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SGA kicks off fall session



New and returning justices repeat the oath of office at the SGA meeting Wednesday, Aug. 28., led by Chief Justice, Kelsey Smith. **WHITNEY DAVIS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

New Athletic Director addresses SGA; senate confirms new appointments, discusses increasing enrollment



SGA President Mike Rainier gave a presentation to the organization regarding APSU news, such as the hiring of the new chief of police and the athletic director. **WHITNEY DAVIS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

» **By LAUREN COTTLE**
Guest Writer

The 68th General Assembly of the SGA met at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, for the first time this fall semester. The meeting began with APSU's new Athletic Director, Derek van der Merwe, speaking about his new role and feelings towards being at a new school.

"APSU is doing great things," van der Merwe said. He said he is excited for the "changes" happening here and that it is "an honor and a privilege" to work for APSU.

"I love working with students and also student athletes," van der Merwe said. His duty, he said, is "to build a pride in what APSU stands for."

This particular meeting had 100 percent attendance, every senator and justice seat was filled. Topics brought up included upcoming SGA freshmen and graduate

elections, G.H.O.S.T. and T.I.S.L., which is a way for college students to help influence the state of Tennessee's legislation by debating and voting on bills.

SGA President Mike Rainier updated members on recent news such as new dorms, President Barack Obama praising APSU for its Degree Compass program and recognizing the SGA member of the summer, Brena Andring.

Later, five new senators were appointed in a unanimous approval. These members took the oath of office, led by the SGA chief justice. Newly appointed positions were voted on, as well as the speaker pro tempore and parliamentary positions. The SGA had not responded as of press time to the email requesting the names and positions of the new appointees.

Announcements included MudBowl applications, which are
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President Obama mentions APSU during college affordability plan

» **By BRITTANY HICKEY**
News Editor

On Thursday, Aug. 22, President Barack Obama released his plan for reducing the cost of attending college, a plan that included APSU's Degree Compass and similar technologies.

"To help students choose the courses that will allow them to earn a degree as quickly as possible," the press release said, "APSU has developed the 'Degree Compass.'"

Degree Compass was developed by former APSU Provost Tristan Denley – now Vice Chancellor at the Tennessee Board of Regents. Denley said the program is similar to Pandora or Netflix. It makes course suggestions for students based on their degree requirements and skill level, as well as what they will enjoy.

The college affordability plan presented by Obama was broken into three basic components: paying for performance, promoting innovation and competition and ensuring that student debt remains affordable.

The 'paying for performance' section described Obama's intention to challenge states to fund public universities based on their performance.

Degree Compass fell into the category of innovation, in the company of other technologies designed to give students the most affordable college option.

The third category, 'ensuring that student debt remains affordable,' explained Obama's plans to make student debt payments easier "by allowing all borrowers to cap their payments at 10 percent of their monthly income," according to the press release. **TAS**

ROTC cadet recognized for two summer accomplishments

Cynthia Stinnett spent 29 days in the ROTC's capstone military leadership course at 'Operation Warrior Forge,' graduated with honors

» **By MYRANDA HARRISON**
Staff Writer

The Army ROTC Leadership Development Assessment Course recognized APSU senior Cynthia Stinnett for two accomplishments this summer.

LDAC, which takes place in Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., is a camp where junior and senior Army ROTC cadets undergo training and testing that is typical in the Army.

The course includes activities in running, strength exercises and marching.

At LDAC, ROTC Cadet Stinnett was awarded for her performance in physical fitness and as the top cadet in her regiment.

According to Stinnett, she had no idea APSU was one of the best Army ROTC programs when her husband got stationed at Ft. Campbell, but because of their "outstanding

leadership skills," she said she has advanced.

"APSU's program is like no other," Stinnett said, "Which is great."

Since Stinnett has been a part of the APSU ROTC program, she said her own leadership skills have advanced along with the development of her confidence.

She credited her growth to all of the cadets in the program, she said that everyone helped build each other up.

Stinnett also credited one of her superiors, Master Sgt. Johnson. She explained how Johnson helped prepare her for LDAC with his overall leadership abilities and his interest in all the cadets.

As a senior cadet in the APSU Army ROTC, Stinnett's responsibilities extend past being a participant.

Stinnett said she is required to be a leader,
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Campus police hires new chief



Michael Kasitz, APSU's new campus police chief. **PHOTO FROM APSU WEBSITE**

» **By PHILLIP SWANSON**
Staff Writer

Three months after Terence Calloway's departure, APSU's campus police department now has a new police chief, Michael Kasitz.

An initial pool of 67 candidates was whittled down to three final candidates who then attended day-long, on-campus interviews in August. The committee unanimously chose Kasitz as the new police chief who will begin his time at APSU Monday, Sept. 9.

In June 2013, Terence Calloway, the former police chief at APSU, vacated his position and moved to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

After Calloway departed, Mitch Robinson, APSU vice president for finance and administration made the position open through Human Resources so that the career opportunity could be widely advertised.

"We submitted the position to Human Resources as soon as Chief Calloway departed," Robinson said.

"We then established a search committee of five individuals from campus, which included the dean of students, the president of the Faculty Senate, the director of Business Committee Relations and executive assistant to the president, the director of University Facilities and the head cashier in the Business Office.

The candidate pool, which consisted of 67 applicants and was reviewed by the Affirmative Action Office, was sent to the committee."

Robinson said the committee reviewed the list of applicants, and the committee chair recommended that Robinson select applicants for a phone interview. Once the list of phone interviews was decided, it went back through the Affirmative Action Office for approval.

The phone interviews were conducted and narrowed the list down to three potential candidates, who were then sent back through the Affirmative Action Office.

Those three applicants were then invited to the campus for day-long interviews with a series of constituent groups throughout the faculty and staff.

"It was important that the candidates have previous
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ROTC cadet trains at LDAC

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specifically in her role as the assistant physical training mentor.

“As a senior, it is my primary goal to prepare young cadets for the LDAC,” Stinnett said.

During Stinnett’s time at LDAC, she took the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), which includes three events: two minutes of pushups, two minutes of sit-ups and a two-mile run.

The goal is to do as many pushups and as many sit-ups in that two-minute time frame and to run the two miles as quickly as possible.

The run was the most difficult event, Stinnett said, because it was done later in the day and the weather was hot.

450 cadets took the APFT at LDAC, which gives cadets their score out of 300 points. Stinnett exceeded the maximum score with a score of 384.

This accomplishment earned her two awards: an award for having the highest female

APFT score and for being the top cadet in her regiment.

“I felt proud of myself,” Stinnett said, “but I felt more proud for APSU.”

Stinnett did clarify that the standards differ depending on one’s age and gender, and that her score was the highest in just her regiment, which included both males and females.

Stinnett explained how good she felt about herself and what she had accomplished not only personally, but for her superiors, her school and the younger cadets that follow in her footsteps.

“I give 100 percent every time,” Stinnett said. “If it gets harder, I just remind myself that it is going to end.”

Advice Stinnett would like to instill in the younger cadets is to always put forward as much effort as possible every day, because it not only becomes a good foundation to have in life, but in Army life as well. *TAS*

Obama tries persuading the skeptical on Syria

» ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama got some conditional support for military intervention in Syria from two key Republican foreign policy hawks Monday who said the president still needs to make a strong case for attacking the regime of President Bashar Assad if he wants to win congressional backing.

Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said it would be a mistake for Congress to reject Obama’s request.

Once critical of the kind of limited strike advocated by administration officials, the two senators said they were more inclined to back Obama’s call for military action against Syria if it helps destroy the regime’s missile launching capabilities and if the U.S. commits to provide more assistance to Syrian opposition forces.

McCain and Graham, who often speak in unison on foreign policy matters, met with Obama at the White House for about an hour Monday to express their concerns that U.S. military action that was too limited would do little to change the course of the 2 1/2-year civil war.

