



Upshur crowned Miss APSU



» **By EMILY DESPAIN**
Staff Writer

Elizabeth Upshur was crowned Miss APSU 2015 on Sunday, Nov. 2. The 11 contestants in the 38th Annual Miss APSU pageant and second Annual Miss Queen City pageant, sponsored this year by Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, were all smiles and glitter floating across the stage to Taylor Swift songs. The contestants presented in swimwear, evening wear and talent and answered on-stage questions. They also had an interview portion before the pageants began.

“I feel ... unbelievably flattered,” Upshur said. “For my first ever pageant, this was a pretty amazing experience. I got to meet a group of talented and beautiful women, I didn’t trip, and I took home a crown with my friends and family cheering me on. I think I fell asleep smiling.”

Rylan Kean and Lesleigh Stanfill Averitt were the master and mistress of ceremonies. Miss Tennessee 2014 Hayley Lewis spoke about the importance of scholarship pageants and the four points of their crown symbolizing style, success, service and scholarship. Miss APSU 2014 Victoria Davis performed a dance, and Miss Queen City 2014 Aria Stiles performed a song on the violin. CAST and Crowns Performing Arts Center performed, as well as the country duo Shelby Lee Lowe.

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Student seeks man who saved her

» **STAFF REPORT**

Francesca Caterisano, junior health and human performance major, was injured in a motorcycle wreck on Saturday, Sept. 27. Her husband Steven Gibson died that night, but Caterisano was not left alone. A stranger stayed with her until help arrived. Recently, Caterisano posted this to the missed connections section of Craigslist:

looking for the man who held my hand at the accident on 27 sept - w4m

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On Monday, Oct. 27, the post on Craigslist was updated. It read, “I had no idea my post would go viral, let alone lead me to being on the 5 p.m. news two days later. Absolutely amazing. Well... The man who held my hand responded to my ad. I would like to say thank you to all the strangers who wanted to help and sent their support to me. Everyone I know, every stranger, everyone who has supported me during this time... It’s changing me for the better, and how I feel about people. I’ve always believed in the good in people; but the enforcement in this situation is outstanding. Thank you to everyone.”

Caterisano was featured on WSMV Channel 4, KFOR in Oklahoma and PIX11 in New York for her story and is currently recovering at Signature HealthCare in Clarksville. **TAS**

Homecoming court announced, Chi Omega wins StepSync

» **STAFF REPORT**

Fire was ablaze as the 2014 Homecoming court was announced. The nominees for Homecoming queen are Jill Anderson, Amanda Blankenship, Haley Cowley, Bailey Kirkpatrick and Victoria Malone. The nominees for Homecoming king are Andrew Montgomery, Dominik Shannon, Jason Hartley, Daniel Anderson and Benji Powell.

Chi Omega took home the first place title at the StepSync event. Second place went to Alpha Delta Pi, and in third place were the men of Kappa Alpha Order.

For a schedule of Homecoming events, see pg. 4. **TAS**



Chi Omega won first place in the StepSync competition Monday, Nov. 3. **WILL WINDSOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**



Alpha Gamma Delta performs in the StepSync competition. **WILL WINDSOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

SGA: Breastfeeding rooms and bathroom upgrades

» **By LAUREN COTTLE**
Assistant Features Editor

Resolution No. 4, sponsored by Tabitha Montague and Daniel Oswalt, passed with two opposed and two abstentions in the Student Government Association

meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Resolution No. 4 aims to send a formal recommendation to the Physical Plant to install doors and mirrors in the Kimbrough bathrooms.

Resolution No. 5 was presented in new business to send a formal recommendation to the Physical Plant suggesting they install additional lighting outside the Woodward

Library. Sens. Keishla Valle and Chad Plummer sponsor the bill. President Zac Gillman told senators they have four meetings left to submit legislation. Gillman announced SGA will be sponsoring a breastfeeding center on campus. The center is a \$5,000 investment that will be installed in the Woodward Library. **TAS**

Halloween decorations at Fort Campbell reported, removed

» By **DAVID HARRIS**
Staff Writer

A Halloween display considered offensive by some at a Fort Campbell, Ky. residence was taken down on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

The display depicted a seemingly African-American family hanging from a tree by their necks. The child in the display had a knife in its back. Another figure was wearing a sign around its neck.

Fort Campbell Public Affairs received reports about the display in a yard on Litwin Street. They then contacted the authorities, who then investigated the matter. The authorities contacted the occupant of the residence, who willingly took down the decorations. The occupant extended an apology to the community.

