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Volunteers ‘Plant the Campus Red’



Paul Wofford, sophomore computer science major, and Alex Nelkov, sophomore biology major, plant flowers at the annual “Plant the Campus Red” volunteer event on campus to spread school pride and commemorate Earth Day on Thursday, April 25. **STEPHEN KEMP | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

» **By MYRANDA HARRISON**
Staff Writer

In honor of Earth Day, students, faculty and members of the Campus Activities Committee planted flowers and helped with landscaping around the APSU campus Thursday, April 26.

Those participating were either solo volunteers or involved in a campus affiliated group such as the various APSU sororities and fraternities. Everyone met in the UC Plaza where they were assigned their group number and location in order to begin planting. Some of the

places on campus that received new flowers include the new freshmen dorm Castle Heights, the Foy Fitness center, Harned Hall, and the Felix Woodward Library. Lindsey Jackson, the Landscape Manager for APSU

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APSU community ‘Takes Back the Night’ for women



Participants marching in the “Take Back the Night” march on Thursday night, April 25. The march aimed to help raise awareness about violence that takes place in the community. **PRINCESS ANDRESS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

» **By CHASETON DONAHOE**
Staff Writer

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance led a “Take Back the Night” march in protest of sexual and

domestic violence Thursday night, April 25, in the UC Plaza. The march signifies a stance against forms of sexual abuse commonly associated with nighttime hours. The Take Back the Night Foundation

aims to “end sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse and all other forms of sexual violence.” The march sought to raise awareness

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Men’s Golf wins OVC Championships



The Govs Men's golf team won APSU's sixth OVC championship title by nine strokes in the OVC Championships at GreyStone Golf Course in Dickson, Tennessee on Saturday, April 27. **CONTRIBUTED BY APSU SPORTS INFORMATION**

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APSU community remembers Boston



Members of the APSU community participated in a march and vigil to memorialize the tragedies that took place in Boston at the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15 and the week following. **JESSICA GRAY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

» **By DANIELLE HUNTER**
Staff Writer

Despite being miles away, APSU paid its respects to the Boston Marathon bombing victims on Wednesday, April 24, with a “Peace Walk” and vigil.

The Peace Walk followed the one-mile route on the campus’s new GovsTrails, and the candlelight vigil was held afterwards in the UC Plaza. A memorial was set up in the plaza for the three victims who lost their lives in the bombings, and the MIT officer who was killed in a shootout with the

suspects. Many members of the APSU community participated in the march and vigil for victims of the Boston Marathon bombings that occurred on Monday, April 15 and the tragic week that followed. Katlyn Jones, a junior social work major, was one of the students in charge of the event. According to Jones, her social work professor, Jeff Thompson, contacted her and three other social work students about holding an event

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Two APSU students earn prestigious Goldwater Scholarships

» **By BRITTANY HICKEY**
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, APSU can claim two of its students as Goldwater Scholars. Physics student Chris Hayes and math student Kristen Knight won two of the 271 scholarships awarded nationwide to science, math and engineering college students in March. “I didn’t have time to play mind games with myself and wonder what my actual chances were,” Knight said. “So, I honestly pushed it to the back of my mind and kept plugging away.” Hayes was initially uncertain of his chances as well but was happy his first impressions were proved wrong. Only 95 of the scholars chosen were women

and only 27 were in the field of mathematics, and Knight was among them. Knight has shifted this year from being an average driven student to a researcher who has presented at conferences and been published. Her research focuses on improving the way data is analyzed. “Data analysis is not something that just affects statisticians,” Knight explained. “Nearly any field uses data for studies.” At summer Research Experience for Undergraduate programs at Louisiana State University and the University of Michigan, Hayes gained experience that aided in his research and application for the Goldwater Scholarship. In the physics department, Hayes has researched

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Kristen Knight and Chris Hayes won two of 271 Goldwater Scholarships awarded nationally to exceptional science, math and engineering students. **DARRELL SHEFFIELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Plant Campus Red

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was there to monitor, help and assist any group with landscape and planting matters.

Before getting dirty though, everyone received a free T-shirt and a bright red water bottle as part of their reward for participating. Another reward was a “lottery” drawing that involved winning a gift card to a local restaurant.

Sara Gotcher, professor in the theater department, served as the events emcee. She explained that the first year this event was organized and held was after the infamous tornado in 1999 that destroyed part of the campus.

She said this is a good way of ensuring that everything is preserved and kept up.

“When you look around the campus you see the hard work that was put in. I would love to do this again,” Gotcher said.

While the participants checked in, President Tim Hall stopped by to offer some encouraging words about the importance of preserving our

campus. He highlighted the number of people that are constantly telling him how gorgeous APSU’s campus is and how amazed they are with the upkeep of it. He noted how essential it is to have campus organizations like these to help keep APSU beautiful.

“Thank you for what you’re doing” Hall said. “It makes a big difference.”

Professor Lindsey Szramek of the geology department said this is her first year on the Campus Activities Committee and she thinks it was very successful given the fact that the event had to be delayed due to rain.

“Not as many people that signed up showed up due to the event having to be delayed,” Szramek said. “But, despite that, most of all the flowers got planted and the ones that didn’t get planted, got planted the next day.”

In return for those who planted flowers around campus, ice cream treats courtesy of the Dairy Queen were provided.

The volunteer event was a great opportunity for students, faculty and staff to celebrate Earth Day and to demonstrate pride in APSU’s campus. **TAS**



Holley Batey, senior accounting major, and Elizabeth Stonerock, Veterans Affairs financial aid counselor, planting flowers at the annual “Plant the Campus Red” event. **STEPHEN KEMP | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Goldwater Scholars

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the force that binds all matter together, called the “strong force.”

“The study of the strong force, called quantum chromodynamics, has two distinct features which cause it to be a bit wonky,” Hayes said. “I use computer algorithms to study the effect that this force has on the principle particles of the strong force called quarks.”

The APSU undergraduates were just two of 1,107 applicants for the scholarship. According to the foundation’s website, many Goldwater Scholars have gone on to become Rhodes Scholars. The scholarship awards funds for tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year.

Both Hayes and Knight, like many Goldwater Scholars, intend on pursuing doctorates and eventually teaching at universities while continuing their research. **TAS**



APSU mathematics student Kristen Knight is one of 271 students to be named a Goldwater Scholar this year, for her studies in data analysis. **DARRELL SHEFFIELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

CRIME LOG

The campus crime log includes arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within two business days of an incident and new information to an incident available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

- 12:28 p.m.; Apr. 25; Shasteen; assault
- 12:53 p.m.; Apr. 24; Memorial Health; theft of property
- 12:23 p.m.; Apr. 24; Ellington; theft of property
- 8:39 p.m.; Apr. 24; Govs Lane; burglary

- 2:17 p.m.; Apr. 24; Foy Fitness & Rec. Center; theft of property
- 12:14 a.m.; Apr. 24; Drane & Govs Lane; burglary
- 1:09 p.m.; Apr. 23; Meacham Apartments; burglary
- 3:28 p.m.; Apr. 16; Emerald Hills/Two Rivers; fraudulent use of credit card
- 1:18 p.m.; Apr. 16; Morgan University Center; theft of property

Visit TheAllState.org to see an interactive map of the campus crime log and crime statistics.