“We have to make it clear that a vote against this would be catastrophic in its consequences,” now and in future international crises, McCain told reporters outside the White House following a private meeting that he and Graham had with Obama.

Said Graham: “A degrading strike limited in scope could have a beneficial effect to the battlefield momentum. There will never be a political settlement in Syria as long as Assad is winning.”

The meeting with the two Republicans

came amid continued skepticism in Congress over the wisdom of such a strike. Several Democrats in a conference call with administration officials pushed back against military action, according to Democratic aides on the call.

Other Democrats demanded narrower authorization than that requested by the administration.

“The White House has put forward a proposed bill authorizing the use of force that, as drafted, is far too broad and open-ended, and could be used to justify everything from a limited cruise missile strike to a no fly zone and the introduction of American ground troops,” said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., a member of the House intelligence committee.

McCain has been pressing Obama for more than a year to intervene militarily in Syria as the civil war there has widened.

He warned that the administration’s plan now could be more difficult because Assad “is moving his forces around.”

Both McCain and Graham questioned the wisdom of the administration publicly signaling in advance its intention to strike.

Obama had said earlier this year that any documented use of chemical weapons by Assad against his own population would amount to a “red line” that the international community would not let him cross.

Obama now has called for a military response to Assad’s purported use of chemical weapons, and the administration said Sunday it had evidence he used the chemical sarin gas in a Damascus suburb recently.

McCain said he believes lawmakers awaiting a critical vote on Syria “must be assured that this is different from the past two years of neglect” on the part of the administration. *TAS*

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.

- 1:49 p.m.; Aug. 28; Castle Heights north parking lot; vandalism
- 4:14 p.m.; Aug. 27; Meacham apartments; aggravated burglary
- 10:36 p.m.; Aug. 25; Emerald Hills; alcohol violations

- 9:58 p.m.; Aug. 24; Governors Terrace North; underage possession/consumption of alcohol
- 12:22 p.m.; Aug. 24 Dunn Center; theft of property
- 10:54 a.m.; Aug. 23; Sevier/Blount parking lot; indecent exposure
- 1:55 p.m.; Aug. 23; Memorial Health; theft of property
- 6:18 p.m.; Aug. 23; Eriksson Hall; aggravated burglary

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

Campaign to end unpaid internships heads to campus

» ASSOCIATED PRESS

A nascent campaign against employers’ use of unpaid interns is taking aim at what critics call some of the longstanding practice’s biggest enablers: colleges that steer students into such programs in exchange for academic credit. Organizers hope to have mobilizers raise the issue on campuses as students return to school this fall, with a particular emphasis on schools in New York, Washington and Los Angeles. They also want to join up with organized labor as part of a

broader coalition focused on workplace issues.

The backlash against working for free — and sometimes paying tuition for the privilege— comes after a federal judge in New York recently ruled that Fox Searchlight Pictures violated federal minimum wage and overtime laws by not paying interns who worked on the 2010 movie “Black Swan.” Angry interns have also sued record companies, magazine publishers, modeling agencies and TV talk show hosts.

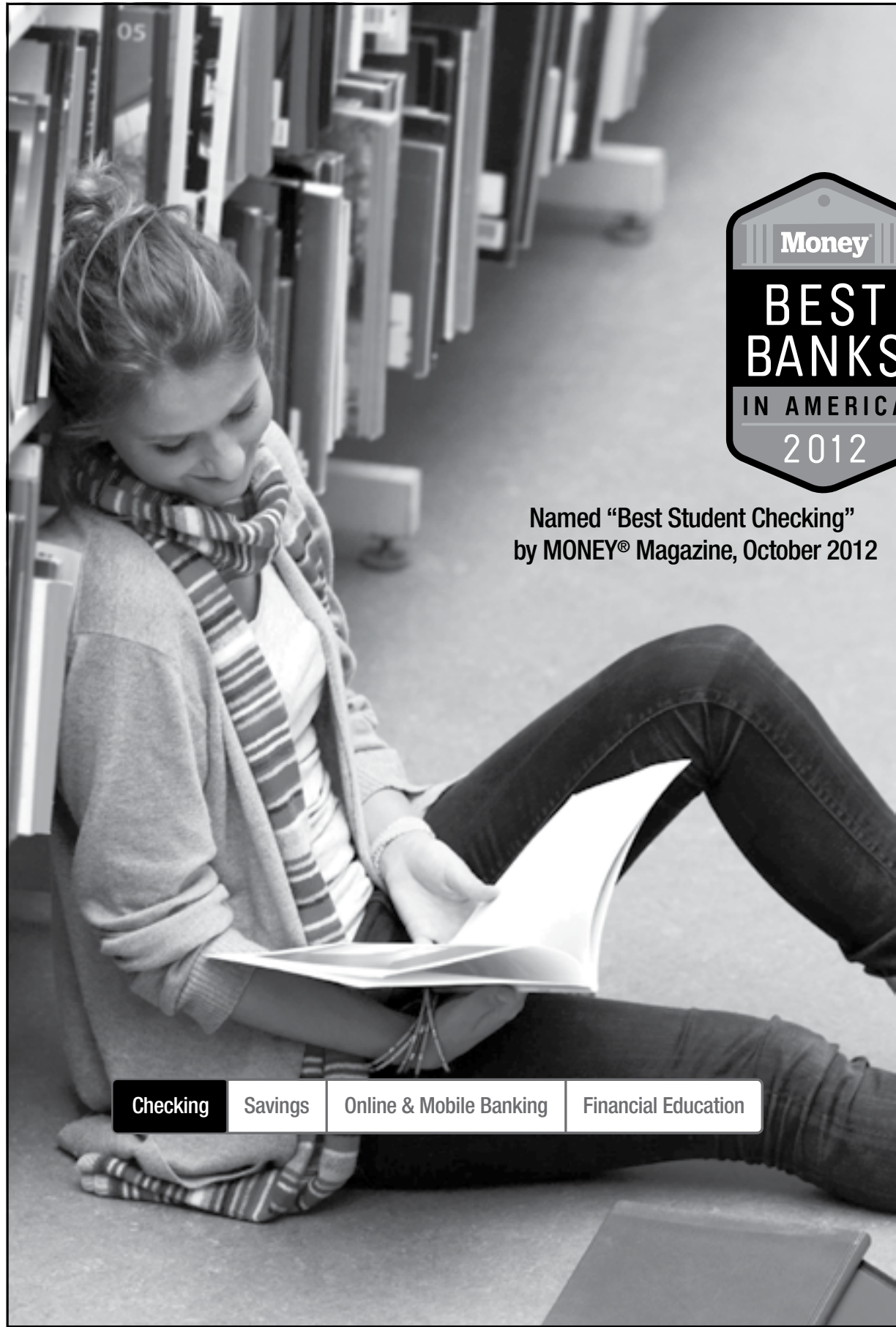
Leaders of the Fair Pay Campaign, a group organized in 2012 to

fight the internships, say they are taking their social media-driven effort right to the top: they plan to press the White House to end its use of unpaid interns.

Getting college credit “is a tangible benefit” of internships, said campaign organizer Mikey Franklin, a 23-year-old British ex-pat who now lives in Washington. “But I can’t pay my rent with college credit.”

Franklin said he founded the Fair Pay Campaign when he was unable to land a paid political job after working as a campaign

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SGA meeting

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now available to the student body, and SGA elections.

A record of 40 freshmen have applied to be in SGA, which will fill five freshmen senator seats. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, Sept. 4.

The SGA is also preparing for the second annual Academic Integrity Week, which will feature “Dough Not Cheat,” where members give out doughnuts, coffee and information about plagiarism.

Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Gregory Singleton, the faculty adviser for the SGA, announced that Mudbowl is happening in “one month, seven hours, twenty seven minutes, and fifty two seconds.” Preparation for this event is currently taking place.

Singleton also spoke about college enrollment in Tennessee.

All colleges in Tennessee have had losses in enrollment ,according to Singleton, but APSU, alongside Tennessee Technical University, has not been as heavily impacted, said Singleton.

