

RED AND WHITE NIGHT



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Top: The Josh LaCount Band perform for the first of three performances of the evening.

Left: President Timothy Hall plays his guitar for the APSU Faculty/Staff's Got Talent show. Hall won first place.

Right: Sisters from the Alpha Delta Pi sorority create a replica of the Governors Stadium for the Can Creations challenge. See Features, page 4 for more coverage.



MATEEN SIDIQ | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Four-year graduation: a far stretch for students

By **TINEA PAYNE**
News Editor

Four year graduation may be more of a fairy tale for APSU students and recent institutional research may redefine the term “four-year university.”

Based on a six-year graduation rate data, graduation in four years isn't as common. Recent statistics from the APSU Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness suggest 32.6 percent of first-time, full-time students enrolling in Fall 2002 graduated by 2008 — within six years, not four.

According to recent Tennessee Board of Regents research, 43.8 percent of first-time, full-time freshmen who enrolled in a TBR university in 2000 graduated within six years.

Students' take on graduation

Erik Guillen, a freshman nursing major, said he came to college with the expectation that graduation in four years wasn't possible.

Guillen said his major has a lot of requirements and he doesn't feel he will graduate in the four-year margin. “Because I'm a nursing major and that always takes a lot study time and near-perfect grades, which are hard for me to achieve.”

He said he wouldn't be the only one to take longer to graduate. “Most of my family that has gone to college hasn't graduated within four years. Usually five.”

Senior corporate communications major Nathaniel Wilson, who enrolled in Fall 2002, said he looked at his college career realistically upon arriving his freshman year. When asked, Wilson said four-year graduation is “not a fairy tale” but rather a factor of self-discipline is key to attaining the goal.

“[Graduation in four years] takes more effort than students are willing to put out,” he said. “It's an attainable fairy tale — you've just got to really want it.”

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CAMPUS BRIEFS



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Various teams participated in the annual Plant the Campus Red on Saturday, April 18.

New tribunal members announced, SR 22 presented during SGA Senate meeting

Katherine White, Trenton Gaasch, Scott Sanders, Brian Casner and Casey Green were announced as the 2009-10 tribunal members and Senate Resolution 22 was presented during the Wednesday, April 15 SGA Senate meeting.

SR 22, presented by Sen. Joshua Taylor, would add to Article 2, Section B; Subsection 4 of the SGA Standing Rules that a hard copy of new legislation or amendments to current legislation be provided to all senators in attendance at the meeting when the respective legislation or amendment is proposed.

The resolution would be effective Fall 2009, if passed.

TBR sets tuition cap removal in stone

By **NICOLE JUNE**
Assistant News Editor

The Tennessee Board of Regents met Thursday, April 9, to discuss the removal of the current tuition cap for TBR schools.

As of Fall 2009, students will be paying per credit-hour. Currently, full-time students pay a flat rate per credit hour up to 12, but no additional cost for any hours beyond that.

The decision to uncap tuition has been a hot topic among TBR schools for the past several months. An e-mail was sent to inform APSU students about the change. However, no official announcements have been made about how much each credit hour will cost.

According to an article in The Leaf-Chronicle on Friday, April 17, TBR members proposed a \$20 to \$40 charge for each credit hour over 12.

SGA President Chris Drew said it is his understanding the cost of the additional credit hours will slowly phase in over a period of a few years to help students adjust to the change.

President Timothy Hall confirmed this statement. “Right now it is likely that any credits in excess of 12 hours will

be deeply discounted for the fall semester. I cannot promise anything, but it is most often talked about that the cost per credit hour will be about 10 to 20 percent of the cost of a credit hour under 12,” Hall said.

“I wouldn't be surprised if this discount is less during the following year, and the cost continues to gradually increase over the next four or five years. The idea is not to slam students with a huge increase immediately.”

“I thought this had all been decided in December, and I do not know why it is being thrown out there suddenly,” Drew said.

“I think [the e-mail] could have been more personal, especially because TBR does not have to set the tuition rates until June. Students have no idea what it is going to cost, which causes frustration and uncertainty. This should have been done in March, prior to registration,” he said.

“I'd like to see a more proactive effort on the part of the bureaucracy,” Drew said. “APSU has been good about this and has pushed for what students need.”

Drew said he hopes the APSU budget committee will help to work out some of these issues for the next semester, especially in light of the \$21 million stimulus package to be granted to APSU and other TBR schools over a two-year

period.

“We are not sure where the stimulus package is going to go,” Drew said. “It will most likely have to be used for projects or things that produce revenue for the university.”

Hall said the stimulus package was proposed because the university will lose about \$6 million a year in regularly appropriated state funding. “Normally that would mean we would have to increase tuition drastically, and no one wants to do that. We know what it would do to students,” he said.

“The stimulus will help with part of this loss so we don't have to turn to students to bear it. We can expect some tuition increases in the future, but none that will be outrageous.”

APSU and other TBR schools recently met with an energy consultant to determine alternative methods of saving money.