Boston Vigil

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for the Boston Marathon bombings. Jones and the other social work students put the event together in under a week, contacting local news and radio channels about promoting the event.

“It’s very tragic. With me being a social work major, I want to affect change. I would love to do international social work and work with people who may not necessarily be affected, but live in a country where this happens every day and to see if there’s any way we can make [the world] a better place,” Jones said.

Jones also expressed her encouragement for other people to see the good in the world and aim for peace.

Martin Richard, 8, who was killed in the Boston bombings, inspired Thompson’s idea for the event.

“I have a 9-year-old and I can’t imagine the disheartening loss of the parents who took their child to the Boston marathon, and they didn’t take him home. I saw him holding a poster that said, ‘No more hurting people. Peace’ and (that) touched me,” Thompson said. “We need to keep this little boy’s message out there — that message of peace.”

Thompson said people want a way to articulate that they care in the aftermath of tragedy.

“(In Clarksville) we can call attention to it and do something like this where we collectively remember those who lost their lives and do

something to promote peace amongst all of us,” Thompson said. “We want to promote more peaceful conditions in which it won’t be as likely to have this happen again.”

Tennessee Representative Joe Pitts attended the event and gave a short speech, remembering the Boston Marathon bombing tragedy victims and sharing hope for a brighter future.

“Tragedies don’t last because of the resolve of human spirit, and that’s what I love about this country. Our human spirit is strong and resilient. So let us move forward and learn to honor those perished in the bombings and let us always resolve to remember that America has more in common than we have in conflict.”

The UC plaza was filled with candlelight, despite the cold weather and wind. Students, staff, community members and others came together and sang “Amazing Grace” in memory of those lost.

Pitts complimented APSU’s event, saying “It shows that, while we are separated in miles, there is no distance in spirit. We’re there in spirit for those who suffered death and injury at the Boston marathon.”

Thompson pointed out that violence happens all over the world and Boston’s tragedy is just one example of such tragedy.

“All over the world, [people] are killed for one reason or another — caught in the crossfire of wars and terrorism,” Thompson said. “If you really have peace as a goal, it’s peace for everybody. It sounds difficult, but peace is hard work, and it starts with each person individually.” **TAS**



Participants listening to a speaker during a vigil on Wednesday, April 24, that memorialized the victims lost in the week-long Boston tragedy that started with the bombing of the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15, and the killing of an MIT officer. **JESSICA GRAY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Take Back the Night

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about what and how many violent acts are being committed in the communities.

“We’re out here tonight to educate people about violence against women,” said Desiree Sassel, sophomore English major. “Instead of teaching girls to stay out of dark areas, we should teach boys not to assault women.”

Members of the Feminists Majority Leadership Alliance pointed to statistics show that an estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year. Females between the ages of 20 and 40 are most likely victims of domestic violence. Almost a third of female homicide victims that are reported to police are killed by an intimate partner, and one out of six American women have been victims of attempted or completed rape in their lifetime, making up 17.7 million in total, according to representatives from the Feminists Majority Leadership Alliance.

“This is really just to raise awareness, and not just for violence against women. It’s very prevalent in our community, and maybe people who aren’t speaking out can see that we do know there is a problem,” Jordan Adams, a sophomore professional studies major and women and gender studies minor, said.

“It’s good for people to be aware that there’s still a lot of violence, and not only against women, but gays and transgenders too,” notes event organizer

Ellen Garland, junior art major.

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance promotes “women’s equality, non-violence, economic development and, most importantly, empowerment of women and girls in all sectors of society.”

Oftentimes, people accept the inevitability of violent acts occurring, and simply discourage women and others from being out late at night. The Feminists Majority Leadership Alliance emphasizes that they refuse to accept this kind of problem as an inevitable pattern and the Take Back the Night event aims to raise awareness and take measures to make communities safe during all hours, day and night. **TAS**



LaMonica Arnold carries a sign during the “Take Back the Night” march on Thursday, April 25. **PRINCESS ANDRESS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**



Heavy rainfall floods APSU baseball facilities



Heavy rainfall on Saturday, April 27 caused water to flood the APSU baseball facilities on Sunday, April 28. Left: Flood waters in the visitor’s dugout at Raymond C. Hand Park exceeded a foot, reaching the bench level on Sunday, April 28. **JOSH VAUGHN | PHOTO EDITOR** Right: Flood waters cover Raymond C. Hand Park’s outfield after heavy rainfall fell in the area over the weekend. **PHILIP SPARN | NEWS EDITOR**

STD awareness is important for all students

WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT STDs CAN MAKE YOUR LIFE HELL.



How do I know if I'm at risk?
Have you ever had sex without a condom?
Do you know if your partner has ever had sex without a condom?
Have you or your partner ever shared needles? (tattoos, drugs, piercings, vitamins, etc.)
If you answered YES to any of these, you may have an STD and not know it.

One in two sexually active young people will get an STD by the age of

25

STDs are really common. Every year there are more than 19 million new cases in the U.S.¹

More than 50 percent of sexually active people will get HPV at some point during their lives.¹

8 out of 10 women will get HPV by the time they are 50.²

Most STDs aren't spread just through intercourse, they can be spread through any kind of genital contact.²

Most types of birth control (except for condoms) do NOT protect against STDs.²

»RONNIESIA REED

Assistant Perspectives Editor

As college students, STD awareness is becoming more and more important for many of us. There are many sexually transmitted diseases that we are unaware of, and we are unaware of the many ways we can get them.

“Even grandma kissing you at Christmas might pass on cold sores (a herpes virus). Chlamydia is a common STD and most people have never heard of it,” Dr. Andrew Lange, said an article for the *Huffington Post*.

“Venereal diseases are often undiagnosed or hidden by symptoms that are common to other diseases. You can have an STD and never know it.”

The best way to know is by getting tested, and even going with

your partner to be tested together.

Students here at APSU can be tested on campus in our health services clinic.

It is also important to make ourselves aware of sexually transmitted diseases and how they can be passed.

Some can be passed even without sexual intercourse. There is no contraceptive that can fully prevent a person from getting any and every STD.

“The risk of passing on STDs is increased by the fact that the public is not familiar with many of the common symptoms of STDs or that they resemble other illnesses like the flu or more common skin eruptions,” Dr. Andrew Lange said.

Some STD's can be cured, some cannot. Herpes is an STD that cannot be cured.

Herpes is one of the most common diseases that is passed without a person even knowing they have it.