Singleton reported that, as of this morning, APSU enrollment is up from last year by 1.12 percent. **TAS**



Justices and senators gathered to listen to comments from Derek van der Merwe, the new athletic director, and updates from SGA President Mike Rainier and vice President Jessi Dillingham. **WHITNEY DAVIS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Internships

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organizer on Maryland’s 2012 same-sex marriage ballot measure.

His allies include University of Nevada-Las Vegas student Jessica Padron, who is trying to defray the \$6,500 costs of a four-month Washington internship for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid with a crowd-sourced online fundraising campaign. At New York University, a petition drive asks the school to remove unpaid internship listings offered by for-profit businesses. More volunteers are pitching in, he said, although he declined to provide specifics about the campaign’s

finances.

A recent survey reported that 63 percent of graduating college seniors this year had an internship, the highest level since polling began six years ago.

“It’s a developmental opportunity,” said Dianne Lynch, president of Stephens College, a women’s school in Columbia, Mo. Lynch, a former journalist, recalled her own start as a cub reporter at the Wisconsin State Journal in Madison, where an unpaid summer internship led to a full-time job on the night police beat.

“I agree that there are organizations that see interns as cheap, unpaid labor,” she said. “But I could line up 25 students who could tell you the best learning experience they had was an academic internship.”

In Oregon, state lawmakers voted in May to extend workplace civil rights protections to interns, who previously had no legal standing to seek relief from sexual harassment or other forms of discrimination. State Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian said businesses that rely on unpaid interns can easily skirt the law by assigning duties normally carried out by paid workers.

NYU junior Christina Isnardi, who started the campus petition with another student, agrees. As a summer intern on a movie project, her responsibilities included securing the perimeter on closed sets and guarding expensive equipment.

On the other hand, Kate Ibarra, a May graduate of Saint Joseph’s

University in Philadelphia, has had a more fulfilling experience as an unpaid intern at The Franklin Institute science museum.

With a degree in marketing and aspirations of working as a nonprofit fundraiser, she applied for more than 30 post-graduate internships — none of which were paid positions.

Many campuses are beginning to wrestle with the issue, said James Tarbox, director of career services at San Diego State University. In 2011, the California State University System passed new rules for evaluating prospective intern sponsors.

“It’s a good idea to examine these issues,” he said. “In an economy like the one we’ve just gone through, we would be remiss if we didn’t.” **TAS**

Kasitz

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experience in working with police enforcement in higher education,” Robinson said. “There is a significant difference between state and county police enforcement and university enforcement. Officers must be community-oriented, which means visible to the public.”

By unanimous decision, Kasitz of Eastern Kentucky University was selected as APSU’s new police chief.

According to the résumé provided by Robinson, Kasitz’s credentials include 23 years in police work at Eastern Kentucky University and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration. **TAS**



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Women should take more initiative when dating



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Dating. On top of stressing about papers, exams, money and jobs, college students also happen to stress about dating. Being in college opens up a whole new world for dating and also, what seems to be, a whole new set of rules.

I can only speak as a woman who dates men, but I feel as though the question of what a woman should and shouldn't do while dating is still not only on my mind but the mind of others.

It seems that, as women, we are told two different things about how to behave.

In the professional world, we are expected to take charge and behave just like men. But in the dating scene, we are still expected to let the man take charge while we take a more submissive role. But why are we expected to take this secondary role, when in all other aspects of our life we are told to take the lead?

Don't get me wrong, ladies; I am not saying to ignore basic social cues of how he feels about you.

If you call a man and he doesn't answer, leave a message and wait for him to call you back, and if he doesn't, then move on.

On that same note, there is nothing wrong with making that first call or text after a date, or if you have been going steady, to initiate a conversation.

"I think a guy will like a girl who will step up and show interest," said David Torres, a senior business management major. He said dating is a two-way street and that he likes a woman who will take charge.

“There is nothing wrong with a woman taking initiative.”

Marina Pacheco, a senior health and human performance major said women shouldn't play games and thinks women should take initiative.

"If you like somebody, you should try it and see how [talking to them] works," she said.

If you go onto any female dating advice website, they dole out advice about waiting for the man to call you first after a date and on a daily basis.

"If he was into you, he would call you" and other similar tips flood these websites. While I agree that if someone likes you, they will call or text you, I

also think there is nothing wrong with a woman taking initiative. Ladies, you are allowed to show you are interested.

Torres said he does not really agree with this tip that dating sites are giving women. "A guy is probably wondering if he should call you, too. Just [call him]," he said.

I will give a personal experience about calling a man first. Last Thursday, I made date plans for Sunday. On Saturday, I was asked if I could pick up a shift at my job, but I had no idea when I was supposed to have my date on Sunday.

I began a deliberation in my head of whether or not I should call my date and ask. The number one rule began to play over and over in my head: "Wait for him to call you."

I am a busy, social college student who doesn't have the time or energy to wait for my date to get ahold of me. I decided to ignore the "rules" and called him.

He answered, we confirmed our date and guess what? He wasn't freaked out by the fact that I called him. He was perfectly OK picking up the phone for me, despite the fact that he hadn't called me first.

Another aspect that women are told to take a submissive role is in expressing initial interest. We are told not to ask a man for his number or to be the one to ask him to hang out. I think this "rule" is even worse than the rule about not calling.

A man can be confused as to whether or not a

woman is interested in him, and sometimes they may honestly be too shy. So ladies, if you want to ask, go ahead.

What's the worst that can happen? He turns you down. OK, well you didn't have any real emotional investment in him yet, so it's no loss. Again, it is okay for ladies to show interest.

Pacheco said if a woman doesn't show interest, then there is a chance she may never know how the man feels. "You never know unless you try," she said. Women should take more charge.

Many women, myself included, worry about when the guy is going to text or ask them on a date or for the next step in a relationship.

The problem is the not knowing, but we are adults who already have enough going on to be worrying about this. We don't have time to play games. Why can't we do these things first? Again, just keep in mind basic social expectations.

If the guy doesn't put forth any effort or reciprocate the effort, then you need to move on.

The idea of contacting a man first can be daunting and nerve-racking, but trust me, it is a bigger relief to feel in charge of the relationship than to be waiting around.

It is less stressful to not play games and just be straightforward with what you want.

You wouldn't wait for the guy to end the relationship first, so why would you wait for him to initiate it? *TAS*

Obama proposes new plan to help student turnout rate



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Earlier this month, the Obama administration launched an outline for a new plan to potentially help college students with financial aid. The plan is broad as of right now, but could become very important to students within the next couple of years.

According to *ABC News*, "The administration will base how much federal financial aid colleges get on a rating system they plan to develop in the next couple of years. They'd like to encourage innovation to make higher education more accessible. They'd like

to set student loan repayment plans on how much graduates earn, and offer more student loan guidance to families."

This rating system will be based on the amount of job positions filled by graduates after finishing college.

"[We] want to try to drive the college system toward one that lets people pay for outcome things like graduation rates and job offers," said Cecilia Muñoz, director of the Domestic Policy Council. This means schools that have few graduates with jobs after leaving will be rated lower on the system and will receive fewer funds from the government.

This will be great for students attending colleges rated higher on the system, because they would get larger Pell Grants and lower interest rates on their loans.

According to *The Huffington Post*, "His plan aims to reward 'good actors' among colleges who keep costs down and results up." This only makes sense. Why should we be funding schools that aren't even helping students become successful? The reason for

higher education is to provide the tools to lead people towards more success in life and to open up more job opportunities for them. This system will help make sure colleges are fully preparing students for the world outside of higher learning.

“Higher education is the best investment young people can make in their future,”
— President Barack Obama

"In the past, the federal government has provided research funding and financial aid with very few strings attached. This is a real departure ... that the federal government is trying to take steps in regards to doing more than just handing out money," said Jesse Rothstein, an associate professor at the University of California Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy.

