and if graduate school is something you are considering. If it is, then you should know there is a "plethora," of vocabulary out there you will need to know. Freshen up on your algebra, speak with "grandiloquent" words while you are readying yourself for the next step in your higher education. Calling upon a higher power wouldn't be a bad idea either; you will need all the help you can get. I know I do. GRE here I come, ready or not. ♦

New president may restore balance to America

America, Some things will never change. You may never find the answer to life, the universe and everything, but last week, even as



Dave Campbell

Reagan’s presence turned the nation’s center to the right, you steered your country’s center slightly back to the left when you voted our first African-American president into office. And let’s face it: All presidential nominees must be good centrists, no matter which way the center is moving. America, if Obama does truly want to unify us, he will have to bring us into a red + blue = purple era in order to bring compromise from both sides.

Still, America, you needed this whether you knew it or not, and I think I’m ready to believe in you again. Sure, it’s a common reaction to President-elect Barack Obama’s victory. But many others have countered the historical celebration with fears that soar far beyond the realm of irrational.

“Wealth redistribution is socialism, and I refuse to help make this a socialist republic.”

These roundabout sentiments, both very reflective of actual republican voter attitudes on election day, via coverage on NPR, only demonstrate, at best, the fearful confusion of many conservatives and the hopeful optimism of most Americans outside the Bible Belt. Socialism would depend on Obama being able to dismantle corporations on a wide-scale basis, essentially shutting down operations for some of the very people that contributed to his campaign. Opensecrets.org shows that of Obama’s top contributors, Microsoft Corporation and Google, Inc., along with a Wall Street investment bank, Goldman Sachs, are his top corporate donors.

With actual socialism, we, the people, would be able to control the means

of production and wages. And hypothetically, if that were Obama’s intention, how horrible would that be exactly?

But no, because the idea of socialism is tied to Hitler, many would reject the most commonsense conclusions — conclusions about Obama that actually suggest he is uber-American and slightly more conservative than we may have thought. Obama is not a fringe element president; rather, as truly inspiring as his story and election is, he is still a part of the same system he is fighting so hard to change. So time will bear out whether he can deliver and make good on the promises he has made. Honestly, America, I’m ready to believe, but this does not require skepticism to die with Bush’s last day in office.

Just a few days before the election, Chris Matthews briefly mentioned this was the first time in around 40 years we have had an overtly liberal, serious contender for the presidency. How great is that? Well, I suppose it depends on your point of reference.

But it is seemingly a matter of the tide turning, a dirty label word being washed clean. Only, there’s one problem with that assumption, if the rhetoric and declarations alone, are taken at face value. Obama remains not so much the typical liberal after all. America, I don’t think you have to be afraid of this president as you were of last one. In fact, his voting record, so often showing only “present,” suggests a political intelligence and also that he may not lean too far to either side of the aisle. He has shown he is ready to listen not only to liberals, but also conservatives. Take these few examples as cases to the point.

Gay Marriage

Obama has said he is not in favor of gay marriage, though he has shown support for states’ decisions, expressing opposition to Proposition 8, which passed in California, denying the right to gay marriage. The

stance it is a state matter, is one many conservatives also take on the issue.

Faith-based initiatives

Whether taxpayer money will be awarded to religious groups who discriminate in their hiring process by hiring only Christians is a matter that has yet to be determined. But one thing is certain, Obama has announced plans to expand the faith-based initiative Bush began. Government endorsement of religion, anyone? Conservatives may like the way this goes.

NAFTA

Many liberals have been confused by Obama’s views on NAFTA, which show he is willing to work with leaders in Canada and Mexico, to help make NAFTA more workable, even though it empowers outsourcing and threatens jobs at home.

Reclaiming the American Dream

Obama likes to embody this idea, but it will be a tough sell. It has been something many optimistic conservative presidents have idealized to such a romantic level, it becomes almost allegory for a lost, and yet unachievable fantasy ... kind of like unicorns. Still, Obama has shown himself to be aware of this difficulty, even though belief in its continued existence seems, in these times, somewhat delusional.

The weird, the unnatural: the bipartisan nature of results

The British publication Prospect summed up a theme present with Obama since he first appeared on the scene.

“Obama’s hopeful non-partisan tone appeals to those conservatives who have been disillusioned by the polarizing George W. Bush presidency. After eight years with a leadership that has deepened the political divide in America, they long



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Left: DJ Luciano prepares to announce Tim Barnes as state senate elect. Top: students celebrate Barack Obama’s victory. Bottom: The celebratory cake for Obama and Biden.



for a president capable of rising above the standard ideological fray.”

So, America, rest easy. Obama has a deep love for the tradition and ideologies you hold so dear and that is why he is gaining the trust of many conservatives, because of his deliberative and respectful personality. It is why we have representatives from the “Religious Right”, like evangelical Pat Robertson shucking his republican pride on Larry King to beam about the new president-elect.

“This is the most amazing campaign I think we’ve seen in our lifetime or maybe in this century,” Robertson said. His prediction was Obama has the potential to be one of the great presidents of the United States.

Now, these types of endorsements will have mixed results, of course.

But if people (especially republicans) are already acknowledging a turn toward bipartisanship, isn’t it at least plausible to assume the divide could be narrowed? But what could that mean? Could that mean compromise on both sides? Absolutely. This is why Obama has the potential to appeal to everyone, liberals and conservatives alike.

Even both heads of the Palin/McCain ticket (yes, that’s the correct order) admitted this is a time to unite. But I ask you America, is everyone ready to unite?

The GOP is possibly finally realizing that it cannot rely on the deceptive and divisive tactics of our most recent presidency. Let’s hope they are anyway, because republicans, let’s be honest, you need to steal your party back from the religious right and redefine

your base if we’re ever going to get where the country has elected us to be. Your party and this country consist of more than just militantly closed-minded Christians.

I think it’s time to start moving with a little optimism toward the future. It’s time to take a gamble on an inspiring, albeit empty, word like “hope” or “change.” Fill it with substance, because it took more than one man to ignite the shift from pessimism to optimism. And it will take us time, as Obama says, to make those words mean something. If we’re wrong, you will have the next four years to tell us how wrong we were. President-elect Obama, you have a large task ahead and one thing is certain. Even though it seems we can only go up from here, the wall that must come down and still divides us, has yet to fall. ♦



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Left: Tim Barnes shakes hands with reporters Top: students gather for rally outside of Cross Hall

Campaign signs aren’t Christmas decor

As usual I sat in a comatose state trying to decide what to write while the chaos of my house reigned around me. I could talk about the election, but we all know if I think I would be the only one to do so, is a dream on my part. I tire of election talk.