According to the CDC, “You can get genital herpes even if your partner shows no signs of the infection. If you have any symptoms, like a sore on your genitals, especially one that periodically recurs, laboratory tests can help determine if you have

genital herpes.”

Many STDs can become severe if not treated in a timely manner.

Hepatitis is an STD that is also the leading cause of liver cancer.

HIV is an STD that many people, especially college students, are not as cautious of as they should be.

According to the CDC, each person that is sexually active should be tested at least once a year. There are multiple ways to get HIV and there are also treatments for it. It is important to find out as soon as possible if you may have this disease, because if not treated it can become AIDS. AIDS is the final stage of HIV and is a disease of the immune system which causes deadly conditions.

I went to get tested here at our health service clinic and it was a very good experience.

Our nurse practitioners made me feel very comfortable and also informed me about many STDs I did not know about, and the different ways I could get them. There are different ways to be tested including a physical exam, blood sample, urine sample and a saliva sample.

Each of these can help diagnose a patient for different types of STDs. It is important to tell whoever will be testing you everything they need to know about you sexually before being tested.

To get more information about sexually transmitted diseases and to get tested confidentially, visit our health service clinic in Ellington Building, room 104. *TAS*

SYMPTOMS TO WATCH OUT FOR³

<div>Chlamydia</div> <div>-discharge or bleeding from the vagina -burning pain when you urinate -need to urinate more often -swollen or tender testicles -watery, white drip from the penis</div>	<div>Gonorrhea</div> <div>-thick yellow or gray discharge from the vagina -burning pain when you urinate or have a bowel movement -abnormal periods -thick yellow or greenish drip from the penis -need to urinate more often</div>	<div>Hepatitis B</div> <div>-flu-like feelings that don't go away -tiredness -jaundice (yellow skin) -dark urine, light-colored bowel movements</div>	<div>Herpes</div> <div>-flu-like feelings -small, painful blisters on the sex organs or mouth -itching or burning before the blisters appear -blisters last one-three weeks -blisters go away but come back</div>	<div>HIV/AIDS</div> <div>-can be present for many years with no symptoms -unexplained weight loss or tiredness -flu-like feelings that don't go away -diarrhea -white spots in mouth -in women, yeast infections that don't go away</div>	<div>HPV</div> <div>-small, bumpy warts on the sex organs and anus -itching or burning around sex organs -after warts go away, the virus sometimes stays in the body -can cause cervical cancer, detectable by a Pap test</div>	<div>Syphilis</div> <div>-painless sore on mouth or sex organs -sore lasts 2-6 weeks -sore goes away but you still have syphilis -a rash anywhere on the body -flu-like feelings -rash and flu-like feelings go away, but you still have syphilis</div>
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SGA: Can't stop, won't stop

»FAITH JOHNSON
Guest Writer

The value of our Student Government Association should not be put into question unless it is shown that the SGA is no longer beneficial to the student body.

Suggesting that the SGA is no longer benefitting the student body because the legislation that it works on does not compare to a school that is multiple times larger is an unfair comparison.

However, taking a look into the legislation that the SGA is working on and looking into the aspects as to why the legislation is being addressed is a more advantageous route in getting to the bottom of things.

An example of this would be to look into the minutes of an SGA meeting.

According to Kelsie Brewer, the executive secretary of the SGA, the minutes are posted on the SGA site the week following the meeting after

they have been voted on and made official.

On Wednesday, April 17, there was legislation voted on that included the Justice selection committee, Senate dress code, an appreciation certificate for the Physical Plant for doing a task that Senator Thomas Thornton was going to ask them to do but they did it before he could, and legislation to place an outside corkboard for advertising organizational events in Greek Village.

All of which passed except for the dress code. As for the introduced legislation, there were two pieces of legislation and an act addressing the SGA specifically. When speaking with SGA president Jesse

Brewer about the changes in the SGA during the election period he expressed, "We are trying to make smaller steps to have a long term effect for the positive."

There were other pieces of legislation introduced on the Wednesday, April 17 as well. Senator Megan Gray made a resolution to send a formal request to the Office of Information Technology to update the computers in the Sundquist computer lab. Senator James de Moss submitted a resolution to ask the Physical Plant to assemble smoking facilities across campus. These are in addition to other resolutions that were submitted for a total of seven. While building the foundations for a more solid future, there are also resolutions

for requests that the student body would benefit from in the short term. These requests, like updating the computers in Sundquist and assembling smoking facilities, the student body will see and those that use them will appreciate.

As a student body we may not see a lot of what the SGA does, but that does not mean it is not working. One semester of legislation that seems to be quiet can mean multiple things, and in this case it appears that the SGA is attempting to make things better for the future.

So that when there is seemingly less interest in the SGA it could be because the SGA is attempting to make itself a little more accountable when it comes to who is being voted in. I know that I personally would be more likely to be involved with the SGA if I knew it was not just a popularity contest; which by the way, it is not.

As with anything associated with a government, become educated and do not take what you read as the cold hard truth. Research and discover for yourself. *TAS*

CLARIFICATION

In an editorial about the Student Government Association in the Wednesday, April 24 edition, some statements used by the author to argue their points were not clarified.

The author listed 11 resolutions proposed by SGA during the 2012-2013 semesters. SGA has, in fact, proposed 27 resolutions this academic year at time of print, and the 11 listed by the author of the editorial were the ones posted on the SGA website.

The author claimed that SGA president Jesse Brewer declined a phone call and after reviewing the conversation between the author and Brewer, Brewer did not decline a phone call but rather asked the questions be emailed. Editorial opinions expressed in *The All State* are solely the opinion of the author, unless otherwise stated.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

» JESSE BREWER, SGA PRESIDENT

Despite last week's article regarding SGA, we truly have been hard at work all year.

Here's some of what we've accomplished:

- Drafted 30 pieces of legislation ranging from library and bathroom improvements to requiring all senators to write more pieces of legislation throughout their term.
- Our Tribunal branch has heard over 600 student parking appeals.
- Hosted an SGA Open House/Forum in the fall for students, faculty, staff, and administration to be informed of SGA;
- Created our first SGA logo, being utilized on our promotional information.

- Extended the operational hours of the Peay Pick-up till 4:30 p.m. and through finals, which has seen a drastic increase in ridership this year.
- Transformed elections to move towards a quality vote being recognized by the director of the American Student Government Association, Butch Oxendine.
- Participated in Summer Welcome sessions, Orientation Weekend, Student Organization fairs, AP days, graduations, multiple University Standing Committees and more.
- Sponsored the 11th Mudbowl, which had 64 teams and over 750 participants.
- Sponsored our largest ever G.H.O.S.T. attracting close to 6,000 people to campus.
- Provided free Homecoming T-shirts to all students.

- Participated in the Tennessee Inter-Collegiate State Legislature representing APSU among several other colleges.
 - Utilized our office space more, welcomed all students into the space, created internal committees, and purchased I-pads for survey uses to help better represent our constituents.
 - Implemented a new process where formal letters of recommendation are sent to departments making them more aware of proposed changes by the SGA.
- Overall, the SGA is constantly working to best represent all the students whether it is known or not.
- I would like to encourage all students to please become active within the SGA.
- Our meetings are public every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in UC 307 and we'd love to see you there. *TAS*

Jenelle says farewell to editors leaving Student Pubs



»JENELLE GREWELL
Editor-In-Chief

This semester at *The All State* is seeing a lot of good staff members graduating or moving on to bigger things.

As editor-in-chief it can be hard on me not only because I am seeing valuable staff members leave but also because I am seeing people I have made real connections with leave and it hasn't gotten any easier in the five years I have been working here.

Despite the sadness I may feel about staff members graduating, I am more excited about the idea of them learning from their experience here in Student Publications and using it in their future careers. Several of our graduating seniors are going to use the skills and experience that they have learned down here in their future careers.

Sean Atkins, our current Sports Editor, is getting a job as sports columnists and film critic at a website run out of New York City.

He said the relationships he has developed, how to release

information, appropriate news coverage and how to write for a bigger audience are all skills that will be beneficial to him in his new job.

"Working down here can open up an endless number of possibilities for anywhere to write in the future," Atkins said.

Brian Bigelow, our graduating Managing Editor, said he hopes to go into print journalism, and he has learned how to write and edit articles and what it is like to work in a newsroom.

"Working at *The All State* was a great privilege and opportunity that enriched my college experience and prepared me for a future career in journalism," he said.

"I was able to meet and work with a great group of people, and I will remember my tenure at *The All State* fondly."

Dalwin Cordova, our graduating Assistant News Editor, said he has learned a lot about photography such as photojournalistic values and how to use program such as Photoshop.

Our graduating News Editor, Philip Sparr said the layout skills and organizational skills he has learned down here would be beneficial to him. "I have learned good communication skills that could be applied to any jobs but especially in the media," he said.

Josh Vaughn, our graduating photo editor, is starting a job at a

public relations/marketing firm. He said his experience down here as Photo Editor has helped him to learn how to trust in staff members and delegating assignments. "I do have a bad habit of taking on too much and [this experience] will help in a job situation down the road in asking for help like if I am ever in a group project," he said.

Working down in Student Publications offers skills for almost anyone looking to do anything with their careers.

There are obvious benefits to working in Student Publications if you are communications major.

You get real experience, résumé building and portfolio additions that contribute to your ability to get a job after graduation.

However, working at *The All State* isn't just for communication majors. There are a lot of benefits to working down here such as being in a professional environment, teamwork, organization skills, leadership and many more skills that are needed when pursuing a career.

I hope that anyone who decides to work for Student Publications gains valuable experience that can be used in their future. We are not only the student newspaper of APSU but we are valuable learning tool for students who want to gain specific skills. *TAS*



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EVENTS

Wednesday,
May 1

- 7 a.m.; **John S. Zeigler Leadership Series: Dean's Breakfast;** MUC 305

Thursday,
May 2

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; **Govs Programming Council Spring Fling: Govs Oasis;** MUC Plaza

Friday,
May 3

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; **First Friday;** MUC Plaza

Sunday,
May 5

- 3 p.m.; **Gateway Chamber Orchestra Concert: The Song of the Earth;** George and Sharon Mabry Concert Hall
- 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; **Govs Baseball vs. Morehead State;** Baseball Field
- 9 p.m.-11 p.m.; **ODK Late Night Study Break;** Felix G. Woodward Library

Monday,
May 6

- 9 p.m.-11 p.m.; **ODK Late Night Study Break (Part 2);** Felix G. Woodward Library

To submit on- or off-campus events for future Community Calendars, email allstatefeatures@apsu.edu.

APSU's "day at the races"



Toby Jones, communications major Jason Hartley and engineering major Michael Shaw make up local indie rock group My Day at the Races. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Local band My Day at the Races includes students, transcends genre distinctions



» **By JENELLE GREWELL**
Editor-In-Chief

My Day at the Races is a local band that loves playing music and just wants to have fun. "We see ourselves playing a good show," said drummer Jason Hartley, sophomore communications major. "Our lives are rooted in college or our families. Getting signed isn't a priority."

Guitarist Toby Jones agreed that getting signed would be "awesome," but it is not the most important thing to him.

Hartley explained how he and Jones always supported each other musically over the years. Even when they were in different bands, they continued to play together and finally formed their own band in May 2012.

In the fall of 2012, they picked up guitarist and sophomore engineering major Michael Shaw to form My Day at the Races.

Hartley did not go to college right after high school and took several years off.

"The time I took off gave me a lot of experience. Going back as a non-traditional student has given me a lot of appreciation for school that I might not have had as a traditional student," Hartley said.

Hartley said college is probably hurting his music because he is so busy being a part of Alpha Tau Omega, Gov's Ambassadors and a peer mentor.

Alternatively, Shaw said college makes him "want to play music."

Hartley explained the musical style of My Day at the Race as an underground, indie rock band with experimental and math rock influences. "Nothing is straightforward and our music changes up a lot," he said.

The music writing process for My Day at the Races is a lot of improvising. Jones said he usually comes up with a quick riff and the band goes from there. Hartley said Jones comes up with basis of a song and then he and Shaw add structure.

Shaw said writing music is about playing what he thinks is right and not so much about inspiration.

My Day at the Races is not only unique in their style of music, but also in the fact that they are an instrumental band. Jones said they have kind of stopped looking for a vocalist. "It is a hard style to find a singer for," Hartley said.

Hartley said he has been playing music since he was 13, so he has no problem getting up on stage.

Jones expressed a little pre-show anxiety but once he gets up on stage he feels fine. "It feels good to get up there and see two friends with you," he said.

The members of My Day at the Races try to do

their best to support the local Clarksville music scene. "We like to get to as many [shows] as possible and encourage and see new bands," Jones said.

Hartley said going to shows is a great way to meet and connect with new people. "You may not always see a polished act, but [it] has a lot of potential, and with encouragement, it can be great," he said.

Shaw explained small things like eating at the Coup help support the local music scene. "It keeps the place open for local bands to come and play," he said.

My Day at the Races is planning on recording an acoustic EP.

Hartley said playing an acoustic version of their music style is something that will be slightly different for them and they will have to tweak some things to sound more acoustic. Jones said it is important to have a finished product out there.

"[We want something] tangible. If no one likes it ... we like it. It is music we are passionate about," Hartley said.

The members of My Day at the Races offered advice for anyone who wants to start playing music. "Don't try to sound like anybody," Shaw said.

Hartley said he isn't bothered by wondering whether the band is going to "make it big" or not, saying the band members love what they are doing now.