When the government just throws money at every school, the money could be going to anything. Now we have a better insight to where exactly the money will be going.

We will not have to worry about funds being placed in the wrong hands. If the government is sending money to schools, and these schools are producing low turnout rates, where is the money really going?

"The President's plan will also take down barriers that stand in the way of competition and innovation, particularly in the use

of new technology, and shine a light on the most cutting-edge college practices for providing high value at low costs," the White House told *Minnesota Public Radio News*.

Friendly competition between colleges can be a good thing. This means schools will be more inclined to have better outcomes because they do not want to be beat out of their spot on the rating system.

"We're going to jumpstart new competition between colleges, not just on the field or on the court, but in terms of innovation that encourages affordability, encourages student success and doesn't sacrifice educational quality," President Obama said about the new Affordability Plan.

He went on a two-day tour to Pennsylvania and New York to talk about the plan. He visited multiple schools, talking to students about how the plan could be beneficial to them.

"Higher education is the best investment young people can make in their future, but with tuition costs outstripping paychecks, many families face an unpleasant choice between a heavy debt load or skipping college altogether," Obama said during his tour.

"Look, right now, the unemployment rate for Americans with at least a college degree is about one-third lower than the national average. The incomes of folks who have at least a college degree are more than twice those of Americans without a high school diploma. So more than ever before, some form of higher education is the surest path into the middle class."

The president seems to understand the position most of us college students are in: the position of wanting to make something of ourselves. This system could turn out to be a great idea if it is done right. It will help students know if they are attending a helpful school with a good turnout rate or a school that will not get them anywhere but in deep debt. *TAS*

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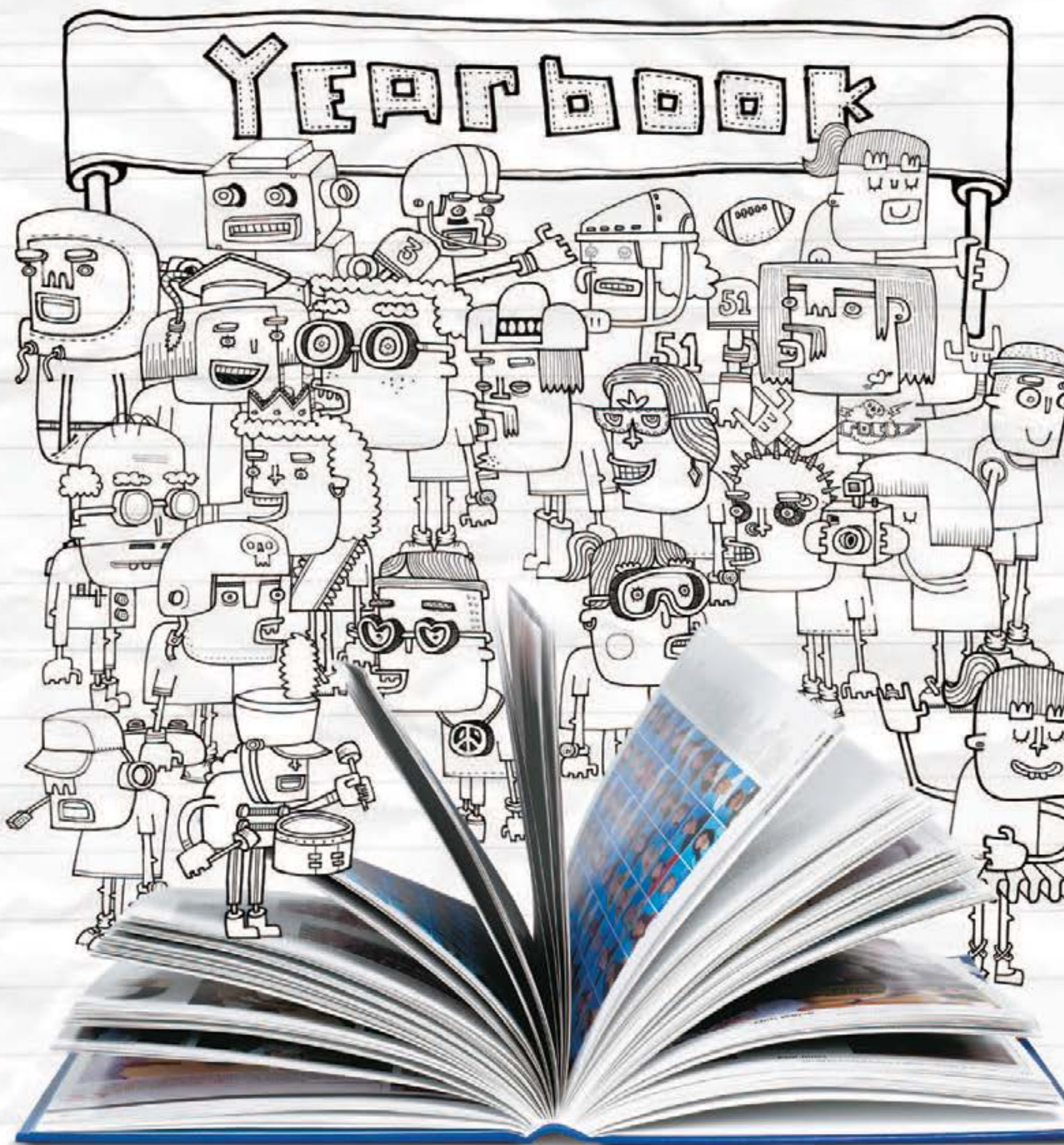
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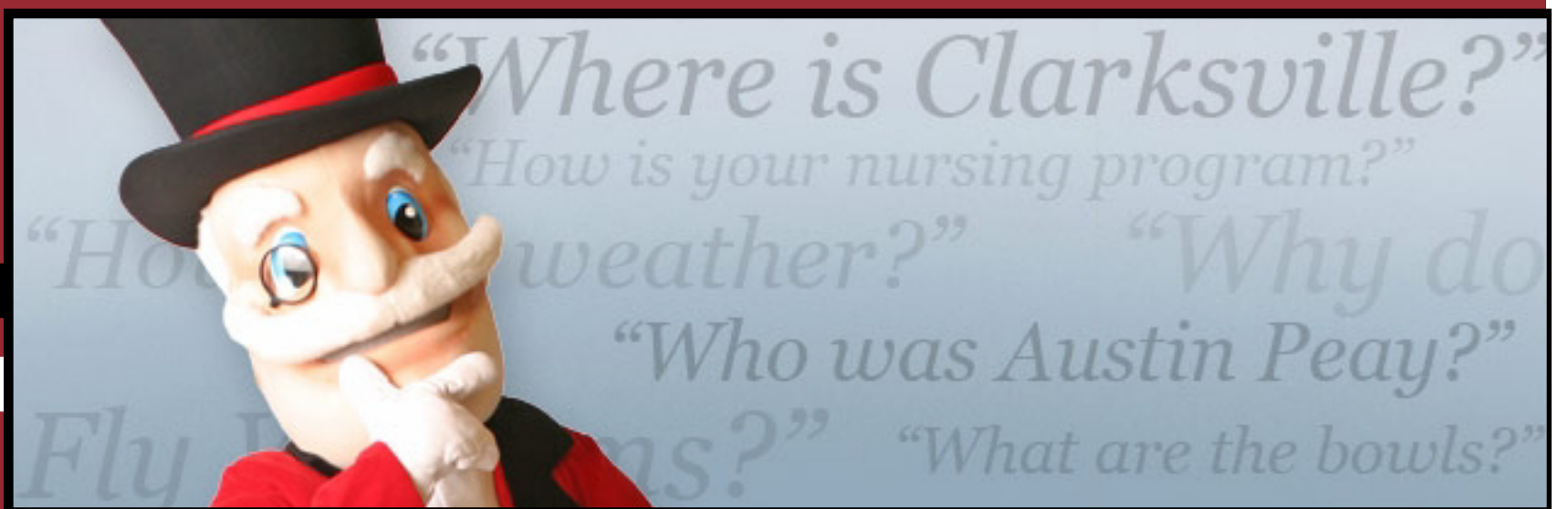
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Don't fret: Easy ways to earn money as a college student

» **By LINDA SAPP**
Staff Writer

Students often find work in unusual places. Since students' time can be limited, an easy, quick job could be just what they need for fast cash.