Brendalyn Carpenter with Public Affairs said decorations such as this do not reflect the values of the Army and the family-friendly environment provided for employees and residence of the Fort Campbell community.

"I think the Halloween display is wrong and offensive," said senior political science major Mikaylia Dudley.

"Some will say you cannot accuse them of being a specific type of person and in good heart ... Knowing the history of this state and the culture of the South, seeing a person or a display hanging from a lynch is very offensive."

To junior mathematics major Reuben Harris, the Halloween decorations went too far. Harris noted how the decorations signified something similar to a time period when a group of people were treated enequally and unjustly.

"Something goes too far when it can affect the community as a whole," Harris said. "It's not just African Americans that are offended, but it's the Clarksville community as a whole that's offended."

Junior communications major Haley Bray agrees with Harris and Dudley. "I don't understand how [the occupant] even thought that was a good idea to begin with," Bray said.

Bray said it is hard to say what goes too far when it comes to Halloween, but what she believes goes too far is for decorations to reflect past and present issues.

"For example, with all the school shootings in the past and now, if someone were to put someone shooting a bunch of kids in their yard that would be very offensive," Bray said. **TAS**



Campus Crime Log

Date	Time	Crime	Location
Oct. 29	5:01 p.m.	Vandalism	Pace Alumni Center
Oct. 28	12:33 p.m.	Forgery	Meacham Apartments
Oct. 28	12:33 p.m.	Theft of Property	Meacham Apartments
Oct. 27	11:35 a.m.	Credit Card Fraud	Morgan University Center
Oct. 25	10:30 p.m.	Theft of Property	Emerald Hills
Oct. 24	2:36 p.m.	Theft of Property	Music/Mass Comm.
Oct. 24	8:16 p.m.	Aggravated Burglary	Blount Hall
Oct. 22	6:28 p.m.	Theft of Property	Hand Village

ICYMI: October 2014

- After a breach in security at the White House, Secret Service Director Julia Pierson resigned.
- The Supreme Court rejected the request for same-sex marriage appeals, making same-sex marriage legal in five more states.
- A shooting in Washington state killed three high-school students.
- Giants won their third World Series in the past five years.
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Has body acceptance turned into ‘skinny shaming’?

Appreciation of all body types is promoted by body acceptance movement

» By **COURTNEY DIGGS**
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Recently, a movement has swept the country encouraging women to be happy with the bodies they possess, and some believe it places undue criticism on those with smaller body types. I do not believe this to be true.

One of the strongest focuses of this movement has been women with fuller physiques.

However, could women who are naturally thin find this new wave insulting, and does it give way to the belittlement of a naturally skinny figure?

The past year has brought huge improvements for women's body images. Popular culture is a major outlet for celebrities to share their feelings on body image.

Musicians like Beyoncé, Nicki Minaj and Meghan Trainor have released songs and even albums dedicated to the way women should be viewed.

These women compose songs glorifying full-figured women and bring attention to the fact that being thicker is not a bad thing.

Although some of their lyrics poke fun at thinner women, these words should not be considered skinny shaming.

These artists are trying to increase acceptance of the female body regardless of weight, and they are telling girls who resort to plastic surgery that they should embrace

their natural physiques.

Skinny shaming does not exist in this new campaign, as it is encouraging women everywhere to embrace their true bodies rather than be ashamed of them.

“[The movement] is all about approving of girls with a thicker physique rather than shaming skinny girls,” said junior accounting major Kaleigh Downs. “It’s just letting thicker girls know they’re beautiful, too.”

If skinny shaming exists, it did not stem from this recent movement, but from the years of lies society has encouraged us to believe, that a stick-thin figure is necessary for acceptance.

That is why a fervent effort is being made to raise awareness for women of all ages to embrace healthier choices and to love the bodies they were given.

With the attention body image is getting in the media, women can now embrace their curves without fear of judgment or shaming. **TAS**

Body acceptance movement unfairly criticizes those with thinner body types

» By **STEFFANIE UNDERWOOD**
Perspectives Editor

In the fight for body acceptance, society has paradoxically created a whole new problem, called “skinny shaming” by some.

Skinny shaming refers to the emotionally destructive statements made against those with thin body types.

This bullying trend has become popular in recent years as society has pushed to increase acceptance of average-sized and larger body types.

Popular culture has had a great deal of influence on the promotion of skinny shaming in society.

Actress Jennifer Lawrence is one of many celebrities who promote the acceptance of larger physiques while inadvertently shaming thinner physiques in the process.

“I’d rather look chubby on screen and like a person in real life,” Lawrence said in an interview for news website Mirror Online.