Sunny Peterson

I am really glad it’s over, nothing personal against any of those who ran, I am giddy to be alive in this moment of history.

But really aren’t you tired of signs rising out of every yard like small metal zombies rising from the earth urging you to vote? Some names I did not even recognize, but they were in yards, some store fronts and if you look closely apparently Butch Borchert supporters were fishing in Lake Barkley when they were inspired to leave a sign in the middle of the lake on a miniscule patch of land. I wonder if this helped him get elected to the Tennessee state legislature.

Unless there is a high tide, I will see that sign every day on my way to school, every day. I have even begun praying for rain or even a small flood, not because I have anything against the candidate, but because we need a break.

I understand political candidates are a product and we flood the market at election time, but I will be glad to step away from the

insanity.

We live in a country that celebrates its bipartisanship with loud and joyous rallies and we are sucked into their energy, whether in person or through the media. We do not vote in fear or for candidates that terrorize us to do so. We vote because we are inspired. For some, these signs do the trick. I personally did not know my legislator for my district, thanks to Butch and a strategically placed sign, I do now.

We are free to disagree with our neighbor and let them know we do with these very same signs. To me these are a few of the things that make our nation great. These are more than signs, they are an expression of our personal freedoms.

But the signs need to go, sorry people. Much like the lady who has her Christmas lights still up in July there needs to be a moratorium on political signs and buttons and stickers on cars. After this election we will never be the same. But I would settle for any kind of normal that does not come in the form of recorded messages urging me to vote, interrupting my in depth viewing pleasure of my TiVo or a knocking at my door giving it the personal touch while I listen rapt in my pajamas.

I want all the signs down by January. Anything after that is gloating or just sore losers depending on what sign is in your yard. But I am telling you if I see election signs with Christmas lights on them, I may cry. ♦

Unforgiving McCain supporters resist change

This one goes out to the over-reactors in the reading audience, calm down. Really, get someone who you know to slap you in the face, take a few deep breaths and relax. I was excited last tuesday night

when the election results came in. There was a black man elected to the highest office in the United States, that’s huge. Did I vote for him? Yes I did, and I have my reasons for this, which I have discussed in previous articles. To be honest I was

looking forward to writing about something else for a while, then you reactionaries had to go and get overly dramatic. Stop it.

First off, he won. There was not a massive amount of voter fraud. Barack Obama won the democratic elections held in the United States. No matter what you say, from January 20, 2009 on he will be the president of the United States. So why is it people are still challenging his patriotism and commitment to this country? No one runs for that office without a sense of patriotism or commitment, no one. So that being said, can someone please tell me why there are over 40 Facebook groups devoted to “Moving to Canada if Obama Wins?” I find it ironic you would flee this country to avoid universal health care, only to go to a country that already has it.

But I digress, my second point, I must address one of the reactionary defenses, which is, “democrats weren’t behind Bush, liberals have always hated Bush.” That would work if it were true, but it’s not. Here is a little known fact about Bush: According to Gallup polling

he is tied with highest recorded approval rating for a president, 90 percent. His approval rating was over 70 percent for over a year. When this country was in shock we all got behind him, he is the President. The “democrats” didn’t start turning from him until Iraq started to unravel shortly after it started. The nation got behind an untested president in a time of crisis then, we should do it now.

Now for my final point, he’s not even the president yet and people are already at this. It’s like 2000 all over again. That’s right democrats, you did the same thing when Bush was initially elected, and it was just as stupid then. I was just hoping we could learn from our mistakes and move forward. How is it this hard to let go of the fact that McCain didn’t win? The vote came in and a majority decided the popular vote and the electorate. That is the way our country works. That is why I love my country.

I am not going to make any grand gestures trying to convince any of you, I know Barack Obama will be a great president. I can’t do that when he has not even taken the oath of office.

I can tell you this though. I want to see what he can do. I will give him a chance to succeed, and I hope he does. Not only for my own sake, but for us all. As John McCain said, “These are difficult times for our country, and I pledge to him to do all in my power to help him lead us through the many challenges we face. I urge all Americans who supported me to join me in not only congratulating him, but offering our next president our good will and our earnest effort to find ways to come together.” That is a message I can get behind. Get out and do something. ♦

Bouldering competition emboldens APSU community

By ANGELA KENNEDY
Staff Writer

The Foy Fitness Center will hold its first bouldering competition at the climbing wall Saturday, Nov. 22. The Bouldering Competition is open to APSu students, faculty and staff as well as the community.

APSU's Bouldering Competition offers students a chance to test their abilities, climb with others and have fun in the process.

Bouldering is not the only type of climbing competition. There is also red point, on-sight and speed climbing.

Bouldering is a type of climbing without the use of ropes, and is normally limited to very short climbs of 10 to 12 feet high so that a fall will not result in serious injury.

The pace of a bouldering competition is faster and is often considered more interesting for the audience to watch.

"These climbs emphasize power, strength and balance," said Jasin Wills, Coordinator of Adventure and Informal Recreation at APSU.

"It focuses on individual moves or a short sequence of moves, unlike the more traditional roped climbing, which deals with more endurance with a series of easier individual moves," Wills said.

Boulder routes are commonly referred to as "problems" because the

nature of the climb is often short, curious and much like problem-solving.

Unlike a climbing competition where points are given per hold, the bouldering competition will be a "red point" format where each problem has a different level of difficulty and a unique point value to match the level of difficulty.

Points are gained only if the route is completed.

"Participants may try a problem as many times as they please. However, points will only be given for completed problems," Wills said.

"A certain number of problems need to be completed in a specific time period. With this type of format, climbers of all abilities are able to participate," Wills said.

"Scores will be added up and adjustments will be made as to placement based upon the participant's ability level, which was asked on the signup sheet," Wills said.