For example, the Biomat USA Plasma Center is at 1596 Ste C on Fort Campbell Blvd. According to an employee, "The first two donations [of plasma] are \$50 and after that, the first donation of the next week is \$20, and then, \$35 every week thereafter."

The first thing to do is to make an appointment the day before going there. Take a valid photo I.D. and social security card, and be ready for a sport's physical. Biomat's hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., but on the day of the physical, be there before 3 p.m. Always wait a day inbetween selling plasma. Also before donating, eat a full meal and hydrate.

On Biomat's website, their parent company, Grifols, is described as the organization that "uses plasma to produce medicines that save or improve the lives of many people."

Albumin, a drug containing plasma, is used in the treatment of burns and shock from trauma. Other plasma-derived medicines treat hemophilia, immune system diseases, tetanus and hepatitis B.

According to the website, "Biomat invests more than \$1 million in the community economies through payroll, commerce with local businesses and the payment of plasma donor fees."

Selling plasma is clearly a great way to make money and help others while making a bit over \$200 dollars per month.

Some students use their acquired skills to tutor and make a decent income.

Online tutoring may be the easiest way to tutor, but Advantage Learning Center is APSU-friendly, and they



Waiting tables is just one of the many jobs students can have while in school. STOCK PHOTO

are now hiring students.

Advantage Learning Center at 480 Warfield Dr. gives students a chance to tutor students in grades K-12. Each tutor is matched with students and subjects with which he or she feels most comfortable.

"The pay is \$9 dollars per hour minimum, and the tutor must be in college," said ALC Director Diane York. "College students are more flexible, fresh and energetic than other tutors." The most available tutoring opportunities are in math, science and reading.

The tutor can expect to stay with the student until there is no further need to tutor. York said, "Most tutors stay with their student through their senior year,

and by that time, the pay is much more."

If waiting tables sounds easier, Todd Johnson, service manager for Olive Garden said, "We hire a lot of APSU students. They do a good job and are always willing to work." Olive Garden allows students to work part-time, and one may work on the weekend.

"I don't look for anything specific about the student," Johnson said. "We offer training to all who come here." The Italian restaurant is located at 2782 Wilma Rudolph Blvd.

Other opportunities to wait tables include Red Lobster, O'Charley's, Cheddar's and Buffalo Wild Wings. There is work for students in the Clarksville community. You just have to go find it. **TAS**

Tips for drinking safely, legally in college

» **By SABRINA NICOLE HAMILTON**
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Many students go from one class to the next each day, looking forward to their weekends off.

Some spend their time catching up on homework, some sleep in, and others spend the weekends encompassed in social activities such as parties, get-togethers and rallies.

Not each opportunity provides the alcohol to make a dry campus float, but according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, "About half of college student drinkers engage in heavy episodic consumption," commonly defined as downing five or more drinks in a row for men and four or more drinks for

women at least once in a two-week period.

What does that mean, exactly? APSU is a dry campus, right? And the drinking age is 21, so what does this have to do with everyone? Yes, APSU is a dry campus, meaning that alcohol consumption and possession on university

“Heavy drinking may have extensive and far-reaching effects on the brain.”
— The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

property is not allowed.

Under the Tennessee Board of Regents, APSU and most other Tennessee schools are dry campuses, but that doesn't necessarily mean dry parties, which leads alcohol to remain a student issue.

Many minors cite their first sip of alcohol back to their college experiences, when the rules are more lax, and guardians are not hanging over their shoulders.

However, it's everyone's job to practice safe, responsible drinking by never providing drinks for minors, and if you are drinking, watch your cup. If you walk away from your drink, throw it away and get a new one, since you don't know whether or not it was tampered with.

Never operate a vehicle or heavy machinery under the influence, as doing so could cause harm

to you and others, on top of getting you in loads of unnecessary trouble.

The NIAAA states, "Heavy drinking may have extensive and far-reaching effects on the brain, ranging from simple 'slips' in memory to permanent



Drinking in college can cause many problems for students. STOCK PHOTO

and debilitating conditions that require lifetime custodial care.

And even moderate drinking leads to short-term impairment, as shown by extensive research on the impact of drinking on driving." Alcohol consumption is

about responsibility and choice, and campus is definitely not the place to choose to start.

If you have questions about alcohol or alcoholism, feel free to visit the student health building, located in Ellington 202. **TAS**

Fall Movies Preview: be transported to another world with films this fall

» **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NEW YORK — "Captain Phillips" (out Oct. 11) is only one way moviegoers this fall will be fully, often staggeringly immersed in worlds as varied as slavery-era Louisiana ("12 Years a Slave"), 1970s Massachusetts comen ("American Hustle") and outer space, among the detritus of a space station torn apart by a storm of debris ("Gravity").

The movies, perhaps more than any other art form, have the ability to transport — a capacity to carry away — that's on full display this fall.

"We shot this in the real world: the real engine rooms, the real decks," says Hanks. "They'll say: How did you make that movie where that ship was out in the middle of the ocean? Well, we got on a ship and we went out to the middle of the ocean and we shot it there. Extraordinary how that happens"

Soon, the fall movie season will unofficially commence, the superheroes (mostly) falling from theaters like autumn leaves. After a summer of

blockbuster gluttony, Hollywood will, as if penance for its bingeing, trot out its more serious and ambitious fare. George Clooney — this fall directing ("The Monuments Men"), producing ("August: Osage County") and acting ("Gravity") — will put down stakes.

There's some hope that after a knock-about summer heavy with city-destroying tumult and some spectacular flops, that a degree of levity will return to the multiplexes. (That is, until the ever-expanding Oscar horse race commences in earnest.)

This autumn promises no less a mix of both aspirational filmmaking and mainstream attractions. As if her fans needed notice, Jennifer Lawrence will return not just with "Silver Linings Playbook" director David O. Russell in "American Hustle," but also as Katniss Everdeen in "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" (Nov. 22).

A quite different fervor will greet Will Ferrell's "Anchorman: The Legend Continues" (Dec. 20), the

long-in-coming sequel. There will be other sequels, too, including Chris Hemsworth in "Thor: the Dark World" (Nov. 8) and Peter Jackson's high-frame rate "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" (Dec. 13). As the CIA analyst of the best-selling Tom Clancy books, Chris Pine will try to jumpstart a new franchise in "Jack Ryan" (Dec. 25).

But other types of powerhouses will compete with action spectacle. John Wells' adaptation of Tracy Letts' Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "August: Osage County," features an ensemble cast topped by the tantalizing duo of Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts as mother and daughter.