Hall said the consultant estimated that spending approximately \$8 million on green projects around campus will improve APSU's green efficiency dramatically, and this will be proposed as a way of spending the stimulus money. He said nothing can be determined until the plan is approved.

Drew said Hall is being as conservative in his financial decisions as possible without being too off-target.

“I think he is doing the right

thing by being conservative,” Drew said.

“I think it's going to be harder for students who are already struggling with whether school is really for them,” said BreAnna Santos, sophomore corporate communications major.

“I think more people will get serious about school and what they are taking. This will hurt students, but the school had to find a way to make money,” Santos said.

“When I got the e-mail the other day, I was pretty bummed,” said Josh Paschall, junior philosophy major. “It will affect all full-time students, but science and music majors especially. For them to get out in four years, they have to take at least 18 hours per semester. It seems pretty biased and unfair toward these students,” he said.

Paschall also said he thinks some of the arguments in favor of the removal are unfounded. “The argument that it is unfair to keep tuition as it is for part-time students doesn't make sense. I think passing this legislation will help part-time students, but punish full-time,” Paschall said.

Hall said TBR is interested in closing the gap between full and part-time students. “If I were advising students, I would say to take all the classes you can now,” Hall said. “It will be cheaper now than two or three years down the road.” ♦

Rate: finances, grades are main factors

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“Here at APSU, there’s no problem with graduating in four years,” said SGA President Chris Drew

Drew said students shouldn’t have a problem graduating in four years, though they shouldn’t feel disappointed when the goal isn’t achieved.

“There’s no issue why a student should feel down about not graduating in four years,” he said.

Finances

Drew said the graduation issue is more financial rather than academic.

“If [students] don’t have the money to take 15 credit hours, if they are being charged per credit hour, they’re not going to graduate in four years.”

Guillen said the TBR decision to remove the credit hour cap is a factor that could affect student graduation.

“That definitely plays a huge role in student graduation in four years,” he said.

“For some people, it gets too expensive and [they] have to take an extra semester or year,” he said.

Drew said few students at APSU receive the HOPE lottery scholarship and, in addition to the tuition cap removal, he said he doesn’t think four-year graduation would be attainable without additional student aid.

“I really don’t understand how a student is going to graudate in four years if the HOPE scholarship isn’t going

to increase.”

Wilson said the tuition cap removal and rising tuition and fees, steadily push students toward needing financial aid.

Academic advising, grades

Improper academic advising is a factor that, according to Drew, could keep students from attaining their graduation goals.

“If you’re not advised properly, [students] may not graduate in four years.”

He said the university should develop a suggested four-year plan and plan ahead for course offerings.

“You have to really want to graduate in four years to do so.”

Erik Guillen, freshman nursing major

Drew also said APSU students change majors more often and these changes could cause students to become lost when it comes to selecting the right adviser.

“When a student changes a major, their advisers don’t necessarily change,” he said.

Wilson, who originally came to APSU as a psychology major, said it’s best that students know in which field they want their degree.

“Your degree doesn’t start until you know what your major is,” he said.

Wilson said he doesn’t think academic advising is a

significant factor in student graduation. He said students shouldn’t find it difficult to register for courses and get academic advisement.

“If you know you need your run number to register, you know where to go,” Wilson said.

He said if students don’t like their adviser, requesting a new one is a simple option.

Wilson, who changed his adviser five times, said students should find it easy to change their adviser.

“I didn’t have any problem at all. If you don’t like your adviser, change them. If you choose to not change it, you choose to keep yourself in that position.”

He also said many student problems are avoidable and call for students to be better prepared. Drew said connection to academic departments is an advantage towards achieving academic goals.

“That’s a life skill, unfortunately, that you have to be connected to get ahead.”

Drew said the peer mentor program has already helped connect students to departments and suggested expanding knowledge of connection skills through APSU 1000 courses.

For Guillen, meeting the GPA requirement for his department program has a large influence.

“I have to keep a 3.5 GPA to get into the nursing program. And if I didn’t score an A or B in my class, I’d have to take it over.”

Guillen said he felt it would take longer for students to graduate by taking courses in the traditional fall and spring semesters and an option would be to take more summer courses at the APSU Center at Fort Campbell to speed up the process.

He said though taking more courses could help accelerate the graduation process, he doesn’t want to overload himself.

“I don’t want to take too many courses to where I’ll lack study time between them, because I’ll have so many,” Guillen said.

Time factors

Drew mentioned other factors including family, military and work obligations.

“It’s been shown that a lot of our students work more than [students at] other TBR schools,” he said.

“A lot of students do work full-time and their involved somehow in classes and the stress factor does come in too.”

Guillen said he prefers to focus on his studies over working .

“Jobs definitely influence your ability to do schoolwork,” Guillen said.

“I feel like right now [school] is my top priority. I’d rather not let a job interfere.”

Aside from the factors that could hold students back, Guillen said the goal is within reach.