Celebrity statements like this offensively imply that skinny individuals do not look like real people and that thinness is

unattractive.

Social media sites like Tumblr and Pinterest also contribute to the spread of skinny shaming.

Images are often passed around these sites with quotes such as, “Real men like curves; only dogs go for bones.”

The way the media has begun to speak negatively about thin bodies does not promote body acceptance, but rather a new form of discrimination.

Although average-sized and larger women should be able to love and accept their bodies, why must it come at the expense of others’ feelings?

Yes, skinny shaming is much different than fat shaming.

It is not nearly as common as fat shaming is, and many people would argue that it is not as offensive, either.

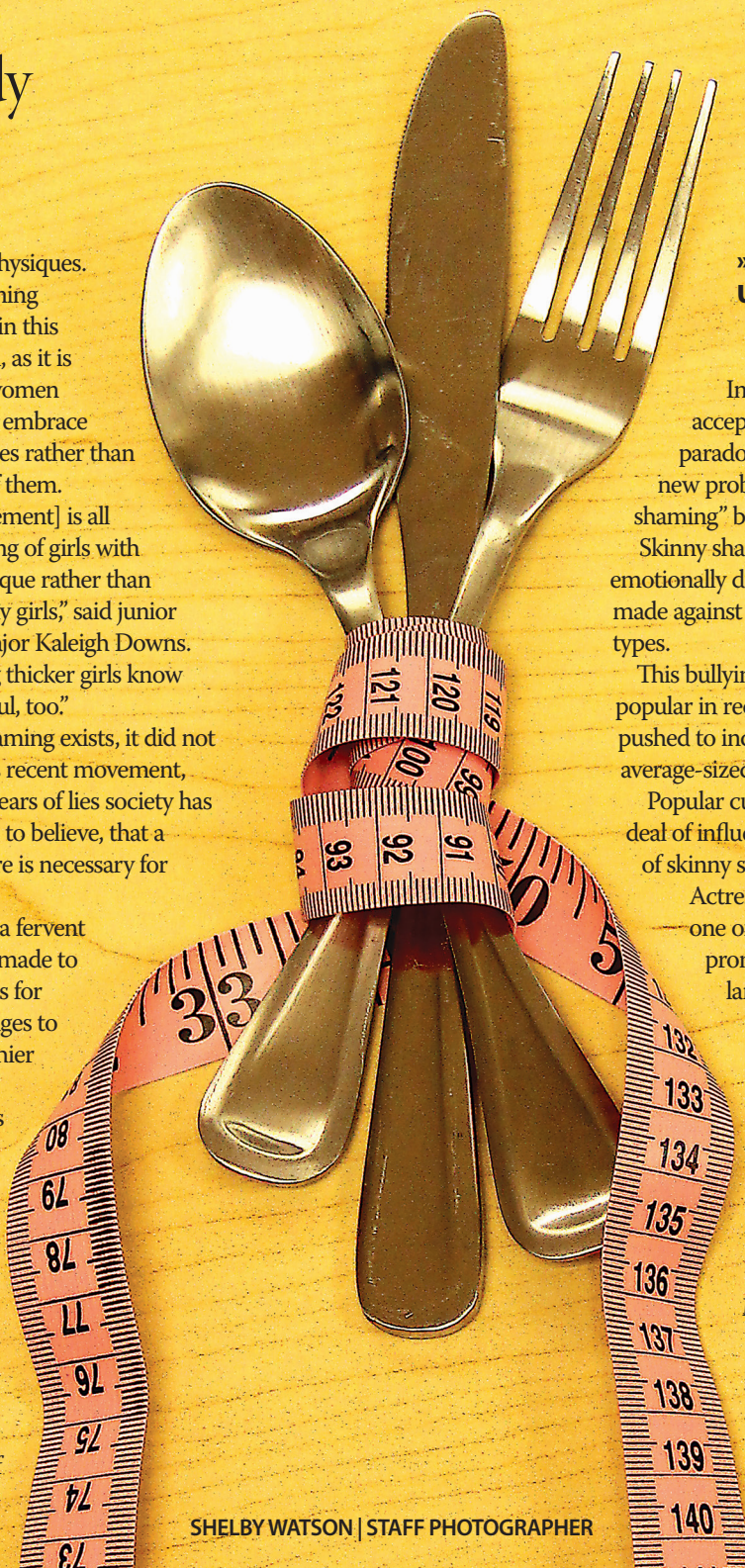
However, society is encouraging a select group of people to feel negative about their own bodies.