"As a moviegoer, I would much prefer that films were spread more evenly over the year," Wells says. "But realistically, we've now programmed everyone to expect this when these kind of films are going to be there. Not unlike a certain fruit or vegetable that's in season at certain times of the year, you kind of anticipate it and look forward to it." **TAS**

» **By JULIE COLE HULSEY**
Staff Writer

Ryan appears aptly qualified

During the first week of the 2013 fall term, College Democrats were already

For further information, follow College Democrats on Facebook at facebook.com/CollegeDemocrats.APSU and at CollegeDemsAPSU.weebly.com. **TAS**

Directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson, the film is to be released next August. **TAS**

» **By LINDA SAPP**
Staff Writer

"We've had young people volunteer for us and find they have a gift for working with animals," said Cats Are Us President Susan Harpel. "They have gone on to

Volunteering can be done on or off campus in numerous ways. Whether it's your time or donation, all forms of volunteer work are greatly appreciated to those in need from local citizens to our feline friends to our own campus comrades. **TAS**



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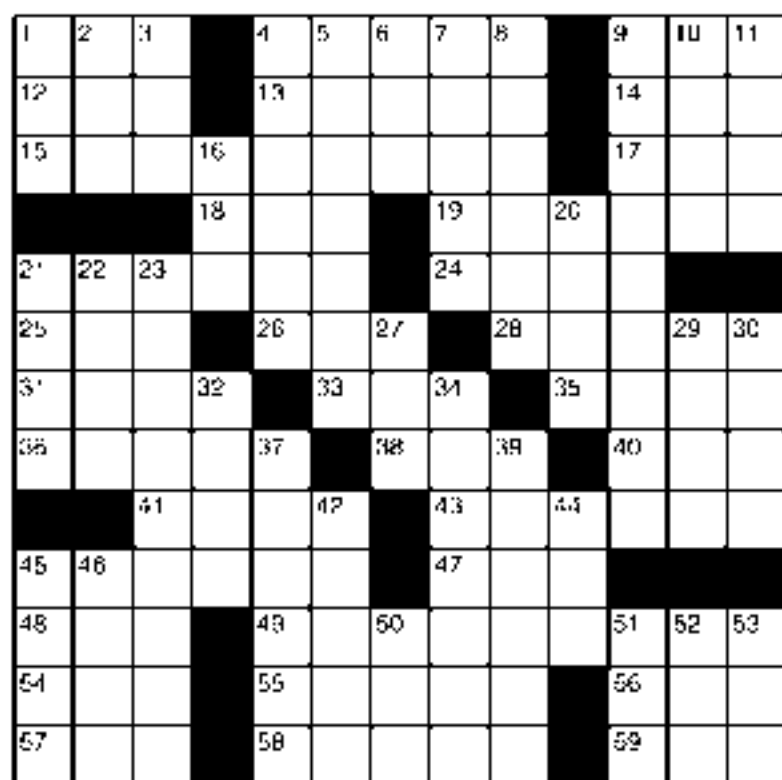
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipp



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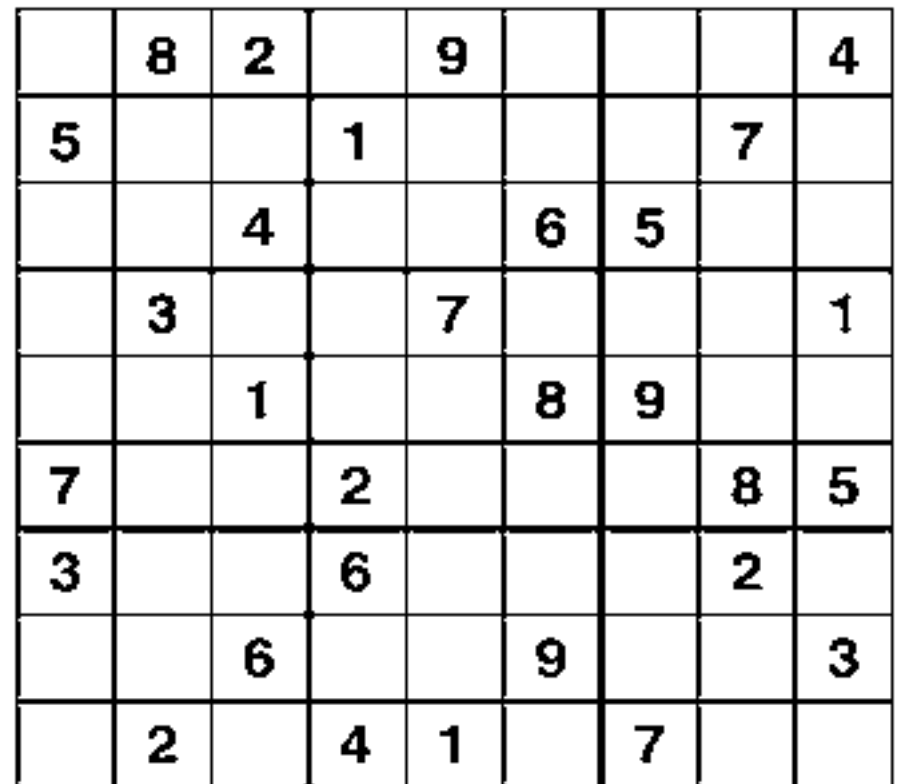
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TODAY'S WORD

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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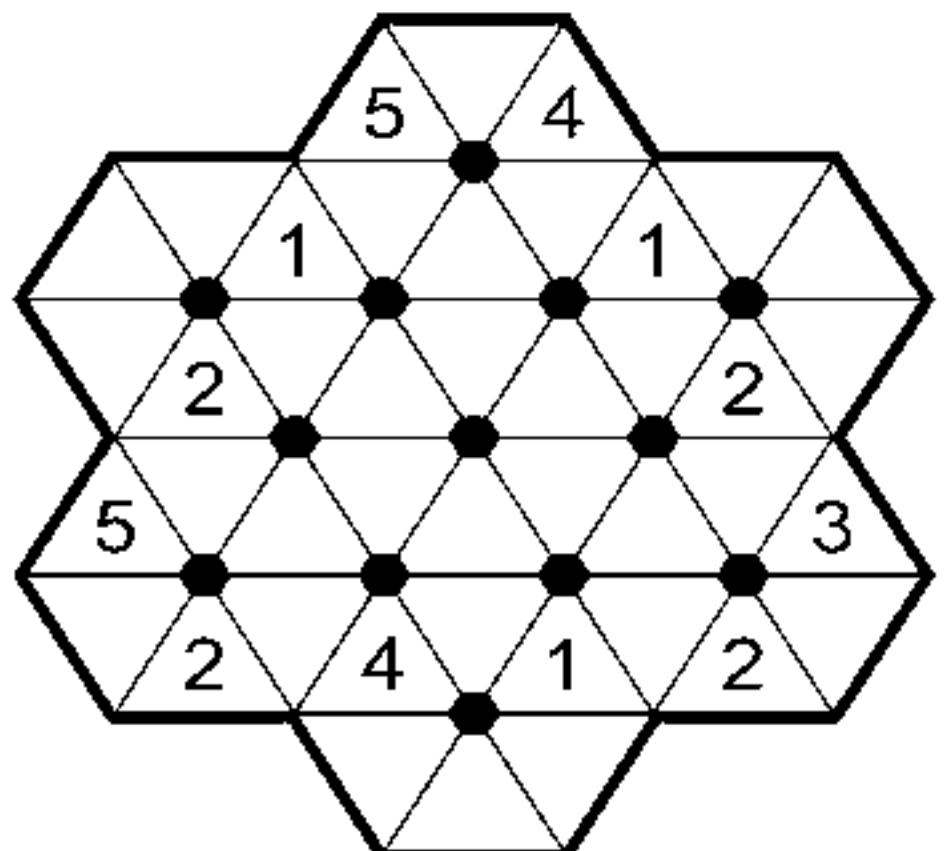
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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APSU football

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"I thought at times that Andrew threw the ball very accurately and with poise," said Cannon, who intends to keep using the two-quarterback system as the season progresses.

"I thought Jacob Sexton did a nice job, as well. He had two drives where we were kind of doing it differently than we do with Andrew. That is not going to change; that is his strong suit and for teams that can't stop that style of offense, we are going to run that with Jacob."

Govs running back, Tim Phillips, had limited playing time in the game due to an injury to a hip flexor but had several positive runs on offense and really showed that, when healthy, he could add depth to the running back position.

“We weren’t sure if Tim was going to play. He had a hip flexor injury, and it is one of those muscles that is just day by day,” said Cannon, who shared coaching debuts in the game with new Tennessee Head Coach Butch Jones. “He came up to me before the game and told us he wanted to go. He is a guy that you probably can’t beat Tennessee with but down the line there might be a day where Tim Phillips dominates the game.”