“You have to really want to graduate in four years to do so.” ♦

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

“Jump for Jude’s” charity event

Members of Alpha Tau Omega will host the “Jump for Jude’s” event from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, April 24, on the intermural field. Sorority girls will be jumping on trampolines and donating money to St. Jude’s Hospital. Live music and food will be provided. For more information, contact Jacob Vaughn at (615) 969-0358.

Test Stress Seminar

The Test Stress Seminar, hosted by APSU Communications 3320 students and Student Counseling Services, will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23, in UC room 306. The seminar will feature helpful testing tips. Door prizes are available, but participants must bring their own lunch. For more information, contact Student Counseling Services at 221-6162.

Job opportunity at Finish-Line

Come by the Finish-Line table in the Morgan University Center lobby from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, to speak to a Finish-Line Representative. Hiring full-time Assistant Managers and Managers-in-Training for Clarksville and Memphis stores.

Study Day pool party

University Recreation is sponsoring a pool party at 4 p.m., Thursday, April 30, at the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center pool in celebration of the end of the semester. Food will be provided, as well as music from DeeJay C-Dub. The event is free for students with an APSU I.D. and \$2 for guests. For more information, contact Candice Douglas at 221-7564.

Graduate assistantship applications

The College of Graduate Studies is still accepting applications for Graduate Assistantship for the Fall 2009 semester. For more information about the financial and professional opportunities of an assistantship, visit the COGS Web site at Graduate Forms. For consideration please deliver a completed application and résumé to Killebrew room 203 or fax to 221- 7641. For more information, contact June D. Lee at 221-7414.

Yearbooks now available for purchase

Copies of the APSU 2008-2009 yearbook are now available fort purchase. The book is 300 pages and in full-color. Copies can be purchased online through the direct link: www.apsu.edu/student_pubs. Extra copies will not be ordered, so purchasing a copy online is the only opportunity. For more information, contact Tabitha Gilliland at 221-7375.

APSU to host Post-9/11 G.I. Bill workshops

Public Relations

APSU will conduct two workshops on the benefits and requirements of the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill.

The first workshop took place at 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 21.

The second is scheduled for 9 a.m., Thursday, April 23, in the UC Ballroom. The Post-9/11 G.I. Bill will go into effect August 1.

Eligible individuals will receive payment of tuition and fees for college, a monthly housing allowance, up to \$1,000 in stipends for purchasing books and supplies and a one-time rural benefit payment.

The Post-9/11 G.I. Bill is

only payable for training at an institution of higher learning. Those who are currently active in the military will not receive the housing allowance or the stipend for books and supplies.

Those enrolled exclusively in online training will not receive the housing allowance.

This bill provides up to 36 months of education benefits.

Benefits are typically payable for 15 years following a release from active duty.

Those who meet the criteria listed below are encouraged to attend the informational workshop.

For more information, contact APSU veterans affairs counselor, Elizabeth Stonerock, at 221-7760. ♦

Cole to address ‘hard work and determination’ at commencement

Public Relations

When a record number of APSU graduates receive their diplomas on Friday, May 8, they will get a lesson on “hard work and determination” from one of their fellow alums, inspiring them to persevere in the years to come.

Those words helped Susan Wright Cole, class of 1986, who after earning her bachelor’s degree in health and physical education from APSU, worked her way up to being one of only two reading clerks for the U.S. House of Representatives on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. That is why the university asked her to give the commencement address during this year’s graduation ceremony.

Her speech, she said, will focus on those two important attributes — “hard work and determination.”

Cole first came to APSU in 1981. Her current position as a House reading clerk gives her a key role in helping shape the course of this country.

She is responsible for reading legislation that comes before the House, working with parliamentarians and committee staff to expedite house proceedings and notifying the Senate of all actions taken by the House.

The large number of graduates in recent years has led APSU to create two commencement ceremonies, and Cole will deliver the address at both events.

At 10 a.m., Friday, May 8, graduates from the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Science and Mathematics and the School of Technology and Public Management will participate in the ceremony.

At 2 p.m., graduates from the College of Professional Programs and Social Sciences will have their commencement exercises.

For more information, contact Charles Booth at 221-7597 or boothcw@apsu.edu. ♦

Gov. Bredesen to present legislation aimed to improve energy efficiency in Tennessee

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Gov. Phil Bredesen is preparing to unveil new legislation aimed at improving energy efficiency in Tennessee.

The governor was scheduled to present his legislative proposal Tuesday, April 24, afternoon at the state Capitol. It follows a series of statewide meetings of a 16-member energy task force he appointed to find ways to overhaul Tennessee’s energy policy.

The panel recommended stricter energy standards for state buildings and vehicles, creating jobs in clean energy technology and promoting residential energy efficiency.

The energy task force estimated that state agencies spent \$62 million on energy costs in 2007 and called on the state to do a better job of “leading by example” by cutting energy use. Bredesen on Monday, April 20, declined to give reporters specifics about his proposal, other than to say it will follow the task force’s recommendations.