"So many bands can have a great sound, but a lukewarm feeling. Make sure you love what you are doing," he said. **TAS**

Social work student, Valor Award winner Swallows overcomes adversity to study

» **By LINDA SAPP**
Staff Writer

Multiple Myeloma is a blood cancer which has caused Michelle Swallows, APSU student, to suffer bone and body pain, as well as a brain tumor.

Her diagnosis came in 2009, and the typical remission is three years. Swallows received a stem cell transplant in 2012, and she continues her education on campus in the social work department.

Swallows discussed her inspiration for becoming a social worker, and she mentioned that APSU Instructor, Barbara Beswick was one of the two social workers who inspired her the most. Beswick teaches Child Welfare I and II, and she has led Swallows toward a waiting career at the Department of Children's Services.

Being a recipient of the Valor Award, Swallows maintains that "you can face adversity and bounce back." She balances a family of four children, with two of them still at home, a position as a peer mentor,

and still has time to serve as President of the Social Work Club. Her husband has just recently returned from a long deployment in the military.

Swallows has learned to help others and to use school as a coping strategy. She added that she has a strong support group with military families and within her own family. She looked amused and said, "The worst part of this was losing my hair." She began to tell the stories about her first experiences after treatments, and clearly, has a broad sense of humor about her condition.

Prior to her diagnosis, Swallows started school at the University of Phoenix and earned an associate's degree in Human Services Management. She later entered the social work department and will begin

her internship at DCS in the fall. Swallows has not allowed her illness to become a liability.

"I look at my illness as a gift," Swallows said. "I can either sit at home or bounce back."

Her attitude is positive and she believes her purpose is "to give back to others who are less fortunate."

Swallows said she is able to see good that she believes exists in everyone. She wants to make an impact in the state system and put her education and sense of purpose to work.

As Swallows moves toward graduation, she said she has dreams of coming back to school to study for her master's degree in the Department of Social Work. Additionally, Swallows wants to study for her licensure in social work and tackle that as soon as possible. **TAS**

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— Michelle Swallows, social work students

Condom Day promotes health, safe sex

» By **SABRINA HAMILTON**
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Dedicated to the task of promoting safe and consensual sex, the annual Condom Day, an event sponsored by the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance with contributions from the Gay-Straight Alliance and Sociology Club, among other organizations, was held in the UC Tuesday, April 23.

The informal awareness day included a variety of activities, ranging from games such as “What’s in the Hot Box?” in which students were asked to reach into a box and withdraw an item to “Pick Your Partner,” a game where students picked a card with an image on one side, then flipped it over to reveal their sexual fate on the reverse.

In addition to handing out free condoms and sweets, the booths included pamphlets covering various topics, such as “Nine Sexually Responsible Behaviors,” “STD Facts” and “Thinking About Contraception.”

Students were rewarded with a condom balloon in exchange for pledging a donation to the organizations.

About the importance of safe sex, family planning

site Plannedparenthood.org said, “There are many kinds of sexually transmitted diseases and infections. And they are very common — more than half of all of us will get one at some time in our lives.”

The American Sexual Health Association also advises the public to practice safe sex.

“Estimating how many sexually transmitted disease or infection cases occur is not a simple or straightforward task,” ASHA said in an official release. “First, most STDs/STIs can be ‘silent,’ causing no noticeable symptoms. These asymptomatic infections can be diagnosed only through testing. Unfortunately, routine screening programs are not widespread, and social stigma and lack of public awareness concerning STDs/STIs often inhibits frank discussion between health care providers and patients about STD/STI risk and the need for testing.”

The purpose of Condom Day is to promote sexual health among college students, keeping the subject of safe sex from being swept under the rug.

Students interested in being tested for STDs can visit Health Services or the Montgomery County Health Department. *TAS*



Gay-Straight Alliance member Jess Brundige works the “Be Safe” Condom Day booth In the UC lobby on Tuesday, April 23. JANAY NEAL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Student speaks about living in Cuba during HCC event

» By **BRITTANY HICKEY**
Guest Writer

The latest in the Hispanic Cultural Center’s “Not All About Tacos” series zeroed in on Cuba Thursday, April 25.

Danielle Baggett, the center’s graduate assistant, gave the presentation based on her experience growing up on Guantanamo Bay’s naval air station.

The “Not All About Tacos” series explores a Latin American country every month and a presenter talks about the culture of the country while attendees try the local cuisine.

Baggett lived in Cuba for 14 years until she came to America for college.

Her presentation focused on areas from the history and geography of the nation to the local food.

On the naval air station, however, the cuisine consisted of American franchise restaurants like McDonalds.

“It is a place that is very dear to my heart,” Baggett said of Cuba. “A place that only a few people get to experience.”

A counseling graduate student ShaNonte Davis heard about the event through Baggett and decided to support her and hear about her

experience living in Cuba.

“She gave me an overall perspective of what it was like,” Davis said of the presentation. “What kind of critters I could expect to see, what food places were available to Americans, how her school was and overall island life in a place many Americans would never get the opportunity to live or even visit.”

In Baggett’s presentation, she explained that the Guantanamo Bay naval air station is the only American military base located in a country that has no diplomatic relations with America.

While America has disabled their old

minefield surrounding the base, Cuba’s remains operational.

About 25 students and staff attended this month’s “Not All About Tacos” to learn about Cuba at the Hispanic Cultural Center.

“It opens your eyes to learning about other places,” Davis said. “I lived in Germany but I have never lived in a Spanish speaking culture so it was interesting to learn about.”

Davis also enjoyed the chance to get the full experience with the local food.

“I think the center is a great asset to our campus,” Baggett said. “[It] embraces diversity of APSU students.” *TAS*