Penalties in this game were another huge red flag for APSU. In the preseason, Cannon said "you can't be a team that beats yourself," but APSU committed nine penalties that cost them 85 yards total, three of which were personal foul flags.

"I didn't have a problem with any of the

calls, I just want them all to go my way," said Cannon. "We couldn't give these guys anything they were going to earn enough.

Any personal foul is something we have to address, and our policy is 'you're out' and when he is focused again and understands what he can and can't do, we put him back in."

Despite playing a team from the SEC, the Gobs held up very well in very hot and muggy conditions, which is a testament to their conditioning in the offseason.

The Gavs suffered no major injuries which is a huge plus as the games don't get any easier from here on out.

“We had a very difficult camp. They had three and a half weeks of practice where they didn’t get a day off the entire time,” said Cannon. “We were very demanding in our camp and from a conditioning standpoint we didn’t have a lot of guys falling out. That’s a good thing and allows them to play their best.”

Cannon was upbeat in the post game press conference despite the outcome of the game. He has every intention as using this game as a stepping stool for this team.

“Any success you have, you can build on. Just getting a game under your belt when you have a bunch of freshmen and guys that haven’t played as much is huge,” said Cannon.

"The old coaching line that 'you improve your most from game one to game two' is true no matter who you play in game two. I thought there was enough out there to say we will be a better football team next week, and if we just keep improving, then we'll be a good football team before it's all said and done." **TAS**

Lady Gavs soccer

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Coach Guth expects every conference game this year will be a hard-fought game, but also understands UT Martin is still the team to beat in the OVC. "UT Martin is the team to beat based on the returning players they have and the quality of play they have shown in the last three years," said Guth. "Aside from

that, we have had some coaching changes in the conference, so I am not sure how those teams will come out. I anticipate it to be an extremely competitive conference schedule, every game is going to be a absolute war.”

The Lady Gobs have opened their season on a strong note with wins against Chattanooga and Appalachian State respectively. They opened at home Friday, Aug. 30 versus Arkansas-Little Rock and won 3-0 to start their season on a 3-game winning streak. **TAS**

Lady Gows season schedule released, try to improve from last season

»COREY ADAMS

Staff Writer

APSU women's basketball schedule has been released, as Head Coach Carrie Daniels will look to bounce back from a 7-21, 2-14 record from last season. The Lady Govs will host Martin Methodist in an exhibition contest on Nov. 3, then travel to Western Kentucky for the first regular season game on Nov. 9.

After a trip to Southern Illinois three days later, the team will stay close to home as four of their next five games will be played in the Dunn Center against Arkansas State, Evansville, Central Arkansas

and Middle Tennessee with the lone, away game in the stretch being played in Nashville against Lipscomb.

Following the match-up against MTSU, who played in the NCAA Tournament last season, APSU will face their biggest test of the season as they travel to Louisville to take on the runner-up in the 2013 NCAA Championship on Dec. 14.

The string of quality opponents continues from there as Chattanooga, NCAA Tourney member from last season, comes to town on Dec. 18.

Before a break to take time off for Christmas, the Lady Goves will take part in the

Wichita State Christmas Classic, playing the Shockers on Dec. 21 and Nebraska-Omaha the next day.

The first game after winter break will be a road game against Southeastern Conference member Mississippi State on Dec. 30, before the meaningful conference games begin.

OVC play tips off on Jan. 4 at home against Southeast Missouri which will be one of the 16 conference match-ups on the schedule.

If the Lady Govs are able to have success during the 16-game stretch, the OVC Tournament from the Municipal Auditorium will await them on March 5-8. **TAS**

Former Titans linebacker, broadcaster arrested hours after game

» ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Former Tennessee Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck has been charged with felony robbery after a cab driver accused him of taking money during an argument.

The driver was waiting outside a bar for a paid fare early Sunday when Bulluck approached him asking for a ride, police said.

in a statement. The driver said he declined and Bulluck grabbed him by his shirt, took a \$100 bill and fled. Bulluck described the incident as a “misunderstanding between me and the cab driver about getting my money back for a service not rendered.”

“At 2 a.m., things could easily get lost in translation, but regardless of who was right or wrong, I regret putting myself in that situation,”

he said.

Bulluck retired from football in 2012 after playing 11 seasons in the NFL, 10 of them with the Titans. He is scheduled to work for the Titans-Vikings preseason game on Thursday in Minneapolis. Station manager Stan Knott was quoted by The Tennessean as saying that a decision hasn't been made on whether to replace Bulluck.

Coach Mike Munchak said Sunday that hadn't heard much of the incident and declined to comment.

"When he was here playing as a football player, he made good decisions," Munchak said. "I'll wait to hear the information as to what happened, but I am sure it will all get worked out and I am sure it is something he is very innocent in, I hope." **TAS**

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» **COREY ADAMS**
Staff Writer

As always, if you have any specific questions, ask me on Twitter @corey_adams. Best of luck in week one. **TAS**



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WELCOME BACK 2013

Friday, August 23
UREC Group Fitness Fun
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., MUC Plaza

Freshman Welcome BBQ
3 - 5 p.m., MUC Plaza
Sponsored by FSA (Fraternity & Sorority Affairs)

Ice Cream Social
8 p.m., Castle Heights
Sponsored by Student Affairs and GPC (Govs Programming Council)

Saturday, August 24
UREC Group Fitness Fun
TBA, Foy Center

Luau & Dive-In Movie: Hangover 3
6:30 p.m., Foy Pool
Sponsored by Student Affairs

SERVE Service Saturday
1 - 3 p.m., MUC 308

Sunday, August 25
Back to School Picnic
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., MUC Plaza
Sponsored by the ANTSC (Adult and Nontraditional Student Center) & Military Student Center

Double Peay Jeopardy
1 - 3 p.m., MUC Plaza
Sponsored by the ANTSC (Adult and Nontraditional Student Center) & Military Student Center

Monday, August 26
The Rec Crawl
6 - 8 p.m., Foy Center

UREC Flag Football Officials Interest Meeting
5 - 5:30 p.m., Foy Center 202

Tuesday, August 27
UREC Flag Football Officials Interest Meeting
5 - 5:30 p.m., Foy Center 202

Peay Soup: Party on the Plaza w/ Southern Word
6 - 10 p.m., MUC Plaza
Sponsored by the WINDAACC (Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center)

Wednesday, August 28
Community Vendor Fair
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., MUC Plaza

UREC Sport Clubs Interest Meeting
5 - 5:30 p.m., Foy Center 202

Thursday, August 29
Beat UT Pep Rally
Noon, MUC Plaza
Sponsored by ASA, Sigma Chi, SOC, Alumni and Athletics

UREC Sport Clubs Interest Meeting
5 - 5:30 p.m., Foy Center 202

ANTSC Adult Café for Student Parents
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., MUC 112

HCC and University Recreation Zumba Pool Party
5 - 6:30 p.m., Foy Pool

Monday, September 2
Labor Day- University Closed

Tuesday, September 3
Welcome Back Photo Booth
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., MUC Lobby

IFC (Interfraternity Council) Showcase
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., MUC Plaza Tables

UREC Boot Camp Session I Starts (9/3 - 10/10)
6 a.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., Foy Center

Hispanic Cultural Center (HCC) Bienvenidos
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., MUC Plaza

Wednesday, September 4
Campus Involvement Fair
11 a.m. - 1 p.m., MUC Plaza

HCC Spanish Game Night
3:30 - 4:30 p.m., MUC 213

UREC Group Fitness Sampler
5 - 7 p.m., Foy Center

Thursday, September 5
ANTSC Classroom Culture: "The Good The Bad and The Nontrad"
1 - 2:30 p.m., MUC 312

All Sorority Open House
4 - 6 p.m., MUC Ballrooms

UREC Intramural Cornhole Tournament
4 p.m., Foy Center

"In It To Win It" Game Show
Doors at 6:30 p.m., begin 7 p.m., MMC Concert Hall
Sponsored by Govs Programming Council (GPC)

Friday, September 6
First Friday and Football Frenzy: Beat Vandy
Noon - 2 p.m., MUC Plaza
Sponsored by Student Life and Engagement (SLE), Student Organization Council (SOC) & Student Affairs (SA)

UREC Cave Tour (9/14) Registration Deadline

UREC White Water (9/21) Registration Deadline

UREC, Intramural Registration Deadline: Tennis Singles/Doubles, Flag Football & Dodgeball





Jacob Sexton scrambles away from pressure at Neyland Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 31. ANDRE SHIPP | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

APSU blanked in coaching debut for Cannon and Jones

»JOSHUA STEPHENSON
Sports Editor

APSU traveled into hostile territory this Saturday, Aug. 31, as they had the opportunity to play at one of the loudest stadiums in college football, Neyland Stadium. The final outcome of the game was never in doubt, as Tennessee rolled to a 45-0 victory over the Governors. Although APSU was unable to score, this game was still a huge victory for the Govs.