Many of those who are now verbally harassed for being too thin struggle with body image problems just like those who are overweight.

As society continues to speak out against thin bodies, those who are naturally skinny or who have worked hard to lose weight may face greater body image issues.

This will not stop until we change the way we go about boosting body acceptance.

When society is able to celebrate all body types, whether thick or thin, we will have a true representation of what body acceptance really is. **TAS**



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Fifty shades of purple

Media romanticism of rape, abuse encourages unhealthy relationships



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» By **VALERIE MCALLISTER**
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Rape and abuse are serious issues affecting society, and the media has started to belittle these issues. According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, 17.6 percent of American women and 3 percent of American men have been victims of rape or attempted rape.

These issues are not to be taken lightly, as many victims of these encounters suffer from depression, substance abuse and suicidal thoughts.

However, some media outlets portray rape and abuse as romantic and desirable.

E. L. James’ “Fifty Shades of Grey” shows a relationship that glorifies abuse and hides under a false claim of bondage, dominance and sadomasochism practiced in some healthy relationships. The nature of consent and communication are pushed to the edges and often left absent.

Without consent, many actions

portrayed in the book become abusive instead of a mutually enjoyed experience.

It is an abusive relationship that is romanticized and needs to be read with that reality in mind.

The “Twilight” saga, written by Stephenie Meyer, is another example of the romanticism of rape and abuse in the media. Twilight focuses on an abusive relationship, yet it is portrayed as romantic and desirable to females with low self-esteem and males with control issues.

According to CBS News, 30 percent of teens report abuse in relationships, in addition to the many cases that go unreported. When books and movies make abusive relationships seem pleasurable, they are mocking the millions of Americans who suffer from rape and abuse. They also make people believe abusive relationships they see on television or in books are worth pursuing.

Many books and movies make the world view rape-like scenes and abusive

relationships as romantic, although they are anything but.

Rape and abuse occur daily, and chances are it is happening to one or more of the students in your classes.

To make light of a situation that can be violent or deadly or have lifelong effects on the victims is inappropriately spreading the message that this behavior is acceptable.

“I’ve had friends that have been raped, and it takes a serious toll on people,” said freshman criminal justice major Savannah Tracey. “The media, if anything, should be showing the tolls rape and abuse take on a person, not condoning them like they are things that need to continue to happen. The media is taking rape and abuse and portraying them in the wrong way.”

It is important for news, books and movies to take a position on large-scale issues that affect people daily. Rape and abuse cause lifelong distress, and they should not be portrayed as anything other than issues that need to be stopped. **TAS**

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Chili and Grilled Cheese Fundraiser, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

WDAACC Free lunch and conversation, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., MUC 120

Cookout & T-shirt swap, 12 p.m., MUC Plaza

WDAAC Peay Soup & Speaker's Corner, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., CL 120

**Thursday,
Nov. 6**

ANTSC Homecoming Colony of Ants Walk, 9 - 10 a.m., MUC 112

Homecoming Concert, 7 p.m., Red Barn

**Friday,
Nov. 7**

First Friday and Pep Rally, 12 p.m., MUC Plaza

WDAAC Homecoming Mixer, 2 - 4 p.m., CL 120

Fight Song Competition, 5 p.m., MUC Plaza

ANTSC Poetry Contest Reading, 6 - 8 p.m., MUC 312

**Saturday,
Nov. 8**

Homecoming Parade, 10 a.m., College St.

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Miss APSU

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"I like to use a quote by Randy Pausch to explain my experience as Miss APSU," Miss APSU 2014, Victoria Davis said. "The brick walls are there for a reason. The brick walls are not there to keep us out. The brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something. Because the brick walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough. It took me three times competing, three brick walls to jump, to become crowned because I knew I wanted to become Miss APSU."

At the end of the night, Savannah Benton was crowned Miss Congeniality, Marybeth Arnett was crowned Miss

Queen City 2015 and Elizabeth Upshur was crowned Miss APSU 2015.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Scholarship winners were also announced: Third was Kristen Dabbs, second was Chandler Lewis, and first was McKenzie Hosale.

"Our guys worked really hard on selling tickets this year," Sigma Phi Epsilon president Will Roberts said. "We picked up the event late in the process so we were quick to work once we started."