“What this piece of legislation is doing is turning those into reality in this state,” he said. “There will be some broad support for it.”

The governor in December 2008 signed an executive order requiring the state to buy only Energy Star rated products for areas including office equipment, appliances, lighting and heating and cooling systems.

Tennessee has enjoyed a recent string of success in green energy development, including two massive plants that will make polysilicon, a material used to make solar cells.

Munich, Germany-based Wacker Chemie AG last month announced plans to build a \$1 billion polysilicon plant in rural southeast Tennessee, while Michigan-based Hemlock Semiconductor Corp. broke ground on a \$1.2

billion plant in Clarksville last month. State officials expect both projects could grow significantly larger depending on demand.

The governor in his State of State Address this year called for the creation of a solar power research institute to spur green energy jobs, and has promoted an effort to develop a biofuel made from switchgrass.

The University of Tennessee received \$70 million from the state to develop and support a biofuels refinery built with private partner DuPont Co.

Meanwhile, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory won a \$125 million designation by the Department of Energy as a national biofuels research center.

The Oak Ridge lab, with its supercomputing resources and its ability to study new materials at the Spallation Neutron Source facility, would be key to the solar energy project. ♦

Special Olympics Event & Pledge Drive

The APSU Department of Communication has teamed up once again with Bikers Who Care to hold the 4th annual Special Olympics Pledge Drive on Cable 99 in order to raise money for Area 12 Special Olympics.

Track and Field Event: April 23
Pledge Drive: April 26 from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Music & Mass Communication TV Studio

We are looking for APSU students or student groups to volunteer. Volunteer positions for the Pledge Drive include:

- Phone room
- Volunteer Check-in

To make a donation, please call 931-221-PEAY (7329) or visit <http://www.pledgedrive.apsu.edu> for details.

For more information, please contact Caroline Sawyer-Downes at DownesC@APSU.edu or Dru Winn at dwinn14@APSU.edu

Mrs. Obama praises enthusiastic youth



Greg Rabidoux
Staff Writer

Kudos to Michelle Obama who gave a recent USA Today “shout-out” to our nation’s youth, particularly its collective energy, enthusiasm and idealism. More on that in a moment. Kudos, or whatever the Scottish equivalent is, to one Susan Boyle, a “frumpy, single, 40ish spinster” who is clearly no idol, American or otherwise, but whose voice is undeniably a gift from above. And I don’t mean Wales. Here’s hoping she cashes in all of her (fish and) chips now before the inevitable paparazzi backlash and we find out she has more skeletons in the closet than the queen mum herself. No matter, that’s one import that we can welcome without fearing it

will need a bailout. Meanwhile, President Obama seemed to make nice with Venezuelan strong-man Hugo Chavez, even accepting the “Little Fidel’s” offer of a book. The book in part, chronicled the supposedly many decades of American exploitation of Latin America. Gee, if I knew Mr. Obama was open to a diverse booklist for his bed-side reading, I’d have offered him a signed copy of a just-published, soon to be, bestseller on Hollywood and politics. But I’ll stop there, any further and its too much like crass self-promotion. Okay, back to the President’s “better half.” Our First Lady recently penned a column for USA Today where she praised the youth of our nation. She exhorted them to get even more involved in the fabric of our nation’s life, saying that “Today, more than ever, we need their energy, enthusiasm and idealism.” Bravo. At least she has not already forgotten, nor is it likely she will, the youthful passion, exuberance and surprisingly sophisticated political skills that students across the nation showed in playing a key role in the 2008 presidential election. If such youthful

participation in politics keeps up, we will need to revise many of our political and history textbooks that have forever made the point the 18-25 age group in our nation is traditionally apathetic and ill-informed. So much for a tradition that was screaming out for years to be cast aside like that Christmas fruit-cake that kept getting re-gifted. She certainly makes a vital point about the role our more youthful citizens can and do play in our society. Some research suggests that over 60 percent of younger adults aged 13-25 believe they have a responsibility to make a positive difference in the world. Whether this be in making America more “green,” helping those who have been displaced by natural disasters re-build homes, feeding the hungry or serving as role models for their peers in making smart choices when it comes to drugs or sex, our nation’s youth are truly needed in these challenging times more than perhaps, ever before. Newly passed legislation, such as The Serve America Act, will help provide important opportunities and incentives for our youth to not lose their energy or their life-

savings if they do choose to pitch in. Closer to home, I continue to see our own APSU students participate with passion and skill in issues they care about. Whether they identify themselves as democrats, republicans, independents or “other,” the point is they are choosing to not just sit on the couch and complain but to realize what many of their peers never do: Be the change you want to see in the world. I know some of our Greeks have faced criticism for their dominance in student government affairs. But whether they wear the letters of Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Delta Pi or any other campus fraternity or sorority, they too have learned a valuable lesson about youthful participation. Numbers count. As this semester winds down and we are all “overloaded,” let’s keep Michelle Obama’s words in mind and take her message to heart. Get involved and strive to be part of the solution, not the problem. And for those with their hands on the reigns, let go every now and again, there is much to be heartened about the next generation and how they will handle these “reigns.” ♦

OUR TAKE

TAS reflects on redesign of TAS

We at *The All State* try to make our campus newspaper better by meeting before each semester and critiquing our work from the semester before. In the first Our Take of this semester, we pledged to change many things, and we have successfully made many of those changes.