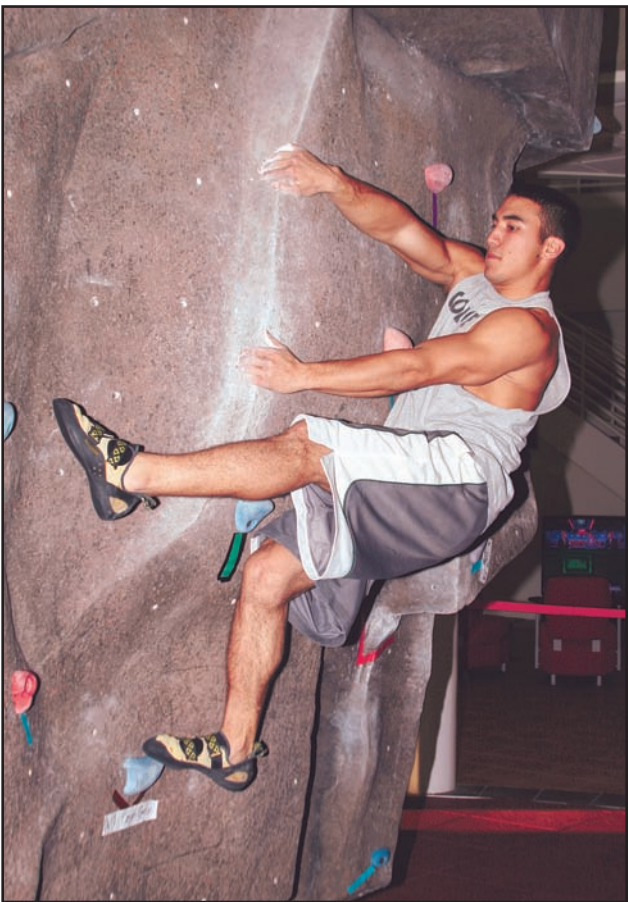
"It is a great way for students to get out and meet some great people," Wills said. "Adventure Recreation has a lot of benefits that people don't realize."

Bouldering is both physically and personally challenging, so it might not be for everyone.

To participate in the bouldering competition, students need to fill out a registration form and pay a \$25 registration fee. ♦



Above: John Pressnell, a sophomore homeland security major, starts on a bouldering path in the Foy Fitness Center. Climbers use every crack in the rock to pull themselves up.



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Top right: Chris Ono, a junior business major, makes his way through a difficult problem. Special shoes are used to traverse around the boulder.



Bottom right: Chalk is used to keep climber's hands dry and give them a better grip.

Project WET seeks to develop understanding of water ethics

By ANGELA KENNEDY
Staff Writer

Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink — unless we teach children to conserve and protect water sources, some environmental advocates say.

The development of water ethics should begin at an early age. Project Water Education for Teachers (WET) operates on the belief that "informed people are more likely to participate in the decision making process and to make a difference through their actions."

Their mission is to reach children, educators, parents and communities of the world with water education.

"Project WET helps teachers with a hands-on curriculum to get their students interested in the outdoors, water quality and many more environmental issues," said Kathy DeWein, Project WET Tennessee Educator.

Project WET is a non-profit, award-winning program. Since it began in 1984, Project WET has promoted responsible stewardship through education.

The program is working

in more than 40 countries on five continents.

Project WET materials and training on diverse water resource topics, such as water conservation, watershed protection and water resource management, have been delivered to millions of young people by educators in classrooms and afterschool programs, parents, businesses and community leaders.

"The project is a part of science and society and addresses really important issues for everyone," said Michelle Rogers, Tennessee's Project WET coordinator and professor of biology at APSU.

State Project WET coordinators deliver informative, interactive and fun Project WET professional development workshops to a variety of educators.

"Project WET is a great workshop for teachers to network with others of their grade levels," DeWein said. "We give information about other events coming up by directing them to the www.eeintennessee.org Web site where they can find a monthly calendar and list of

resources."

Because children learn by doing, Project WET activities engage students with hands-on, interdisciplinary lessons that teach important concepts about water.

One of the most popular activities for children is "The Incredible Journey," Rogers said. Students role-play water as it moves through the water cycle and identify the states that water is in while moving through the water cycle.

"Water sustainability is vital to all life processes ... [it] offers us health, beauty, recreation and a place to be reborn in nature."

**Kathy DeWein,
Project WET
educator**

A core belief of the project is that water moves through living and nonliving systems and binds them together in a complex web of life.

"I'd like children to learn

the interconnection all things have in nature and their actions don't just impact one," DeWein said. "I'd like them to become stewards of the environment with a love that will carry them into adulthood and beyond."

But both are concerned about water pollution and want children to learn what happens when water is polluted.

"I want children to learn what non-point and point source pollution is and that everybody contributes to these problems and everybody can fix them," Rogers said.

With non-point pollution, no one can tell specifically where it comes from. It could come from a farm, factory, subdivision, construction or a mall, according to DeWein.

"Non-point pollution is caused by runoff picking up pesticides, herbicides, car fluids — you name it," DeWein said.

Point source comes out of a pipe directly into a water source, DeWein said.

Members of Project WET envision a world in which all life has the water to thrive. Sustainable water

management is crucial for providing social and economic stability in a healthy environment.

"Water sustainability is vital to all life processes, and water offers us health, beauty, recreation and a place to be reborn in nature," said DeWein.

"The more crowded Tennessee gets and the more people there are, the worse the quality of the water gets."
**Michelle Rogers,
Project WET
coordinator**

The quantity of water in Tennessee is not a huge problem yet, but quality is a major concern, Rogers said.

"The more crowded Tennessee gets and the more people there are, the worse the quality of the water gets," Rogers said.

According to Rogers, fewer and fewer teachers actually teach about the environment any more.

Water's presence in the curriculum is generally tied

to a teacher's interest in teaching about it, a local water issue in the news, proximity to a large body of water or enrollment in an earth science class, Rogers said.

"Teachers in Tennessee have a lot of restrictions because No Child Left Behind requires them to follow strict standards and lesson plans, but they do have some flexibility so if they want to teach about ecosystems, they can teach about freshwater," Rogers said.

"My involvement in Project WET has helped me form many close relationships with the teachers and service teachers so they feel risk free in asking for help in any area they may not be comfortable teaching," said DeWein.

The next workshop is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at City Hall-Massie Chamber in Goodlettsville, TN. Registration is due before January 30, 2009.

Please contact Michelle Rogers at rogersm@apsu.edu or Kathy DeWein at deweink@apsu.edu for more information. ♦



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‘Battle of the Wits’ helps fight hunger

By TANGELIA CANNON
Staff Writer

Thousands of people take attending school for granted, never stopping to think about those who will never get to step foot inside a classroom. Unfortunately for the girls in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, this is something they face every single day.

However, Laura Smith, a senior French major, was able to raise awareness about a cause that seems to be very near to her heart.

“I decided to do a fundraiser for the Lycée Amani, a school for girls for my senior capstone,” Smith said. “I tossed about different ideas, however, it was Brie Vogt, the president of the International Student Organization, that came up with ‘The Battle of the Wits.’ I liked the idea, and went forth in planning the details

of the night.”

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, Smith gathered professors in a variety of fields to participate in The Battle of the Wits, which raised awareness for the Association of Zairean-Congolese in the United States (AZEA) “a non-profit organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities for girls and young women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, especially in the eastern Congo on the border with Rwanda,” said Karen Sorenson, professor of languages and literature.

The event consisted of seven APSU professors being asked a series of questions. They were judged by a three-member panel of judges comprised of officers in International Student Organization, the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance

and Alpha Sigma Alpha.

“The event raised almost \$200, which I considered a success, because even though I did not raise the intended \$350, I was able to raise awareness of this situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,” Smith said.

All of the money raised goes directly to AZEA which raised money “for tuition for girls attending the Lycée Amani, a school for girls in Goma, D.R.C.,” Sorenson said.

“These girls live in families where there is often little or nothing to eat, so initially the school tried to provide lunches for the girls, only to find that their families, faced with a difficult choice of which children in the family to feed, would often only have enough food for the other children in the family, those who had not yet had a

meal for the day. As a result, the girls who had already had one meal at school would not be able to eat with their family,” Sorenson said.

“AZEA began making micro-loans to the mothers of these families out of their monthly lunch money allotment. The small micro-loan would allow the mothers to buy a large bag of beans and sell them in small daily portions at the local market,” Sorenson said. “This provides enough money to repay the micro-loan, while feeding the whole family,” Sorenson said.

“So starting with a small amount of money, the girls have tuition and school lunches, the mothers have an opportunity work, and there is enough left to feed the whole family,” Sorenson said.

“Any student can donate



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Dwonna Goldstone, associate professor of English, and Timothy Winters, associate professor of languages and literature, participated in the Battle of the Wits. Goldstone won the event.

to the program,” Smith said. “We’re setting up an account with the university. Therefore students can make checks out to the university

in honor of AZEA to help fund the program.”

To make a donation, contact Laura Smith at lsmith21@apsu.edu. ♦

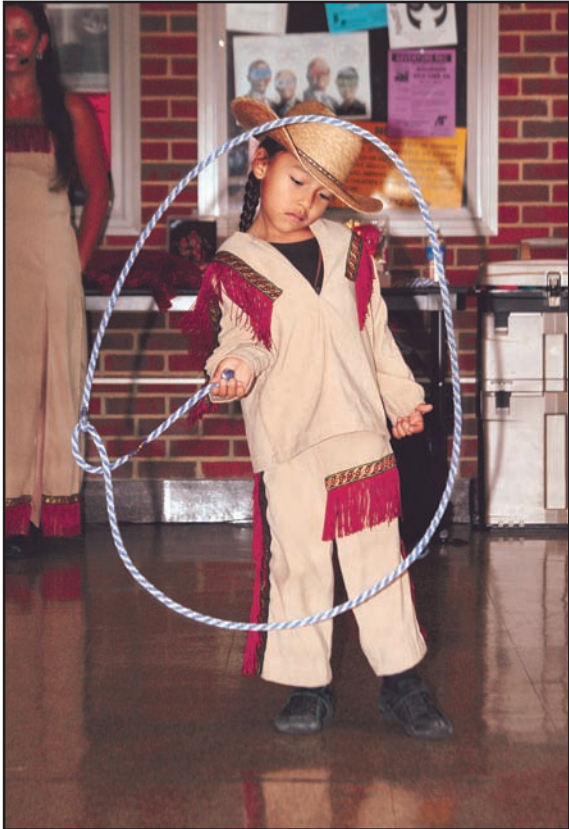
NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

The Fast Horse family performs on Monday, Nov. 10 in the UC Lobby.

Top right: The family re-enacted several traditional Native American dances and other ceremonial customs.

On left: Calin demonstrated rope tricks to onlookers.

Bottom right: Nate Wallace, a junior history major, volunteered to be involved in a magic trick.



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International Night promotes cultural awareness, appreciation

By JESSICA WALTON
Staff Writer

International Night was started nine years ago by the International Student Organization (ISO).

For several years it was a part of Homecoming Week and it evolved into a major event people attended annually in the UC Ballroom. Student Affairs co-sponsors with ISO and International Education for International Night.

According to Tammy Bryant, director of Student Affairs, “The purpose of International Night is to promote awareness and appreciation of other countries around the world through interaction with our faculty and staff and the countries they represent through food, pictures and artifacts, and sometimes clothing that they bring.”

APSU faculty represent many of the participating countries and devote much of their time to putting International Night together.

This year ISO and their adviser, Eloise Weatherspoon, professor of English, have worked to make International Night even bigger and better. This year, the event has outgrown the UC Ballroom, and will be held in the Foy Recreation Center on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Bryant said, “I greatly enjoy working with Weatherspoon, Tina Rousselot de Saint Creon, and Brie Vogt and the members of ISO to provide one of the best events on campus all year.”

ISO has been getting together entertainment for International Night, as well

as gathering items for their silent auction.

This is the first year ISO is partnering up with the Student Art League to raise money for International Night.

International Night is a free event for both the APSU and Clarksville communities.

There will be about 30 tables set up, representing 30 different countries with food and decorations.

Those who attend the event can go around to each of the tables to sample food from different countries. People can also learn about different cultures by meeting and talking with people from those countries represented. They also have entertainment such as music and salsa dancing. According to Weatherspoon, “It is a very popular event. About 600 people came last year. It grows every year.”

Brie Vogt, president of ISO, said: “I hope that everyone that attends International Night leaves with a new perspective on world cultures, whether that comes from tasting a new food, seeing a performance or just being in an environment that welcomes diversity.”

Vogt said International Night has affected her outlook on the uniqueness of campus.

“Having International Night has allowed me to see the diversity that is here at APSU,” Vogt said. “I feel very fortunate to have that interaction with different cultures. This has given me the opportunity to meet a lot of new people and learn about them and their home countries.” ♦

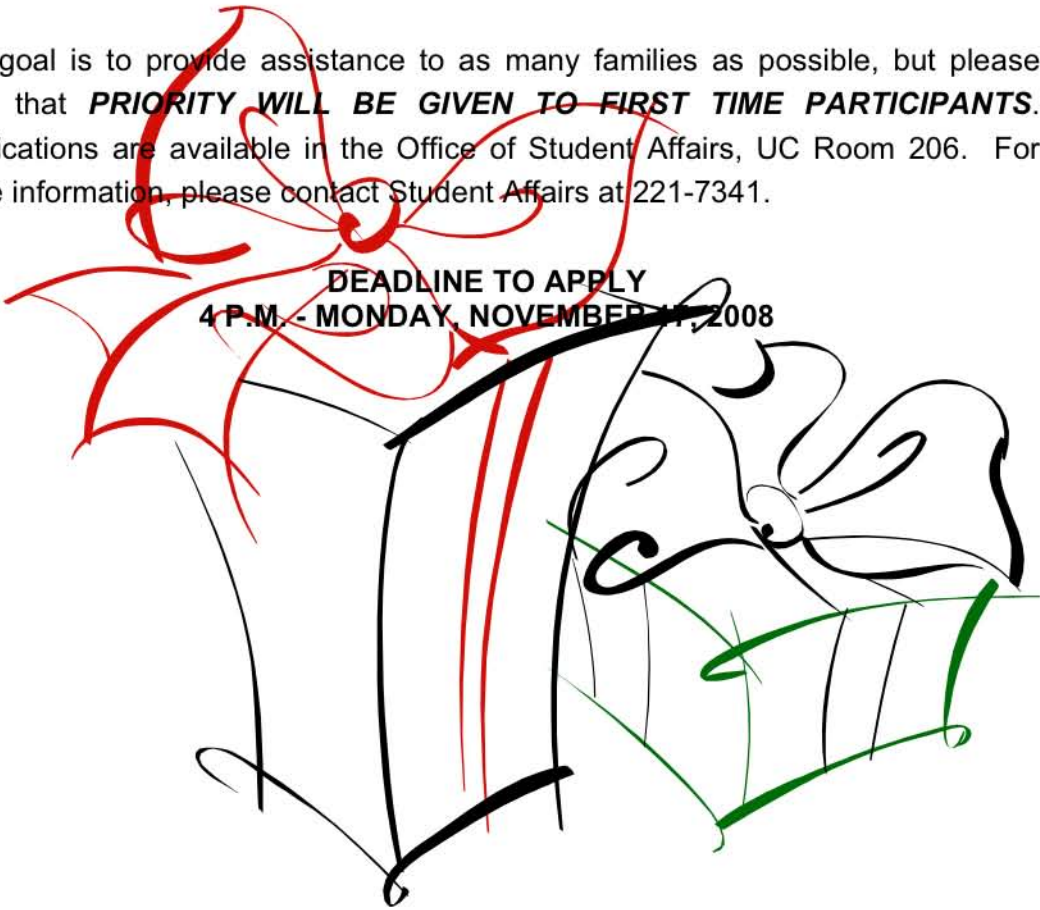
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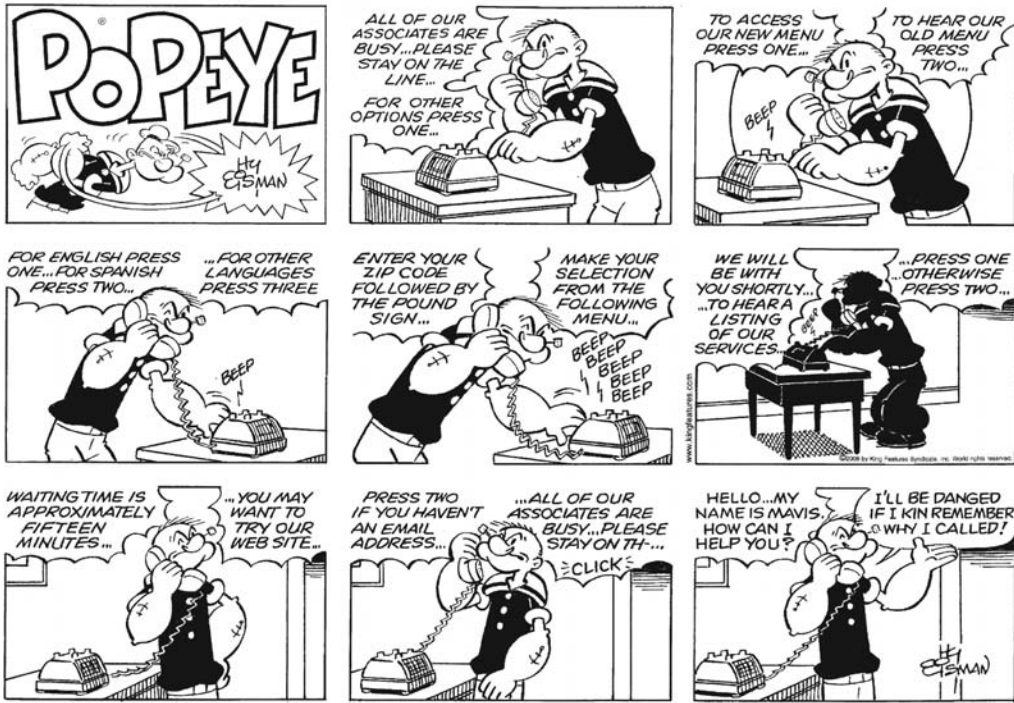
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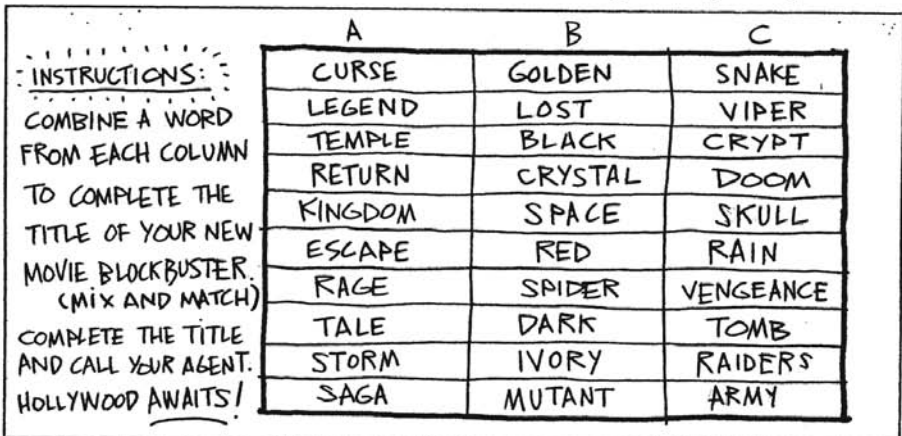
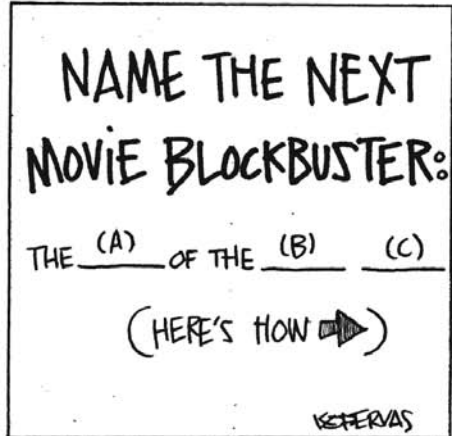
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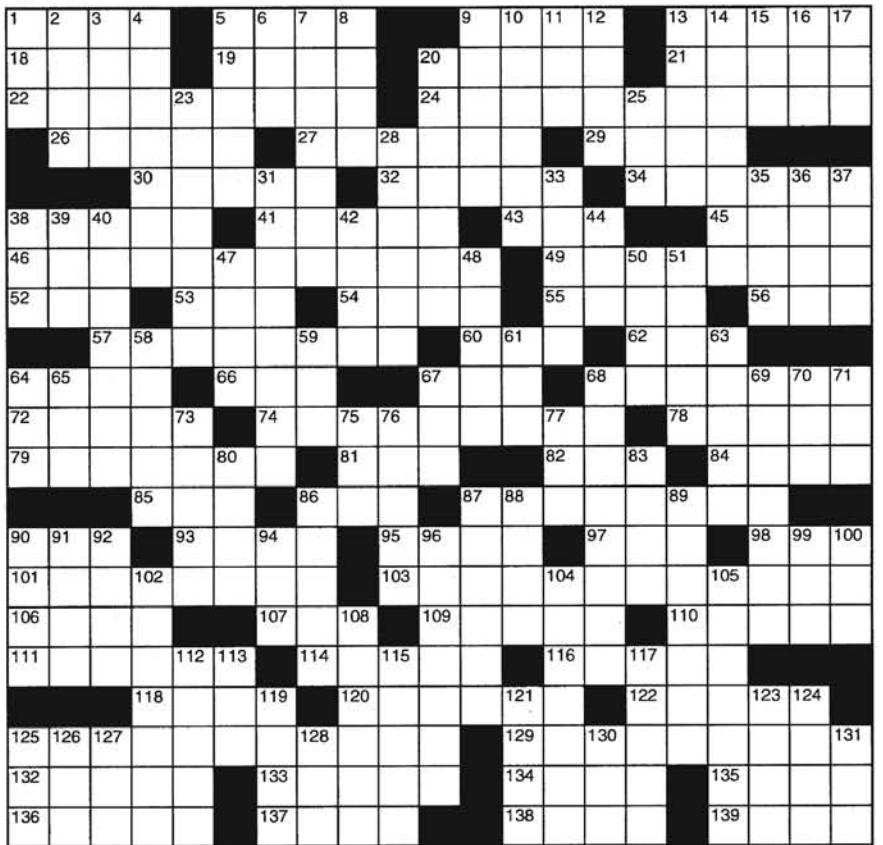


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by Linda Thistle

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Lady Govs lose third straight in Nashville

By MARLON SCOTT
Managing Editor

The APSU Lady Govs volleyball team has not been in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament since 2005. However, in only her second season as head coach, Jenny Hazelwood had the Lady Govs two wins away from a guaranteed tournament berth before they traveled to Nashville, Tenn. to play the Tennessee State University (TSU) Lady Tigers.

Instead of taking another step forward to the postseason, the Lady Govs fell prey to the Lady Tigers, losing their third straight match 3-1 (22-25, 19-25, 25-29, 16-25) Friday, Nov. 7.

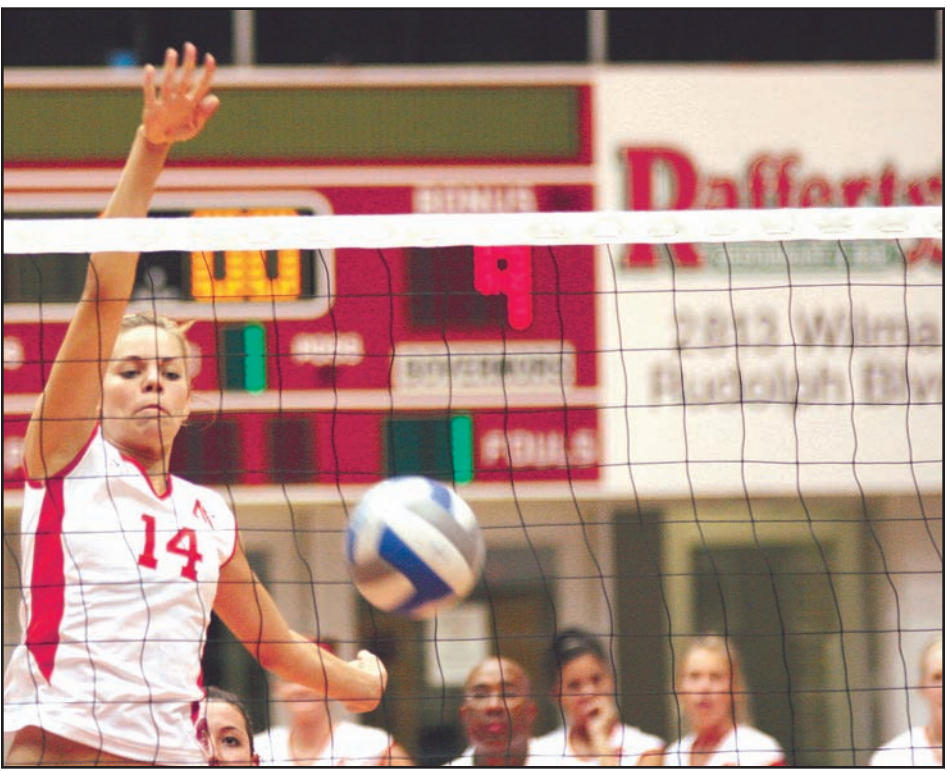
Errors plagued a usually sharp Lady Govs offense. They committed 31 attack errors; there second highest total this season. Lady Gov junior outside hitter, Kirstin Distler led her team with 12 kills in the match. Teammates Jessica Mollman and Taylor Skinner both contributed 9 kills.

APSU Sports Information reported Hazelwood's reaction to the Lady Govs play against TSU.

"We had a couple of players step up tonight and play well," Hazelwood said. "Marie did a good job when we called on her to set full time tonight. Kristin was unstoppable tonight when we were able to get her the ball. However, we can't have one or two players playing well and be successful. We're a team built around balance and we didn't have that tonight."

Candace Saleaumua, was one of three Lady Tigers who generated double-digit kills in the match. Christian Lowe led her team with 14 kills. The Lady Govs produced a timid .89 attack percentage compared to the Lady Tigers .247. In addition, the Lady Tigers held the block advantage 8-6.

Despite the loss to TSU, the Lady Govs (10-5) still control their destiny to make it to this season's OVC tournament. Thanks to losses by the Tennessee Tech University Golden Eagles (13-3) and the Morehead State University Eagles (12-4), Saturday, Nov. 8, they still have a chance to end the season at the top of the OVC as well. The Lady Govs will finish the regular season with two home games against OVC opponents this week. Friday, Nov. 14 they will play the Eastern Kentucky University Colonels and then finish against the Eastern Illinois University Panthers Saturday, Nov. 15. Previously this season, the Lady Govs swept both the Colonels and Panthers on the road 3-0. ♦



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Top: Junior Kirstin Distler and sophomore Taylor Skinner leap to make a block at the net. Distler led the Lady Govs with 12 kills against TSU Lady Tigers.
Bottom Left: Freshman Marie Mullins sets the ball for her teammate. Mullins had 31 assists recorded against the Lady Tigers.
Bottom Right: Junior Jessica Mollman spikes the ball for a kill. Mollman had nine kills against TSU.

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Govs Football

The Govs come rushing back into action Saturday, Nov. 15 to face OVC opponents, the Eastern Illinois University Panthers on the road. Afterwards, they will play their last game of the season at home against the Southeast Missouri State University Redhawks.

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Govs Basketball Preview

Govs strive for threeppeat



Left: Senior Drake Reed drives to the basket past the defender for the lay-up. Reed was the OVC Player of the Year for the 2006-07 season. Right: Senior Kyle Duncan pivots and keeps the ball away from the Central Missouri player. Duncan is a returning senior and starter for the Govs.



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By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Staff Writer

Looking at the 2008-09 APSU Govs basketball roster, the first adjective that comes to mind is inexperience. Especially, after counting up the seven first year players. But APSU athletics director and Govs head coach, Dave Loos, is not afraid to admit his team is full of youth and inexperience. “We have seven guys with their first-year of college basketball, we need to get them experience so they can step onto the floor and compete with anyone out their on the court,” Loos said. The Govs were picked to finish third in this season’s Ohio Valley Conference preseason poll behind UT-Martin and Murray State. Perhaps the loss of three starters or the amount of young players is why the reigning OVC champions were picked to finish only third. But if returning seniors Kyle Duncan and two-time All-OVC first team and OVC Player of the Year

Drake Reed have there say, the Govs will play more open with the young post players. “I think we can block more shots and rebound better this year,” Reed said. “We have to have set up a post player to get other opportunities to open up.” Derek Wright, Todd Babington and Fernandez Lockett left some huge roles to fill. Each of them averaged over 10 points a game, Wright and Babington led the team in three-point field goal percentages and Lockett was the team’s leading rebounder. Several of the new Govs will have to step up to fill out the stat board like those three former stars. Reed and Duncan are going to have to call on the help of last years “sixth man” junior Wes Channels to help the Govs reach the accolades of becoming the first program since 1998-99 to win three consecutive regular season OVC championships. Murray State was the last to accomplish such a feat and they ran the table with six

straight titles. When asked about the pressure felt from trying to win three straight titles, both Loos and Reed said, “Our goal is simple, we have to prepare each week to get better for March. We want to win the OVC crown again.” Loos added, “He feels the program is in a position, with the recruits he has brought in, to contend each year for the title.” It is a confidence born from the fact a Govs team has not finished below fifth in the OVC since 1993-94. The Govs starting five is rounded out by junior Ernest Fields and sophomore Caleb Brown. Last season Fields averaged 10.8 points a game, and snagged an average of 7.3 rebounds over the season’s final six games. Brown, who saw limited action as back up point guard last season, averaged 1.6 PPG and 0.6 RPG. However, the seven minutes of play he averaged in 35 games last season will be invaluable this season. He could be a big surprise to

opposing teams this season. “Big” can also be used to describe the new Govs roster. The Govs have four players listed at six feet, seven inches or taller. It would be hard to find any Govs fan who did not think the team needed more size after witnessing their defeat in the first round of last season’s NCAA tournament against Texas. “With Roberson healthy, and with the play of Fraley, Williams and Ross in the post things will open up more on the outside for three pointers or shots in the paint,” Loos said. “Now with that big man we can use Drake in different roles and use Channels on the perimeter.” After their last exhibition game against the Fontbonne Griffins tonight at 7p.m. in the Dunn Center, the Govs will not play again at home until Saturday, Nov. 22 against the Ohio University Bobcats. They face their first OVC opponents, Morehead State, Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009. ♦

Govs send Mules packing, 80-75

By TYLER O’DONNELL
Staff Writer

The APSU Govs basketball team earned a victory over the Central Missouri Mules 80-75 Thursday, Nov. 6. The exhibition game was played at Dave Aaron Arena. This was the first of two exhibition games for both teams. APSU athletics director and Govs head coach, Dave Loos, had to look on the opposite bench and watch his son and former Govs player, Brad Loos, coach against him. It was the older Loos who celebrated in the end. The majority of the game was a close, hard-fought battle. Gov senior forward and All-OVC preseason selection, Drake Reed, led the Govs with 14 points and six rebounds. Behind by one point at halftime, the Govs had to rely on their defense to overcome a 51-44 deficit with 12:49 left in the game to win. “In the second half, we turned up the defensive pressure and the speed,” Reed said. “We have bigger bodies now and we were able to battle without any problem.” The Govs did a great job of avoiding foul trouble in the first twenty minutes. They committed only four fouls while UCM committed ten. While fouling wasn’t a



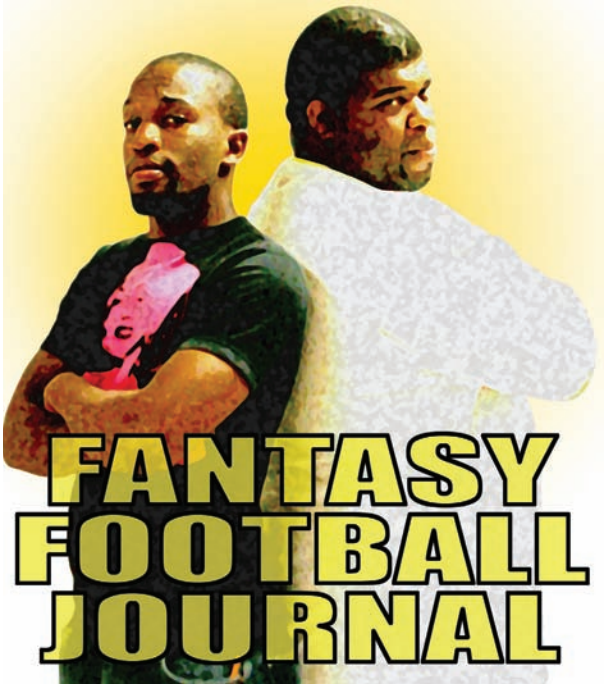
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Freshman Tyrone Caldwell looks past the defender to make a play. Caldwell scored 10 points against the Central Missouri Mules.

problem, traveling was. The Govs turned the ball over multiple times. Regardless, they were able to get down low in the paint and score. Sophomore center Duran Roberson made 3-of-3 in the paint. Reed added 3-of-6 from the post in the first half. Overall, the Govs shot 52 percent (13-of-25) in the first half and were behind at halftime 35-36. The game sped up in the second half. The Govs went to a full court press, something they didn’t do in

the first half. It worked on occasion, but UCM was able to charge to the basket for some easy scores. When it did work, the Govs created some fast breaks of their own. A nice feed to Wes Channels from Tyrone Caldwell made the score 45-44 UCM at the 14:31 mark. But turnovers helped the mules make a 6-0 run and take a 51-44 lead. Turnovers almost handed UCM the game. The Govs turned the ball over 10 times in the second half. However, the Govs defense prevented

the Mules from capitalizing on their turnover advantage. A layup by Reed brought the Govs within three, 56-53, with 8:27 left in the game. One minute later, Gov junior guard, Wes Channels made a steal and passed the ball down court to freshman guard, Tyrone Caldwell. Caldwell drove to the basket for a layup that gave the Govs a 57-56 lead. The Govs shot 86.7 percent (13-of-15) from the field in the second half. Once they got the lead, they continued to make shots and expanded it to nine points, 72-63, with 1:49 left in the game. Not even the flurry of three’s nearing the end of the game by the Mules could overcome the Govs lead. “The most encouraging things tonight is that we played with more energy and defense in the second half,” Loos said. “I think we have the ability to shoot better on free throws. We learned a lot from this game. Even if we lost, we would have benefited.” Tonight, the Govs will play their last exhibition game against the Fontebonne University Griffins. Afterwards, they will play their first regular season game of the season on the road against the University of Evansville Purple Aces, Saturday, Nov. 15. ♦



Season two, week eleven

Robinson, Scott march toward rematch

Dear Diary,

I’m just going to throw this out there, guys. I’m happy. Things have gone exceptionally well for me this past few weeks and my games have been a metaphorical representation of that. To be honest, I’m on a motivational high, guys. I just returned from Washington D.C., so I’m ready for anything the world has to throw at me.

Sorry for that tangent, I’ve realized that to be successful in this fantasy football business, you have to remain positive. I’ve taken the judgments from my football colleagues, and have tried to implement those into the success I have with my team.

My quarterback, Matt Ryan, has done so well for me since the demise, of Tony Romo and the “Boys”. I think he is one of the factors why the Atlanta Falcons have completely turned their image around. Just think, a year or two ago, the Falcons’ premise was looking pretty bleak in comparison to the rest of the NFL.

My wide receivers have done great for me this week. Hines Ward worked hard for his 116 yards in the loss against the Colts on Sunday. Calvin Johnson needs to find a new team. Period. Johnson is too good of a player to let the abysmal coaching of the Detroit Lions hold him back. In college, Johnson showed he can literally catch anything thrown at him. Search on YouTube for Calvin Johnson, you will realize this guy is honestly a force to be reckoned with. Reggie Wayne is a monster. Wayne, win or loss, continues to put up great numbers every week with the help of fellow teammate, Peyton Manning.

My opponent, Vyrus, just had a case of bad luck this week. His quarterback, Derek Anderson, is not injured, but didn’t play. He can thank his teammate Brady Quinn for that. Even though the Browns lost, Quinn gave the Browns some much-needed light in the midst of a pretty terribly season. Anderson is probably not going to get his job back after the numbers. Quinn put up this week.

Two very important players, Marion Barber and Santana Moss, had a bye week. This put a hit on his point totals, but if he just made a few adjustments on his bench, he probably could have beat me. Oh well, all things went in my favor, so I’m not going to complain at all.

Road to the playoffs,

Devon

Dear Diary,

The end is near and the race is getting tighter. I have to give Devon credit; he is laying a smack down on his opponent this week. This will be his fifth win in a row. Granted, I believe his win streak is due to a combination of luck and inferior opponents. But I am gracious (and humble) enough to acknowledge his accomplishments.

As I write this, my team is behind 98-79, but it is a minor set back. All the players on my opponent’s team have already finished playing. I still have three players who need to earn only seven points each for the win. They are quarterback Eli Manning, wide receiver Hank Baskett and the kicker Joe Nedney. A lesser skilled fantasy player would be worried. Obviously, as a fantasy guru, I am not worried.

Instead, I am calmly looking ahead and finishing my plan to be this league’s champion. I can already envision standing over Devon’s weeping body with my head held high, basking in the glory of my victory. Here are the facts. Only four teams are going into the playoffs. Sunday, Nov. 16 will be week 11 of the NFL season and the playoffs will take place in weeks 15 and 16. Currently, the best team in the league has an 8-1 record followed by four teams at 6-3 (including Devon’s and mine).

Looking at the rest of the scores, I can easily predict going into week 11, Devon and I will be one-of-three teams at 7-3 behind an 8-2 leader. If my predicted top four teams continue to win the rest of the season, Devon and I will not face each other until the championship game in week 16.

However, that match-up is in the hands of Devon. In week 13 he takes on the top team in the league. With a win, he could leap to the top spot. But that would set up our showdown in the semifinals, week 15. It is all very interesting.

Naturally, I would prefer to face Devon again with the championship on the line. The epic final battle would make a great ending for this tale. Devon is so likeable; he makes a great underdog for everyone to cheer for. Conversely, I make a great evil genius. The roles are set and the battle is inevitable. However, I am confident it will not end with a fairy tale ending for Devon. I will be a great champion.

Raising one eye brow,

Marlon