"[The fraternity] enjoyed being able to coordinate the pageant along with Student Life and Engagement, to provide an amazing opportunity for the contestants. The committee did a good job at getting things put together for tonight and the final turnout for the pageant was a success." *TAS*



Elizabeth Upshur won Miss APSU, and Marybeth Arnett won Miss Queen City on Sunday, Nov. 2. WILL WINDSOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

APSU Greek organizations volunteer, encourage junior pro football players



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

» **By MARINA HEAD**

Staff Writer

At halftime of APSU's home football game on Saturday, Oct. 4, two Greek organizations joined together to support the Colts of Clarksville's Junior Pro Football League.

APSU student Zakary Gosa-Lewis is a volunteer coach for the seven and eight-year-old Colts. He is also a graduate assistant with Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and a Pi Kappa Alpha alumnus.

"It was really cool to see a Greek fraternity and sorority work together to support the community outside of APSU."

— **Laken Bowlin, junior education major**

"I found out [the Colts] were going to be playing at halftime," Gosa Lewis said. "So I reached out to [Pi Kappa Alpha] and said, 'Hey, what do you think about making some signs for the kids?'"

The Alpha Omicron Pi sorority was

tailgating with Pi Kappa Alpha that weekend and used the event to help them make signs for the kids.

"It was really cool to see a Greek fraternity and sorority work together to support the community outside of APSU," said junior education major Laken Bowlin.

"Every kid on the team had a sign that's for him," said Gosa-Lewis.

Rather than have them cheer from the stands, Gosa-Lewis took it one step further.

He got permission from APSU Athletic Director Derek van der Merwe to allow the members to hold their signs on the sidelines during the scrimmage.

"It was a lot of fun to support the children while they were getting their 15 minutes of fame," Bowlin said.

At halftime, around 50 members of Alpha Omicron Pi and Pi Kappa Alpha lined the sides of the field.

"The kids' eyes lit up when I pointed out all the people there to cheer them on," said Gosa-Lewis. "It was something they'll remember for the rest of their lives."

After the scrimmage, the fraternity and sorority members took pictures with the youth football players and their parents.

Thanks to this event, a fraternity or sorority will be assigned a junior team to support from the sidelines at future scrimmages.

"From what van der Merwe said, they want to do it every single home game," Gosa-Lewis said, adding his thanks to Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Omicron Pi and the Athletic Department for their support of his team. *TAS*



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by Linda Thistle

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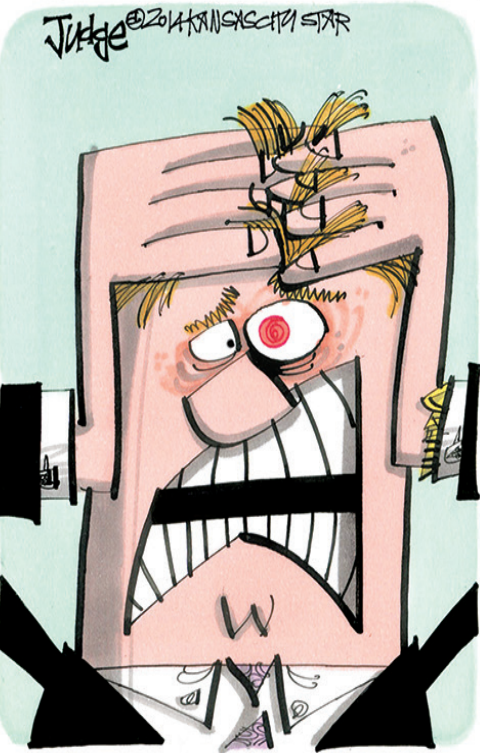
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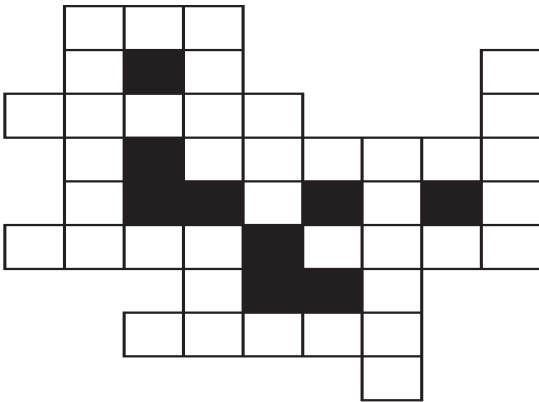


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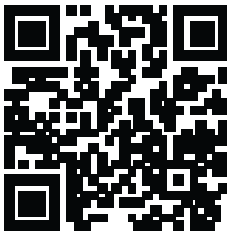
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APSU fans and students cheer on the Lady Gobs in their Halloween costumes. BAILEY JONES | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Volleyball