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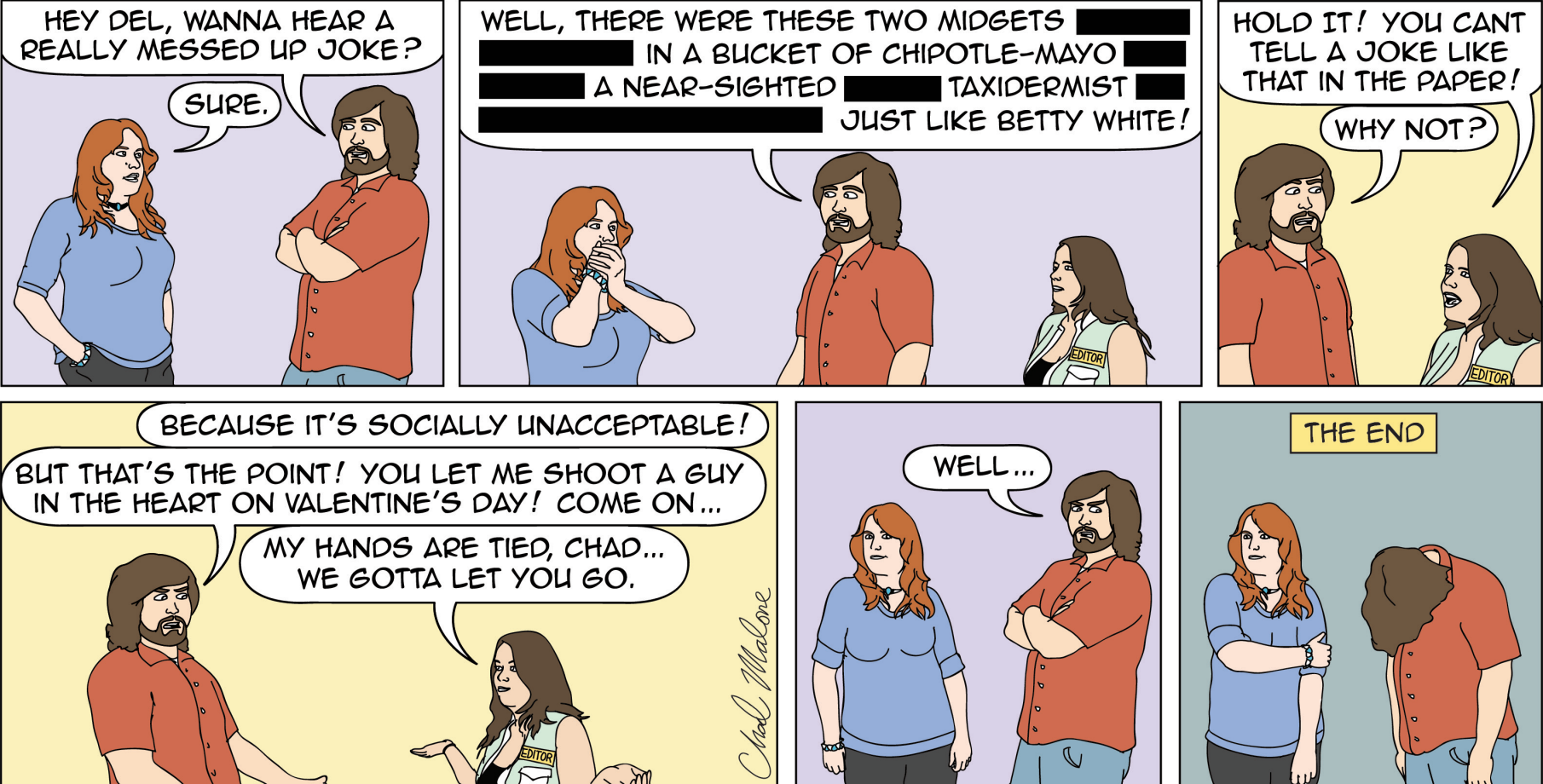
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by Linda Thistle

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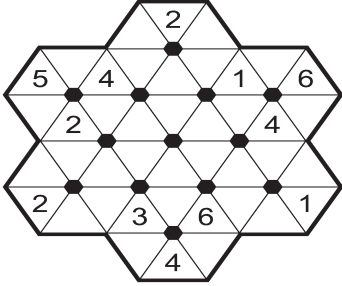
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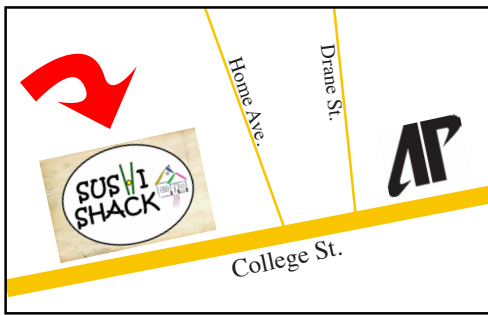
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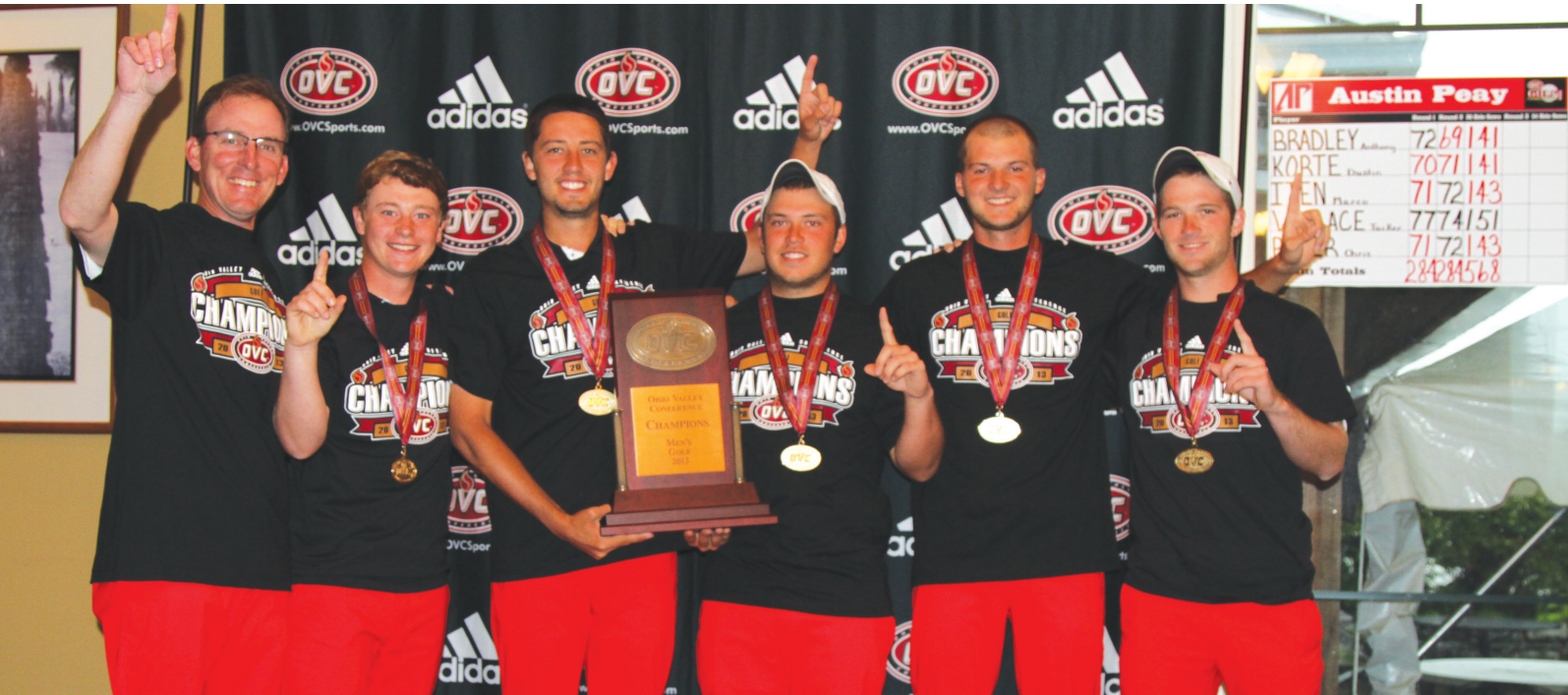
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Golf Govs win OVC, add to historic athletic year



The Golf Govs hold up their trophy on Saturday, April 27, at the GreyStone Golf Club in Dickson, Tennessee. The men's golf team won by nine strokes against Jacksonville State in the Ohio Valley Conference Championships. CONTRIBUTED BY APSU SPORTS INFORMATION

» By SEAN ATKINS
Sports Editor

It has been a storied year for APSU's athletic program, as the men's golf team brought home the Ohio Valley Conference championship, the sixth championship for the Govs during the academic year of 2012-2013.

Heavy rain halted play on the final day of the OVC Championships at GreyStone Golf Course in Dickson, Tennessee on Saturday, April 27.

But it clearly looked as if it wouldn't make a difference, as APSU's team was nine strokes ahead of the runner up, Jacksonville State.

Senior Dustin Korte and junior Anthony Bradley highlighted the team effort for the Govs, as they each shot three under and took home OVC All-tournament Team honors. Junior Marco Iten and freshman Chris Baker each shot one under as well.

Winning their eighth overall OVC title, and their first since 2009, the Golf Govs earned a bid into the NCAA Golf Championship, which starts on Thursday, May 16. *TAS*

Change in program puts APSU tennis on the map



From left to right: senior tennis players Drew Kerr, Sean Bailey, and John Storie pose on Senior Day against Jacksonville State on Sunday, April 14. After winning the Ohio Valley Conference, APSU's men's tennis team will compete in the NCAA Men's Tennis Championship, which starts on Friday, May 10. DARRELL SHEFFIELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» By JOSHUA STEPHENSON
Staff Writer

It is a very interesting situation for a high school athlete looking to play their sport at the next level.

Depending on your talent level you might have the opportunity to go to a powerhouse in your sport or you may go to a smaller college and help start a program's tradition with your career.

Other players come into smaller schools where not much is expected of them but their coaches find players that buy in and invest everything they have every day toward getting better, which is how tradition gets started.

Four years ago, the APSU's Men's tennis team was searching for an identity.

It had been around 30 years since they last brought home an Ohio Valley Conference championship; enter John Storie, a chemistry major and Sean Bailey, a communications major.

These two players were the

catalysts of change in the APSU tennis program and major contributors in this year's OVC championship team.

"You think our freshman year we made conference and that had been the first time in a while," Bailey said as he sat beside his teammate Storie in the APSU Tennis Facility. "I mean our record before we came was about 2-11. But we feel like we've made a dent in this program as far as that goes."

The first three years on campus, Bailey and Storie helped APSU bring the tennis program to the forefront of the OVC, even reaching the title match of the OVC tournament in their junior year.

The little push over the top came this year with the hiring of new head coach Ross Brown.

"[Coach Brown's hiring] definitely created a good environment this year," Storie said. "Credit him for making a good atmosphere, energy and focus."

"Coach Brown showed us who he was and it loosened us up,"

Bailey said, a four time All-OVC team selection. "That definitely brought out our better tennis when we needed it."

Both Storie and Bailey are no strangers to awards for their play on the court (Bailey was 2012 MVP and Storie was undefeated in doubles in 2011) but they agree that team success far outweighs individual accolades.

"Personally I don't think they matter," Bailey said. "They are nice, you work hard, so I'll take them. From what I've learned from being MVP last year, it doesn't matter going into conference. It's tennis, anything can happen."

"I think it is a nice personal goal to have to be awarded first or second OVC team," Storie said. "But I think we realized that a team championship, having that thing that moves you on to the NCAA tournament, tastes so much better."


Their journey at APSU is a prime example of making the most of a situation and helping put a collegiate team on the map. *TAS*

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Bat Govs back on track, beat EKU

» By **COREY ADAMS**
Staff Writer

After winning a key Ohio Valley Conference series against Belmont followed by two mid-week victories over non-conference opponent Evansville, APSU baseball traveled to Eastern Kentucky to take on the Colonials in a three-game set.

Due to a schedule change, the two teams met for a doubleheader at noon on Friday, April 26, then closed out the series at the same time on Saturday, April 27.

EKU (15-26, 11-10 OVC) won the opening game by a score of 2-1, but APSU (32-13, 13-7) rebounded to win the next two 10-8 and 9-6 respectively.

The first of two games on Friday, April 26, was a pitching duel throughout, with Govs righthander Lee Ridenhour and EKU starter Brent Cobb pitching shutouts for four innings.

Rolando Gautier, who was two-for-four at the plate, broke the tie in the top of the fifth with an RBI single to score Tommy Hager, but the Colonials answered back with Sean Hagen doubling down the left field line to bring home Doug Teegarden.

Cobb held the Govs to just four hits in the game, which gave the Colonials an opportunity to win it in the ninth.

Tyler Rogers replaced Ridenhour in the sixth inning, and stayed in to pitch the rest of the way.

However, the senior closer was handed the loss after Hagen earned his fourth hit of the game, an RBI single, to score Teegarden and give EKU the win in walk-off fashion.

Game two of the doubleheader featured much more offense, with both teams combining for 28 hits.

The Govs and Colonials scored a run apiece in the first, but

APSU was able to take control of the momentum in the following inning as Dylan Riner drove in two runs with a double, putting the visitors up 3-1.

An error by EKU in the fifth allowed another Gov to cross the plate, followed by a double from Reed Harper to score Cody Hudson. The Colonials came back to score three runs in the bottom half of the inning off APSU starter Casey Delgado, who tied his career high in strikeouts with 10.

The two OVC rivals continued to trade blows as the bullpens came into play, with the game tied 6-6 going into the eighth.

The Govs broke the seal with a two out, four-run rally that featured an RBI single by Jordan Hankins, Kevin Corey stealing home on a delayed double seal and Craig Massoni adding to his home run total with a two-run opposite field bomb.

EKU would close the deficit to two runs and threaten in the ninth, but Rogers only needed one pitch to earn his 17th save of the season. Kacy Kemmer earned the win, improving his record to 4-0.

On Saturday, April 27, the two teams closed out the series with an extra-inning game that would be decided by a three-run tenth inning by the Govs.

APSU led 6-2 after seven innings, but the Colonials came back to tie the game in the eighth. After a scoreless ninth, the game headed to bonus baseball at EKU.

Massoni singled to start the tenth, and was brought home after Hudson bunted to force a throwing error by the Colonials. The Govs added two insurance runs after sacrifice flies by Hager and Riner, putting APSU up 9-6. Rogers earned the win for the Govs, as he stayed in to pitch the bottom half of the inning.