There were 97,169 reasons why this game was such a huge deal for the Governors football program.

That was the number of people in attendance at the game Saturday, Aug. 31.

It was, by far, the biggest crowd APSU has ever played in front of in the football program's history.

"When you have these types of environments, the younger player becomes older," said Coach Kirby Cannon in his post-game interview.

"Being the bad guy at games isn't all bad, and I feel

we are a better team because of it."

Tennessee wasted no time getting on the board; after forcing APSU to punt on their first possession, it took the Vols four plays to get into the endzone. Tennessee has numerous all-SEC selections across their offensive line and they flexed their muscles all day, starting with a drive that only took 1:13 off the clock. Running back Rajon Neal scampered 47 yards for the first score of the game.

APSU's offense in the first half was unable to get on track and find any kind of consistency. At halftime the count of total yards gained was 317-99 in favor of Tennessee. APSU also had one interception and only 15 yards rushing in the first half.

One of the big storylines for the Govs in this game was the quarterback position and who would be able to perform under pressure. Andrew Spivey and Jacob Sexton both saw their fair share at the quarterback position, and both had their ups and downs in the game.

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Top: APSU's offense tried to pound the ball all game but was unable to. Bottom: Devin Young catches TD pass. ANDRE SHIPP | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lady Govs Soccer hoping third time is the charm

»JOSHUA STEPHENSON
Sports Editor

Football will not be the only sport to dominate the attention of APSU students this fall. After a deep run in the conference tournament last year, the Lady Govs soccer team is ready to finish what they started and bring home an OVC tournament championship.

This is a squad lead by a large senior class, eight in all on the roster, who understand their role on the field as well as their role as teachers and teammates to the underclassmen coming in, according to Head Coach Kelly Guth.

"One of the things we focus on with our team is develop-

ing relationships because it's important," said Guth. "I am very proud of the role they have taken on. They are very team-oriented, and it's going to be a key component as we move forward in the season."

This Lady Govs soccer team has steadily improved over the last couple of years, increasing their win total from nine matches in the 2011-2012 season to a 12-8-1 record last season, also going 7-2-1 in the conference.

"What we did last year doesn't mean we are going to do that again this year," said Guth, who has been the only Lady Govs soccer coach ever. "I focus my team on 'lead by what you do, not by what you say or what you did.' We work every day on trying to get

better so we can go out and get the wins we need when we need them."

The OVC preseason conference polls have the Lady Govs finishing second in the conference behind UT Martin, who are two-time defending OVC champions, and beat the Lady Govs last year in the OVC championship game.

But Guth thinks there are tools on this team to challenge the Skyhawks again and try to bring home the championship. The Lady Govs return with the OVC Offensive Player of the Year, Tatiana Ariza, who was picked as this season's preseason selection to win the award again. Her sister, Natalia Ariza, was named first-team all-OVC preseason

selection along with Tatiana. Senior Morgan Zigelsky and junior Taylor Van Wagner were named to the all-OVC second team.

Unlike previous years, this Lady Govs team has depth and will be able to play a lot of their underclassmen in the upcoming season.

"This year, fortunately, I think we are going to be in a position to have several players on the bench that can step in and make an impact," said Guth, whose team went 2-1 in preseason, losing only to Alabama. "I am excited we have that depth this year. It's a key component as we move into the late part of the season, so we can be fresh in the latter parts of the season."

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Coach Kirby Cannon addresses the media after a 45-0 loss against UT. ANDRE SHIPP | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Vandy up next on APSU's schedule

»COREY ADAMS
Staff Writer

After falling 45-0 in the opening game on Saturday, Aug. 31, against Tennessee, the schedule doesn't get any easier for APSU.

The Govs will travel to Nashville on Sept. 7 to challenge the Vanderbilt Commodores for a 6:30 p.m. kickoff.

This will be another tough test for APSU by squaring off with a Southeastern-Conference team for the second week in a row.

Vanderbilt began their season Thursday, Aug. 29, losing to Ole Miss 39-35 in a back-and-forth game.

The Commodore offense finished with 426 yards in the thriller (300 passing, 126 rushing), with senior wide receiver Jordan Matthews leading the way with 10 catches for 178 yards and a touchdown.

As the Govs prepare this week in practice, Matthews will be the focus for the defense to game plan for. It could be another 150-plus-yard game for Matthews if the APSU secondary cannot contain the 6-foot-3-inch, 200-pound receiver.

Even if the Govs choose to double team Matthews on the outside, there are other weapons on the Vandy offense that could give APSU trouble.

Jerron Seymour (five carries, 43 yards, TD vs. Ole Miss) and Wesley Tate (17 carries, 39 yards, two TD) are the go-to weapons for the Commodores when reaching the goal-line, and also have another solid receiver in Jonathan Krause on the opposite side of Matthews.

Chris Boyd was another key part of the offense, but was suspended from the team following an indictment involving the rape case that occurred on campus, resulting in four players taken into custody.

For the Govs, the offense showed some promise following the loss to Tennessee last week. Junior Andrew Spivey played the majority of the game, completing 11 of 22 passes for 94 yards and an interception.

Jacob Sexton also received playing time, passing for 38 yards and an interception while also rushing for 25 yards. Against one of the best defensive lines in the SEC, the Govs offense played

solidly by allowing just two sacks in the game. The offensive line is the backbone of this team, so it was promising for them to play well as a whole.

Darryl Clack appears to be the top offensive weapon for the Govs going forward, as the junior had three catches for 80 yards on Saturday, including a 35-yard reception. Clack has shown he has big play potential, which was lost from APSU after Devin Stark graduated last spring. Look for Spivey and Clack to become more in-sync as the season moves into week two.

When the Govs do reach Vanderbilt territory, they will need a better game from the special teams.

Junior kicker Walter Spears missed a 31-yard field goal wide right against the Vols. To avoid being shutout in back-to-back weeks, APSU will need Spears to deliver when called upon.

The key to the game will, without a doubt, be the defense.

Tennessee was able to drive down the field at will on the Govs, and with Vandy next, APSU is arguably taking on an even better overall offense. Tennessee quarterback, Justin Worley, was able to sit back and find open receivers for three touchdowns, and if they allow Austyn Carta-Samuels of Vandy to do the same, it could be another long night for the Govs.

Everyone knows APSU will be a heavy underdog against Vanderbilt, but look at what has happened recently around college football.

In week one, North Dakota State, a Football Championship Subdivision like APSU, knocked off Kansas State of the Big 12. Anything can happen in sports. We have learned that over the years.

Will the Govs shock the state by defeating a school with great prestige like Vanderbilt? That remains to be seen, but APSU has pieces in place to have success.

It will be another hostile environment going into Vanderbilt Stadium, but the jitters should be cleared after playing in front of almost 100,000 fans at Neyland Stadium.

Win or lose, the Govs' goal has to be improving from last week and giving 100 percent to have a chance at turning heads in Nashville. **TAS**