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Stotts and Plybon each recorded double-digit kill totals with 11 and 10, respectively. The confidence level was high going into the final home match of the season on Saturday, Nov. 1, and APSU “defended the Dunn” for the sixth time in nine opportunities. The Lady Gobs defeated Jacksonville 3-1 (26-24, 25-20, 19-25, 25-19), giving four seniors a memorable final game on their own hardwood. “We talked about it in the locker room that there was no way we were losing on our senior weekend,” said freshman Ashley Slay. “Honestly, we played for [the seniors], and I just had them in mind the entire time, wanting to get the ‘W’ for them.” Slay played a pivotal role from her middle blocker position, denying eight balls at the net and posting a career-high 13 kills. Plybon and Stotts also recorded 13 kills each, which helped APSU hit .237 total in the match. Liz Landon also stepped in to provide extra intensity with six kills, while Cami Fields recorded a double-double (27 assists, 13 digs) to continue the success shown by the seniors. A formation adjustment allowed Fields to give Aubrey Marsellis more opportunities to attack,

and the Lady Gobs executed. “We’ve been running a 5-1 offense with Aubrey for most of the season, but we decided we needed a little more offense, so we went back to the 6-2 with Cami, and she did a fantastic job” said APSU Assistant Coach Brian Netzler. “I can’t say enough about all our front-row players. We’ve been moving people around doing different things, and they just took it in stride and executed fantastically.” The first set had been unkind to the Lady Gobs in recent weeks, but they got off to a better start on Saturday to win an opening set for the first time since Oct. 17. APSU hit .324 in the first frame and followed that with a .302 mark in the second to take a 2-0 lead into halftime. In the third, the Lady Gobs committed nine errors, leading to a 25-19 win by the Gamecocks. But in the fourth, APSU pulled away to go undefeated on the weekend. The win puts APSU at 7-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference, tied for fifth place. The Lady Gobs now go on the road for the final four matches, beginning with a trip to Southeast Missouri State University on Friday, Nov. 7. “We preach all the time that it doesn’t take talent to hustle,” Netzler said. “If we can keep that effort up and play with a lot of energy, then I think good things will happen the rest of the year.” *TAS*

Leaving with a loss

Lady Gobs soccer closes season, loses 4-2 to Belmont

» By ANDREW FRANKLIN
Staff Writer

The Lady Gobs looked to finish their final game of the 2014 season with a victory at home against Ohio Valley Conference rivals Belmont on Friday, Oct. 31, but the Belmont Bruins rallied back from a 1-0 deficit in the first half to steal the win 4-2. The Lady Gobs came out firing and tallied a goal within the first five minutes. APSU midfielder Brianna Avitabile scored her first goal of the season with a strike from outside the eight-yard box. The Lady Gobs kept up the pressure until the Bruins found a way through the Lady Gobs defense. At the 30th, minute Belicia Mendiola of Belmont launched a goal back post to tie the game at one apiece.

The two teams would shoot three more times until halftime. The Lady Gobs trailed in shots 5-7. The Bruins began their offensive play for the second half with a quick goal. Belmont’s Taylor Smith took the ball on a bounce off of an APSU defender to redirect it into the net. The Lady Gobs then gave up two more goals at the 71st and 83rd minutes to push the score to 4-1. Lady Gov Gina Fabbro then took matters into her own hands, passing two final defenders sailing one back post to slim down the Bruins lead to 4-2. Time was the enemy as the Lady Gobs could not come back quickly enough. The Lady Gobs doubled their shot total to 15, but could only net two as the Bruins wrapped up their regular season. Neither the Bruins nor the Lady Gobs qualified for

Women’s basketball

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points to leave the halftime score at 42-16. The second half was the Lady Gobs’ most offensive, as they picked up the pace and piggybacked off a quick three-pointer from Kristen Stainback. The Lady Gobs pressed forward and led 60-23 with 14 minutes remaining in regulation. Jennifer Nwokocha scored her first basket of the season with a layup. Time rolled on and the Gobs kept putting up points with Sydney Gooch and Tiasha Gray. APSU Head Coach Carrie Daniels then subbed in 6-foot-3 Lauren Maki for a 2014-15 debut, and she ended up tallying

six points in six minutes of play. Also subbed in for the Lady Gobs were Jacey Scott, Savannah Foister, Madison Rich, Symantha Norton and April Rivers. The Lady Gobs and Lady Patriots battled it out to the end, but ended with a landslide score of 92-45. Beth Rates finished her evening with 16 points, an assist, a block and two steals for 16 minutes played. Tiasha Gray posted 11 points, 12 assists, three steals and a total of 26 minutes played. Freshman Sydney Gooch chipped in 12 points, two assists and a steal over 20 minutes of play. Join the Lady Gobs this Sunday, Nov. 9, as they host Martin Methodist in the Dunn Center at 2 p.m. for their final exhibition game. *TAS*