We pledged to enhance the design of our newspaper by following several new guidelines, which we established with the council of design consultant Ron Johnson.

Thanks to Johnson’s opinion, we were able to fine-tune the design of our paper and are very proud of the final product. Readers may have noticed we created a new and more modern banner for the top of page one. We’ve also become much more consistent with spacing between text, photos and other elements of the paper, but readers probably haven’t noticed that.

We wanted to bring you more timely and relevant content, and while we will never think the content of our paper is as good as it could be, we believe it has improved this semester, and we feel confident it will continue to improve in upcoming semesters. The mug shots for the columnists on this page are much

more attractive now and the respective columnists have worked very hard to write stories each week that are relevant to the daily lives of APSU students.

The Our Take has been supplemented by a biweekly Your Take in which students respond to the previous week’s Our Take subject (look for that in next week’s edition), and the *TAS* editorial board has worked hard to be sure that the opinions we express in the Our Take are well-rounded and valid.

The news section has covered SGA thoroughly each week to keep students up to date on the current events of our student body. In features, we’ve brought our readers personal profiles of student musicians and artists, and covered the lighter side of university events and activities. Finally, in sports, we’ve worked hard to not only cover games, matches and events, but also to provide player profiles and pertinent commentary on the APSU athletic department.

We’ve all worked very hard, and we hope our readers have enjoyed the news, features, perspectives and sports we have provided this semester. Next semester, we will continue our progress with new improvements and new content. ♦



DUSTIN KRAMER | ART DIRECTOR

Over-teched society experiences new dilemmas



Alex Cook
Staff Writer

I recently discovered this place online called Ping. Ping.fm is a Web site where you can update your status on social networks like MySpace and Facebook simultaneously through a single text message from your cell phone. Shortly after this, a friend found an old cell phone, which had some old photos and videos from my senior year in high school. I uploaded them to my computer, hopped on eBay and tried to make a few bucks selling the phone.

Where am I going with this? Well, an article called “Our Rewired Brains” in the *Energy Times* magazine discussed a concern that the time we immerse ourselves in our technology is rewiring our brains. I believe somehow it truly is changing the way our brains process in general.

The way we evaluate ourselves now is through top eights and who’s twittering whom. Of course, many people are just kidding when they use the term “I’m going to take you off my top eight” as an insult. However, just recently, there’s a new phenomenon among minors called “sextin” According to CBS News’s website “sexting” is shockingly common among many teens. These teens are sending nude photos of themselves through a text message. This activity has had many ranging in age from 15-17 face various felony charges. What is even scarier about this phenomenon is these kids believe it is okay, normal, and there is no consequence to their actions.

Another activity we are finding comfort

and challenge in is texting and driving. According to CNN.com in an article called “Texting and driving: Do you know the costs,” not only 37 percent of people ages 18-27 have admitted to texting while driving, but a shocking 46 percent of 16-17 year olds have too. What does this all amount to? In the article, “Our rewired brains,” there is a “distracted while walking” bill in New York to combat the iPod listeners from being run over by cars when crossing the road. This distraction, or immersion as the article calls it, can not only cause the classic hit by a bus scenario to occur to us, but also pose a serious identity crisis.

“The way we evaluate our selves now is through top eights and who’s twittering whom.”

People are now used to being whom ever they want online, never having to really interact with anyone. This, according to a British neuroscientist named Susan Greenfield, is causing short attention spans and difficulty in participation in real life social situations. This in turn can have effects like depression, attention deficit, and anxiety. Not only are we subjecting ourselves to over-stimulation, don’t forget the radiation that comes from the electromagnetic fields on a cell phone and near-sighted effects of computer monitors. After all is said and done, take a step back and see how distracted things have become and remember there is a world outside of WiFi spots and blogs. Distraction is the new busy. ♦

This week in ridiculous: strip clubs to tea parties



Jess Nobert
Assistant Perspectives Editor

A teacher in Ohio took four of her students to a male strip club. I couldn’t believe it when I saw it either. The teacher, who was not named in the story from the AP, resigned after she admitted to taking the girls to the club.

The teacher said in an e-mail to school officials she had permission from the girls’ parents to take them to the club. The students, who are 17 and 18 years old, apparently asked the teacher to take them to the club back in February.

Emma Hendrickson of Morris Plains, N.J., became the “oldest competitor in the history of the United States Bowling Congress Women’s Championships,” according to the AP. Hendrickson has been bowling in the tournament for 50 years.

She says she can still see when 10 pins are standing, but sometimes has trouble when it comes to seeing those remaining to get a spare. Until this year, a 99-year-old woman from Santa Monica, Calif., held the record. Hendrickson shared the honor last year but has now earned her own.

Hendrickson said she’s already signed up for the 2010 contest in El Paso, Texas. A woman, Tammy Sexton, in Mississippi got shot in the head, but it didn’t seem to keep her from making tea. Sexton’s husband killed himself after shooting her. The bullet hit her square in the forehead and went all the way through and out the back.

Doctors and police who were on the case more or less said Sexton was lucky,

and though what happened is possible, it is unlikely for one to be shot in the head and have little or no lasting damage.

When the sheriff got to Sexton’s residence, she was holding a towel to her head and offered him something to drink.

She was rushed to a hospital in Mobile, Ala., and is expected to make a full recovery.

In a recent Fortune 500 release, Wal-Mart fell to Exxon Mobil for the No. 1 spot of 2008. The retailer, whose sales increased by nearly 5 percent, was knocked out after Exxon Mobil earned \$445.82 billion in revenue. Their profits for the year outweighed Wal-Mart by over \$30 billion.

Ridiculous. If anything that’s come out this semester has rubbed me the wrong way, it’s this right here. If they’re making that much money, why aren’t they passing on some savings? It just shows there was no reason for gas to cost \$4.50 last summer. And there’s no reason Wal-Mart can’t provide ample benefits for their employees.

In an effort to show their disagreement with current monetary policy, conservative groups across the county organized “tea parties” in many of our nation’s cities. The photo with the story I read from the AP was a protest in Nashville.

The protesters were taking a stand against corporate bailouts and government spending.

In D.C., some protesters threw a box of tea over the fence at the White House. Secret Service cleared out Pennsylvania Avenue and a part near the house and sent a robot to inspect the “suspicious package.” After the White House had been on lockdown, the Secret Service later said the tea was harmless.

As reported by the AP, “Organizers said the movement developed organically through online social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter and through exposure on Fox News and promotion from conservative pundits and bloggers.” ♦

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APSU gives back to Clarksville during Rivers & Spires

Top Left: Alpha Sigma Alpha works on their Governor's top hat can creation.
Middle Left: Young Clarksville Professionals show off their can creation of the trolley.
Bottom Left: Alpha Delta Pi won Can Creations Challenge with their recreation of the Governors Football Stadium.
Right: Members of Alpha Delta Pi, Lory Lopez and Brooke Derrick work on building their can creation.



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Students use 'Can Creations' to donate cans to local charity, Loaves and Fishes

By TANGELIA CANNON
Features Editor

APSU reached out to the Clarksville community Thursday, April 16, during Clarksville's 7th annual River and Spires. The Red and White Night hosted by Kappa Sigma included events that focused on students, faculty and staff.

The night began with the Can Creations Challenge.

The event consisted of each group using \$50 worth of canned goods, to be donated to Loaves and Fishes, to create an image associated with APSU.

"We actually did a can creations back in 2006 for homecoming centered around our homecoming theme," said Patrick Armstrong, organizer of the event for Kappa Sigma. "Since no one had done a can creations in a while, I thought it would be a good idea to bring back."

"Since we are a Greek organization we have a philanthropy, and thought this would be a great opportunity to help give back to the Clarksville community," said Yousef Bhahami, sophomore Sigma Phi Epsilon member.

"I think this competition was really great," said Ashley Raygoza, sophomore Alpha Sigma Alpha member. "It was a good idea for them to come up with something like this because we got to participate in Rivers and Spires, work together as a team and donate our cans to Loaves and Fishes."

Each of the five participating teams designed and created their own unique

masterpiece made completely of cans.

While Alpha Delta Pi created the Govs Stadium, Sigma Phi Epsilon created the APSU baseball field, Alpha Sigma Alpha created the Governor's top hat, Clarksville Young Professionals created the trolley and Alpha Tau Omega created a toilet featuring the "Lets Go Peay" motto.


"A lot of us are Austin Peay alumni, so we thought it would be nice for us to enter the competition. We thought it would be appropriate to compete against students," said Britney Campbell, coordinator for the Clarksville Young Professionals team.

"We decided to do the trolley because it is a new image and something that is not quite traditional, but that everyone at Austin Peay would know since it goes around campus."


"I think this is a great project for us to be working on since we are raising money for our philanthropy, Ronald McDonald House," said freshman Lory Lopez, Alpha Delta Pi member.

Other events for the night included, two more competitions: APSU Faculty and Staff's Got Talent, and Organization Strength, along with a concerts by Josh LaCount Bands, Andy Grammer and Jason Reeves.

"Anytime we're out in the community, I really enjoy it because connecting the community back to the school. The community does a lot for Austin Peay, so its nice to be able to give back to the community," said Chris Drew, SGA President. ♦




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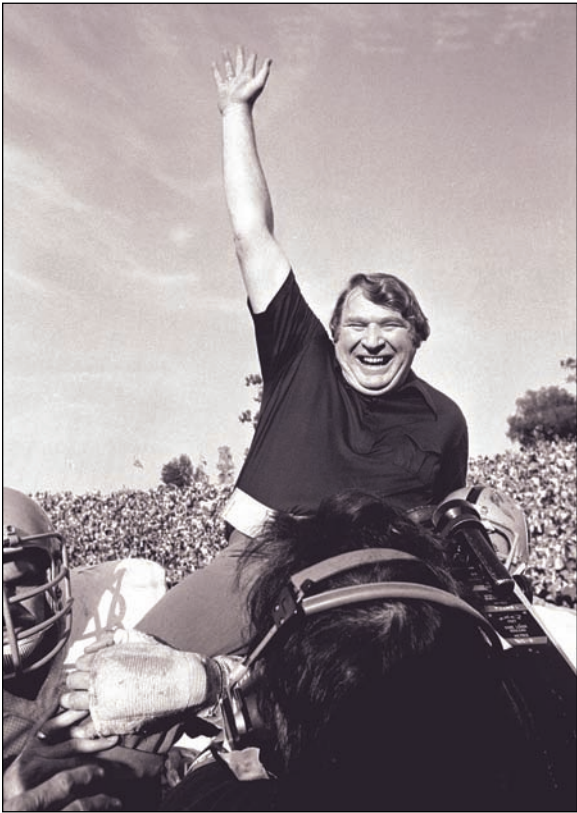
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Madden leaves the game, and a void



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Left: Long-time football broadcaster John Madden looks on. Madden has been a part of the world of professional football since 1967.
Right: John Madden celebrates a Super Bowl XI win against the Minnesota Vikings in 1977. He retired from coaching in 1979, and became a sports broadcaster.

"I was kind of happy, he has been around for a long time; He is old. "

Dedrick Paris, freshman political science major



"I really do not care for him retiring because he has been around the game for a long time."

Terrance Myatt, sophomore chemistry major



"I think it is about time. "

Lee Carpenter, sophomore marketing major



"I think it is about that time for him to retire; he has been around the game since I have known about football."

Maurice Davis, junior special education major



"I guess he did not have time for it, and he is getting old"

C.J. Harris, freshman international business management major



"I was sad to see him retire. I enjoyed him, he provided an entertaining and insightful aspect to the game of football."

John Gist, junior accounting major



By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Assistant Sports Editor

As sports writers search for potential leads on trades, injuries or retirements, no news came as more of a shock than the retirement of legendary John Madden Thursday, April 16.

"The thing that made it hard is not because I'm second guessing: 'Is it the right decision?' But I enjoyed it so damn much," Madden said in an AP report.

"I enjoyed the game and the players and the coaches and the film and the travel and everything."

Madden, at the age of 73, said his health was fine, but that he wanted to spend more time with his family.

His 50th wedding

anniversary is this fall, and he will get to spend time with his grandchildren.

Madden travels by bus because of the fear of flying, and with the San Francisco bay area teams struggling and not hosting any prime-time games, he would be on the road the entire season away from his family.

Although Madden is retiring from announcing, he will still endorse "Madden NFL Football" the top-selling sports video game of all time.

The 16-time Emmy Award winner and one of the most recognized voices in sports announced his last game at the thrilling 27-23 win by the Pittsburgh Steelers over the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII.

As a part of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Class of 2006, Madden began his professional coaching career as a linebacker coach for the Oakland Raiders in 1967. Two years later at the age of 33, he became the youngest coach in what was then the American Football League. Madden led the Raiders to their first Super Bowl victory over the Minnesota Vikings, 32-14.

He retired in 1979 and joined CBS later that season as a commentator.

Madden was employed at CBS until the 1994 season, when the rights to broadcast NFL games were lost and he transferred to Fox. Madden decided to leave Fox in 2002 to be the lead analyst for ABC's "Monday Night Football."

After Monday Night Football was moved to ESPN, he joined NBC for the inaugurated Sunday Night prime-time game.

Madden's love for the game was clear for three decades. He gave both the causal and diehard football fans coverage of a play or how a scheme worked and why it worked.

"He didn't talk down to people," retired broadcaster Pat Summerall said in an AP report. "He talked as if he was sitting next to you and explaining things to you... I think his work ethic, passion and love for the game made him apart from everybody else."Summerall went on to say he knew Madden would be something special after the first time they worked together. ♦

Famous John Madden quotes

"Coaches have to watch for what they don't want to see and listen to what they don't want to hear."

"The fewer rules a coach has, the fewer rules there are for players to break."

"The road to Easy Street goes through the sewer."

"Self-praise is for losers. Be a winner. Stand for something. Always have class, and be humble."

"When your arm gets hit, the ball is not going to go where you want it to."

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BASEBALL

‘Bat’ Govs split with Golden Eagles



Left: Junior pitcher Ricky Marshall steps into position for the pitch. Marshall gave up one run against the Golden Eagles.