The Bat Govs will return to Raymond C. Hand Park on Friday, May 3, to play host to Morehead State in a three-game OVC series. *TAS*



Lee Ridenhour delivers a pitch against a batter from Tennessee Tech on Friday, April 5. **DREW KIRK** | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sports unite a city going through nightmares



»**SEAN ATKINS**
Sports Editor

It's hard to understand why people want to cause harm to others. On Monday, April 15, two suspects set off bombs near the finish line at the Boston Marathon.

Lives were lost, hundreds were injured, and a nation was struck at one of its most vulnerable positions: a public event embraced by millions with thousands in attendance on a yearly basis.

Thirteen of the over 20,000 competitors represented Clarksville and thankfully, none of them were harmed.

One of the runners from Clarksville, Luke Thompson, competed in this year's Boston Marathon for the first time.

A sports reporter for *The Leaf-Chronicle*, Thompson has been running and taking part in competitions since middle school.

Thankfully, he crossed the finish line 45 minutes before the bombs went off.

Thompson was sitting in a restaurant four blocks away from the bombings, but did not hear them go off from where he was.

"I didn't hear anything until I received a text from a friend who was watching ESPN asked about the bombings," Thompson said. "It was hard to believe [the bombings] were real."

Thompson left the next morning to head back home, but the scene in Boston during the rest of his evening was oddly serene.

"Everything was really quiet," Thompson said. "When me, my parents and friends went out for dinner, there was no mass panic. Everybody was in their homes glued to their TVs."

You couldn't change the channel without hearing someone talk about the events that occurred at the Boston Marathon or see

somebody tweeting reports from the scene every few minutes.

As tragedy was felt throughout Boston, professional athletes who played for teams from the city and the fans who lived there responded quickly and profoundly.

On Tuesday, April 16, the day after the bombings, the Boston Red Sox unveiled a logo patch with the letter "B" and the word "STRONG" in all caps under it. And throughout the nation, everyone became supportive, as the phrase "Boston Strong" started to ring in people's heads in the coming days.

Not long after the bombings occurred, the marathon decided to set up a fund called "One Fund Boston," which has received more than \$26 million dollars in donations from around the globe.

Talk about a staggering number. It is evidence of, not only how well the city of Boston was handling this nightmare, but also of how supportive everyone else who heard about the tragedy was.

Hockey's Boston Bruins, were the first professional team from Boston to compete two days after the attacks.

Before the game, a sold-out crowd at TD Bank Garden sang the national anthem and chills went through my body as I watched a city sing in unison, standing behind their team, letting them know they weren't going to be knocked down for long by the tragic events from two days before.

And on Friday, April 19, when the final suspect was apprehended and justice was served, sports fans stood up and cheered as jumbotrons in stadiums throughout the nation showed images of the last suspect being apprehended, thus ending once and for all the long nightmare for all of Boston.

The following day, Saturday, April 20, saw Boston's most popular sports team, the Red Sox, return to their home field, historic Fenway Park.

Before the game, the city recognized everyone involved in the Boston Marathon, from those who felt the tragedy to those who

worked relentlessly to make sure no further harm was done.

The Red Sox wore custom-made home jerseys with the word "Boston" across the front instead of usual "Red Sox."

I remember the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York City and how it struck the nation at its very core.

And what did the people of New York do? They stood behind their teams the Yankees and the Mets and cheered as the Yankees reached the World Series the following month.

People need something to look towards in times like these; they look for hope, a sign, anything that gives them happiness. And for Boston, one of the biggest sports cities in the world, it was their teams they stood behind above all things.

Luke Thompson will not run in next year's Boston Marathon because he views it as a once in a lifetime experience.

"Being a part of the Boston Marathon was a great experience," Thompson said. "The Boston Marathon is the pinnacle of all marathons."

City officials have unanimously said that there will be a Boston Marathon next year, as there should be.

I expect to see more people attend and more runners give it their all as they run for a city struck by tragedy.

Perhaps the most popular song in the city of Boston is Neil Diamond's classic, "Sweet Caroline," which has become a seventh-inning stretch tradition at Red Sox games.

Ever since the bombings, fans all around the country have been, as Diamond's lyrics say, "reachin' out" to the sports teams and fans of Boston.

Through it all, people will continue to rally behind the city as they have in tragedies past in other cities.

Even though this great New England city may have been knocked down to one knee, it quickly rose, stood united on both feet, and they will recover-because they are "Boston Strong." *TAS*

Behind stellar pitching, Lady Govs softball sweeps SEMO



Lady Govs outfielder Marissa Lake connects for a pitch against SEMO on Sunday, April 28. Lake collected two hits in the second game of the double header. **JOSH VAUGHN** | PHOTO EDITOR

» By **KORY GIBBS**
Staff Writer

The Lady Govs won both games in their double-header against the Southeast Missouri State Lady Redhawks on Sunday, April 28.

The game was rescheduled from Saturday, April 27, due to inclement weather.

The Lady Govs honored their seniors, Shelby Norton, Morgan Brewer and Jessica Ryan, on Senior Day before the game.

APSU put Lauren de Castro on the mound in the first game, and the Lady Govs wasted no time giving her a lead to work with by getting the first three batters on base and then chasing two of them home on a double by de Castro.

Mel Pavel quickly followed with a two-run homerun, her second of the season.

After the big first inning, the game turned into a pitcher's duel, with neither pitcher giving up a run until the bottom of

the sixth, when the Lady Govs added to the lead on a double by second baseman Laurel Burroughs, which pushed the lead to 6-0.

de Castro closed out the game in the seventh, getting her fourth strikeout in the process to clinch the win.

The second game saw Brewer on the mound for the last time and the Lady Govs were determined to give her the win.

After falling behind by one run in the top of the second, the Lady Govs picked it up in the bottom of the inning, getting two runs on a hit by Marissa Lake.

Kayla Davidson slammed her sixth home run of the season and the Lady Govs were up 4-1 after two innings.

The Lady Redhawks came back in the top of the third on a trio of hits that scored two runs and a two-run home run that gave SEMO a 5-4 lead.

But the lead didn't last long for SEMO as the Lady Govs came

back and tied the game in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI double by Ryan and took the lead on a single by Davidson.

Brewer kept the Lady Redhawks off the scoreboard the rest of the way to secure a 6-5 victory and a doubleheader sweep of the Redhawks.

The Lady Govs faced the Lady Redhawks in the final game of the series on Monday, April 29.

Behind de Castro's pitching, seven innings while only allowing one run, the Lady Govs completed the sweep against SEMO, 4-1.

The Lady Govs improved their overall record to 18-24 now have nine wins in Ohio Valley Conference play.

The Lady Govs will be in action this weekend when they travel to Murray to take on Murray State on Saturday, May 4 in the final OVC regular season series, where APSU could finish one game under .500 if they are able to sweep Murray State. *TAS*