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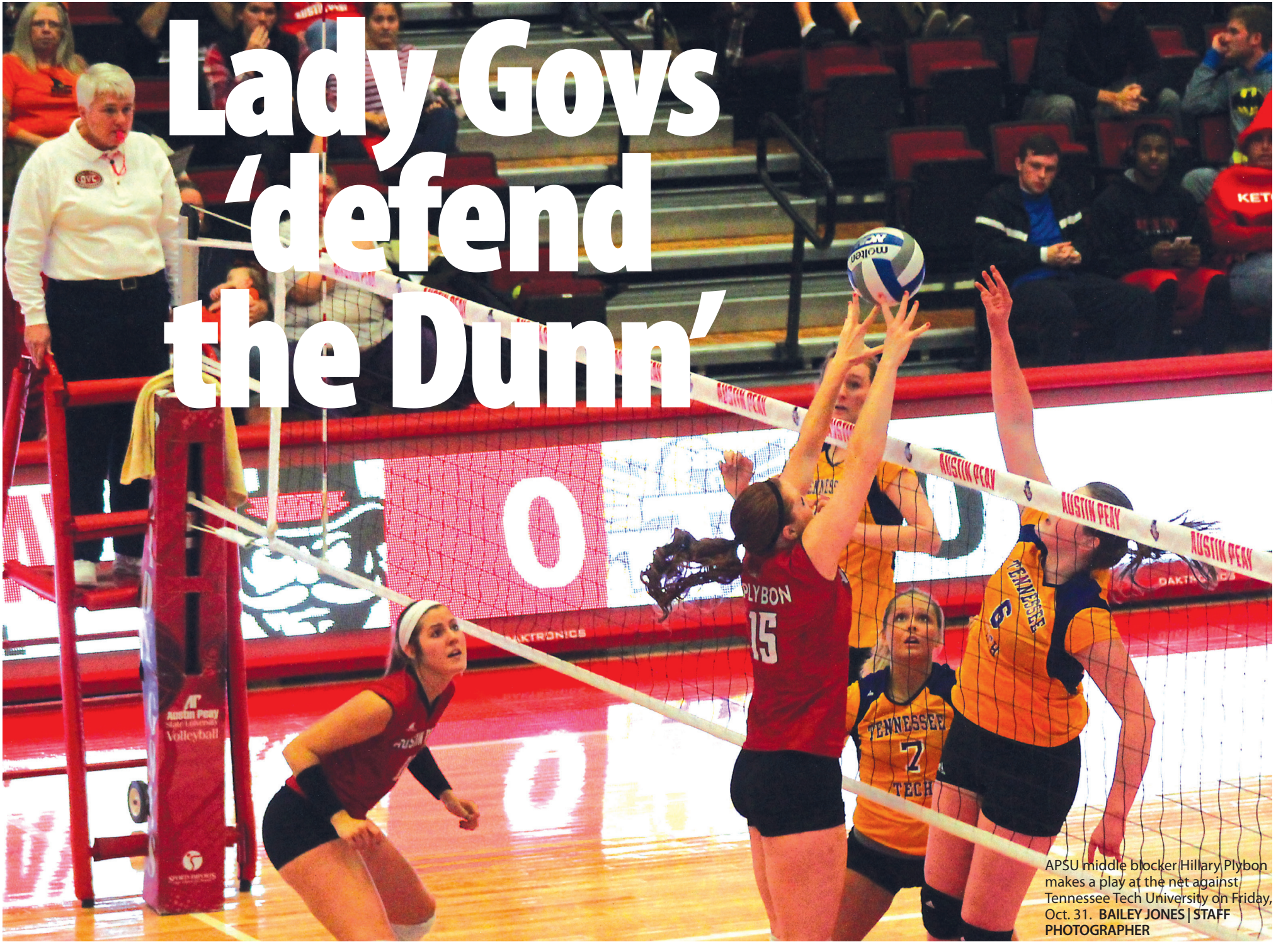
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APSU middle blocker Hillary Plybon makes a play at the net against Tennessee Tech University on Friday, Oct. 31. BAILEY JONES | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

APSU volleyball beats Tennessee Tech and Jacksonville State

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Lady Govs volleyball was moving in the wrong direction coming into the final two home games of the season. Injuries had taken their toll on a pair of starters, and three consecutive matches resulted in three losses. However, behind a supporting crowd filled with Halloween decor, APSU buried its three-game skid with a 3-1 victory (18-25, 26-24, 25-17, 25-21) over Tennessee Tech University on Friday, Oct. 31. “This win was huge for us,” said APSU Head Coach Taylor Mott. “It helps us, obviously, in the standings, but we needed that mentally.” The win came despite the Lady Govs continuing a familiar tendency of getting off to a slow start. In the previous three matches, which all resulted in 1-3 losses, APSU had given up the opening set. The trend repeated itself, with the Lady Govs hitting .067 with seven errors in the first set.