Right: Junior outfielder Jared DeLong goes in for the hit. DeLong scored one run against the Golden Eagles on Saturday, April 18.

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Govs continue struggle in OVC, move to 3-7, 16-22 overall

By TYLER O'DONNELL
Staff Writer

The APSU Govs baseball team split the series against the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles the weekend of April 18 and 19 at home. It was the first and only meeting between the two teams this year.

On Saturday, April 18, the Govs (16-22, 3-7 OVC) took game one of the double header 6-2 before the Golden Eagles (18-15, 5-8 OVC) took game two, 4-3. There are seven games left at Raymond C. Hand Park for the Govs, who hope to get back to .500 for a surge in the playoffs. The Govs are 5-5 in their last ten games, losing four of those games by only two runs

or less. The tied series against the Golden Eagles marked the first time the Govs tied a series all year.

In game one, the Govs stomped on the Golden Eagles early. Adam Browett dinged a three-run shot over the left center field fence for an early Govs lead. The Govs then got an easy run, not having to swing the bat at all. With the bases loaded, Golden Eagles starter Chad Oberaker walked in Jared DeLong to plate a fourth run.

Govs starter Jake Snodgrass had another great game holding onto the early lead the offense gave him. Despite loading the bases midway through the game, he escaped without

giving up a run. Snodgrass eventually went on to pitch part of the seventh before issuing a pair of walks and a single to retire from the game. Ricky Marshall took over and gave up a run before ending the inning with a pop-up. It was another inning that could have hurt the Govs, but they came out with minimal damage. The main difference in the game was strikeouts. The Govs only struck out once as a team, while the Golden Eagles struck out ten times. Not a recipe for success. Browett led the team with three RBI's in the game, enough for half of the team's runs. The Govs cruised on to victory. Snodgrass improved his record

(3-1) issuing only three hits and one run.

In game two, the Govs were on the wrong side of victory. The nightcap had Ryne Harper start as pitcher. He only gave up three hits but managed to also give up four runs. That would be enough for the Golden Eagles to win. The Golden Eagles blasted one out of the park in the second and another in the third. The Govs had chances to come back in the game, but they could not provide enough runs as starter Lee Henry for the Golden Eagles limited any offense they had in the first game. The Govs stranded eight runners in the loss. ♦

Govs Baseball schedule

Wed, April 29	6 p.m. at MTSU
Sat., May 2	1 p.m. at UTM
Sat., May 2	4:15 p.m.
Sun., May 3	1 p.m.
Sat., May 9	1 p.m. vs EIU
Sat., May 9	4:15 p.m.
Sun., May 10	1 p.m.

Lady Govs OVC hopes swept away by Redhawks



LOIS JONES | PHOTO EDITOR

Junior pitcher Abby Mabry talks to Lee Dobbins on the field between play. Mabry currently posts a 5-9 record with the Lady Govs.

By MARLON SCOTT
Editor in Chief

The APSU Lady Govs softball team watched their hopes of making this season's Ohio Valley Conference Tournament fly away on the wings of the Southeast Missouri State University Redhawks. The Redhawks swept the Lady Govs 3-0 (1-4, 5-6, 5-7) in Cape Girardeau, Mo., Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19.

The sweep made it six straight OVC losses for the Lady Govs. With a 2-14 OVC record, if the Lady Govs won the rest of their OVC games this season they would still finish below .500.

Highlights for the Lady Govs in the first game against the Redhawks were few and far between. In addition to committing four errors, the offense was held to only three hits and one run. Redhawk pitcher Giana Zimmerman pitched a lethal game, striking out nine with only three walks and one error. Lady Gov catcher Daniella Hooper hit a RBI single in the sixth inning for the Lady Govs lone score.

A different Lady Govs team appeared to show up early in the second game. Freshman Catie Cozart hit her first homerun of the season in the top of the third inning that extended the Lady Govs' lead to 4-1 over the Redhawks. The Lady Govs led 5-2 until the bottom of the sixth when

the Redhawks mounted an offensive rally to plate three runs and tie the game.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, a throwing error put the Redhawks in scoring position to win the game. After intentionally walking the bases loaded, Abby Mabry walked the next batter for the winning run. Mabry (5-9) picked up the loss, allowed two hits, walked two and struck out two.

The weather conspired against the Lady Govs in game three on Sunday. The Redhawks lit up Lady Gov pitchers Lacey Briscoe and Meagan Williams for seven runs in the first inning.

However, the Lady Govs were mounted a comeback in the fourth and fifth innings, scoring four runs to make the score 5-7 when rain erupted from the sky forcing the game to be ended.

Cozart hit her second home run of the season and the series to score two of the runs in the fourth. Brittany Williams hit a sac fly in the fifth for an RBI and Tiffany Smith was walked in for the Lady Govs last score. Overall, the Lady Govs produced four hits in the game.

The Lady Govs will face the UT-Martin Skyhawks Thursday, April 23 at home before heading to Morehead, Ky., to play the Eagles in a three-game series Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26. ♦