However, the second set proved to be the turning point, with Mott saying they “probably would’ve lost” if the Lady Govs fell behind 0-2. But the second frame didn’t come and go without someone stepping up. The Lady Govs have had misfortunes with prior injuries to seniors Hillary Plybon and Jada Stotts, and while both played Friday, they watched as another player went down. Outside hitter Sammie Ebright had to be helped off with a lower body injury and didn’t return to the floor. Freshman Kelly Ferguson was able to step in and produce off the bench, but offensively, it was Samantha Strother who served as the difference maker.

The junior hit .382 with 15 kills, falling one short of tying her career high. In the crucial second set, Strother connected for seven kills to knot the scoreline going into the break. “My mindset was in the right place tonight,” Strother said. “It’s never good to see another player go down, and everyone has to make up for it, but I thought we all stepped up really well.” Coming out of halftime, APSU breezed past the Golden Eagles in the third set and did enough to hang on in the fourth to seal it. Junior Aubrey Marsellis played a key role in attacking — tying her career best in kills with 12 — while also dishing 23 assists.

“We preach all the time that it doesn’t take talent to hustle ... If we can keep that effort up and play with a lot of energy, then I think good things will happen this year.”

— Brian Netzler, APSU assistant coach

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Men’s and women’s basketball open exhibition play



APSU guard Tiasha Gray prepares to set up the offense. JONATHAN YOUNGBLOOD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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The Lady Govs opened their home exhibition games over the weekend with a competition against Mid-South Conference foe St. Catharine College. The last time the Lady Govs played host to the St. Catharine Lady Patriots was November 10, 2008, when the Lady Govs won 94-48. It seems not much has changed, as the Lady Patriots were no match for offensive powerhouse APSU as they routed the Lady Patriots 92-45. The Lady Govs stepped onto the court with the right foot forward as Beth Rates made her first jumper of the exhibition season. Tearra Banks also put up her first layup as the Lady Govs took a 4-0 lead over the Patriots. The Lady Govs took control of the paint, leading the Patriots 10-5 at the end of the first media timeout.

The Lady Govs kept up their aggressive play with Tiasha Gray leading the offensive pack with one of her signature layups to make the score 21-9 at the 10-minute mark of the first half. Kristen Stainback tallied her first of the exhibition series with nine minutes left with a three-pointer to make the game 24-9. Freshman forward Sydney Gooch scored the first basket of her APSU career with a layup in the paint. With four minutes left in the first half, the score was 38-11 in favor of the Lady Govs. The Lady Govs and Lady Patriots went scoreless for two minutes, until St. Catharine scored four quick points to lower the deficit. Tiasha Gray and Beth Rates rounded out the first half with four quick retaliating

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APSU men’s basketball kicked off the season with an exhibition match against the Webster University Gorlocks. The Govs attacked Webster offensively and defensively, with the Govs scoring 45 points in the first half and holding the visiting Gorlocks to only 20. The Govs dominated in field-goal percentage and three pointers and won the turnover battle. The second half was not any different. The Govs continued to attack the basket and pull down rebounds. The Govs eventually pulled too far ahead for any possible comeback and picked up the win 82-48. Zavion Williams and Khalil Davis led the team in scoring with 17 points.

The Govs also had four players who reached double figures in scoring. Half of the Govs points came from inside the paint, and they capitalized on the costly turnovers by Webster, scoring 25 points off of them. The Govs held the pressure on Webster, not allowing their offense to produce anything significant. The Govs looked complete and kept hitting the shots when needed. The Govs consistently took advantage of Webster, getting easy inside scores and constantly pulling down offensive and defensive boards. It was an opportunity to show how ready they are for their regular season opener at Western Kentucky University and also to look at the newcomers on the team. But the Govs have to endure one more exhibition test before then against Bryan College Wednesday, Nov. 5 at home. TAS



APSU forward Ed Dyson looks for a weakness in the defense. JONATHAN YOUNGBLOOD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER