

Library Athenaeum

Maddux reflects on Plagiarism

By STEPHANIE WALKER
Guest Writer

"When Is Plagiarism Not Plagiarism? Cotton Mather and American Academic Tradition" was the third Library Athenaeum in the series of 10 this fall.

Clark Maddux, assistant professor of English, spoke about Cotton Mather.

Mather (1663-1728) was a puritan and a minister of Boston's Old North Church, according to the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law Web site (www.law.umkc.edu). Mather is widely known for his

role in the Salem Witch Trials; he was also known as a plagiarist. "Plagiarism is kidnapping some else's ideas ... Mather does that," Maddux said.

Mather wrote more than 300 books in his lifetime, including many written commentaries that were filled with controversial questions.

Mather, like others in his time period, did not recognize his sources. In the 18th century, plagiarism, which is based on the right to own intellectual property, did not exist. Even though by present day standards what Mather and many others in that time did is classified as plagiarism, it was acceptable and common then.

In Mather's "Biblia Americana," he takes whole sections and paragraphs from other writers on the same subjects. Simon Patrick wrote "A Commentary Upon the Two Books of Chronicles: Ezra, Nehemiah, & Esther (by Symond, Lord Bishop of Ely)"; Mather took two full paragraphs and placed it in his work, verbatim. Mather defended his writing method by stating it was for the greater glory of God and not for his personal increase of fame.

Near the end of the presentation, students asked about the reasoning behind Mather's writing method and why it is no longer acceptable today.

In Mather's time, many people

believed knowledge was decreasing and limited; writers simply reproduced the ideas and concepts of others, adding their own opinion with it. The technology of organizing knowledge and the concern of owning ideas has since changed the writing method, according to Maddux.

The purpose of the Library Athenaeum series is to host events that will promote and enhance intellectual life of the university and the region, according to the library's Web site.

"Student Presidential Debate", the next athenaeum presentation, will be held on 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16, by College Democrats, College Republicans, Pi Sigma Alpha and Pre-Law Society.

All athenaeums are held on the third floor of the Felix G. Woodward Library. These events are free and open to the public. ♦

Student Organizations

Kenney sponsors 'Human Rights Club'

By JENELLE GREWELL
Guest Writer

A new organization is in planning stages at APSU. By early November, the Austin Peay Human Rights Club is expected to hold its first meeting. The organization wants to increase awareness and understanding of human rights abuse in local issues of the community and in global issues.

"A human rights abuse is any action perpetrated by an individual or group that either intends or purposely allows for the violation of a person's intrinsic dignity as a human being," Matthew Kenney, associate professor of political science, said.

Jessica Miller, 21, a senior political science major, said the main goal of the club is "a grassroots effort to bring awareness on campus and setting up opportunities to bring awareness and raise money."

Kenney said the club's projects will "bring speakers to campus and have an educational outreach to high schools." Benjamin Torres, 22, a senior political science major, said plans include "seeing if any local groups need help, volunteering and raising awareness. A lot of people talk but never act."

The club plans to address human rights abuse occurring in Clarksville. "There are pretty big immigrant groups in Clarksville. The club would talk about the issues that they face," Kenney said. "Important issues facing immigrant groups in the Clarksville area today include, but are not limited to, legal rights, health care, housing, women's rights and language barriers."

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Future Presentations

Oct. 16, College Democrats, College Republicans, Pi Sigma Alpha and Pre-Law Society Student Presidential Debate at 7 p.m.

Oct. 21, Kasey Henricks, Defending Affirmative Action, E'race'ing Inequality at 6 p.m.

Oct. 28, Patricia Ferrier, Presidential Privacy in the Press at 2 p.m.

Academics

Fair promotes studying abroad, scholarship opportunities

Students discover benefits of Study Abroad and student exchange programs

By NICOLE JUNE
Senior Staff Writer

APSU will offer many opportunities to venture to foreign lands through the study abroad and exchange programs in upcoming semesters.

Study abroad programs allow students to travel as a group with an instructor to a foreign country to study for a number of weeks. Exchange students travel alone and usually study for a semester or longer. A student from that country will travel here to APSU as well.

APSU currently offers programs in Austria, Quebec, France, Germany, Greece, Spain, Sweden and Taiwan. The university plans to extend the programs to Brazil, China, Italy, Japan, South Korea, the Russian Federation and South Africa.

For those concerned about money, APSU as well as various societies and clubs offer scholarships.

"Estudio Sampere gives me a scholarship in the form of a tuition waiver at the school in Spain. I split that scholarship among two students who have been to Spain before, and that way I may have two assistants who can help new students who are in the program," Miguel Ruiz-Aviles, coordinator of the study abroad program in Spain, said.

"For the exchange program, students pay the same tuition they would pay at APSU, and their financial aid still applies," Culley Carson-Grefe, associate professor of French and Spanish, said.

"The international fee that each student pays as part of their tuition has really helped the program build up a fund that will allow us to create these scholarships, making the programs more available to students," Carson-Grefe said.

Students interested in learning more about the study abroad program were able to attend



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The Study Abroad Fair was held Tuesday, Sept. 30 in the MUC Ballroom.

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"The line stretched all the way across the ballroom," Carson-Grefe said. "The event was hugely successful. It was nice to be able to just sit down at a table and talk to people, rather than stand at a podium and make announcements. Many students had good questions, and I feel they had a great opportunity to get them answered," she said.

"I would recommend going on a study abroad program because it teaches you about the world which is beyond our borders. You can walk down the street and see a 10-year-old building next to one which is 500 or 1,000 years old," Ruiz-Aviles said about Spain.

"They say that here we live to work and over there they work to live. Students enjoy this

pace of life very much. They enjoy going to class, then later in the day a trip to a museum, a bullfight in the afternoon and a discotheque at night."

"It is wonderful to be immersed in another culture," Carson-Grefe said. "There is no better way to learn French than to spend time studying in France."

Both professors noticed significant changes in the students that participated in the programs. "I love to see how the level of proficiency in the Spanish language improves for those students who really get themselves involved in the language. Also, for those who are going to be teachers, it is an experience which they can share with their future students," Ruiz-Aviles said.

"The students were much more confident with their French when they returned."

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Interested students were made aware of the broad number of Study Abroad programs and scholarships at the Study Abroad Fair.

Community Calendar

Foy Pool Closing

The Foy Fitness Center pool will be closing for the season on Friday, Oct. 10 and is scheduled to re-open around Spring Break.

Who's Who Application Forms Available

Applications are available for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Applicants/Nominees must be classified with Junior, Senior or Graduate standing and have a cumulative 3.0 GPA minimum. Nomination form and two letters of recommendation are required for consideration. Deadline is Friday, Oct. 31. Contact Student Affairs at 221-7341.

Crime Log

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

9/3/08 - 8 p.m., auto burglary, Hand Village.

9/4/08 - 8:12 a.m., auto burglary, Castle Heights.

9/5/08 - 4:51 p.m., vandalism, Trahern building.

9/7/08 - 3:13 a.m., DUI, Eighth and Marion Streets, arrested; Jessica L. Lewis of Clarksville.

9/8/08 - 10:52 a.m., burglary, Dunn Center.

9/9/08 - 5 p.m., burglary, Governors Stadium.

9/12/08 - 12:57 a.m., minor possessing alcohol, Farris and Drane Streets.

9/14/08 - 6:33 a.m., minor possessing alcohol, Marion and N. Second Streets, arrested; Erick Aguilar-Garcia of Clarksville. 1:50 a.m., minor possessing alcohol, West Avenue, arrested; Hugo Cilerin of Memphis. 8:20 p.m., auto burglary, Cross Hall.

9/15/08 - 10:05 p.m., auto burglary, Meacham lot.

9/16/08 - 9:35 a.m., theft of property, Clement lot. 10 a.m., theft of property, Sundquist building.

9/18/08 - 9 p.m., Clement building.

9/19/08 - 8:05 a.m., auto burglary, Meacham lot.

9/20/08 - 4 p.m., vandalism, Burt School lot.

9/21/08 - 4:27 a.m., minor possessing alcohol, Hand Village. 3:40 p.m., stalking, Blount Hall. 5:21 p.m., auto burglary, Emerald Hill.

9/24/08 - 11:56 a.m., auto burglary, Meacham lot. 12 a.m., public intoxication, Rawlins Hall, arrested; Deanna N. Hicks of Clarksville. 2 p.m., theft of property, Morgan University Center.

9/25/08 - 1:55 a.m., public intoxication, Drane Street, arrested; William Rittenberry of Clarksville.

9/26/08 - 2:15 p.m., theft of property, Killebrew Hall. 5 p.m., theft of property, Hand Village.

Program: students reflect on previous study travels



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Miguel Ruiz-Aviles, coordinator of Study Abroad Spain program, explains scholarship and college credit opportunities to interested students.

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Most who were not previously French majors decided to become them. Some students even lost weight. Nearly all of them wanted to go back, and many usually do," Carson-Grefe said. Students who have participated in the programs expressed their views as well.

"I can say studying abroad was the best thing I have ever chosen to do. I am much more aware of the world and what it has to offer me," Whitney Strawn, previously an exchange student at Mid-Sweden University, said.

"I studied in Sweden on two separate occasions. I was there in the fall of 2006 as well as this past spring semester. I met some amazing people that opened my mind to a lot of things, and I also discovered issues that I am just stubborn about," she said.

"I managed to travel to 25 European countries, which I think is an incredible thing in general, but especially for someone who is only 21 years old. I think going abroad is a great way to learn about yourself, among other things," Strawn said.

Kristine Adams, foreign

language major, traveled to Spain and Austria. "I had never really thought about studying abroad or even studying languages, even though I have always loved them. It just fell into my lap," Adams said. "I went to Spain and then came home and decided to study languages."

"Besides visiting all of these amazing places and seeing things so rarely viewed by the world, I got to experience their culture, their foods and their smell," she said.

"Over the course of all my

time in the different countries, I have met some amazing people, experienced a different culture in a way that can only be done in person, and fallen in love with a language not my own but which I have made my own. Each person handles their study abroad experience differently, but one thing I think we can all agree on is that it changes our lives in a positive way," Adams said.

For more information about the study abroad and exchange programs at APSU, visit www.apsu.edu/study_abroad. ♦

SGA passes resolution

Bike racks placed around campus, Senate discusses rearrangement of colleges

By JESSICA WALTON
Guest Writer

The Student Government Association held their meeting at 12:20 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1. On the agenda was the swearing in of Shelby Price as a senator. Also discussed were the presidential debate in Nashville, Mudbowl, academic colleges among other matters.

EC Reports

Vice President Steven Biter announced the presidential debate in Nashville would be televised at Einstein's and a Debate Watch would be held.

President Chris Drew commented that items at Einstein's would be discounted for the televised program to take place on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. Drew said it is important the student body be informed about the election.

Biter said he was pleased half the SGA members participated in Mudbowl. A total of 600 people signed up on 68 teams for the event held Thursday, Oct. 2.

Biter also announced that packets for Greater Halloween Options for Safer Trick or Treating (G.H.O.S.T.) are available. The event will be held Sunday, Oct. 26.

Committee Reports

The Academic Council met and it was announced that more classes would be added

to the curriculum for French majors.

Also the academic organization of APSU is changing from three to five colleges. Several schools will be split, others will be combined and some will be added.

Sen. A.J. Wolfe commented on the subject of the new colleges. Wolfe said he was very excited and expressed wishes that they would be established as soon as possible, although it was announced that the changes will not be made until 2009 because of budget concerns. Wolfe also said diplomas received from a college would carry more weight than those from a school.

SR 1, smoking policy

Senate Resolution 1 concerning bike racks was passed with sixteen votes for and two opposed. Additional bike racks have been placed at nearly every building on campus including Claxton, Sundquist Science Complex, Morgan University Center and Trahern.

The smoking policy was discussed. Drew encouraged anyone with input to contact him. The policy is available for review on APSU's Web site (www.apsu.edu/smoking), including a map showing the designated smoking areas and a list of parking lots that allow smoking.

The Student Panel at AP Day will hold a Q & A session with students visiting on campus.

Students can ask any questions they may have about the campus and life at APSU. The panel needs all types of students to help, including freshmen, Greeks, club members and other student organizations.

The next SGA meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 12:20 p.m. in MUC room 307. ♦

Club: purpose

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On the national level, Miller said she would like to focus on the death penalty. "Amnesty International is against the death penalty. Since it is a problem here in the United States we can do hands-on activities," Miller said. Miller has been involved in Amnesty International, a non-profit organization focusing on human rights abuse, which the new club will be modeled after.

The desire to organize a human rights club came from Miller's and Torres' previous awareness of human rights abuse. Both Miller and Torres are involved in an independent study. "We are doing a lot of research into human rights abuse," Torres said.

Miller and Torres both said they hope the human rights club will effect positive change to the Clarksville community. "I hope to bring awareness to things people do not know about," Miller said.

"The goal is to look at human rights in context of human justice," Kenney said "That is, we have a moral imperative to recognize the inherent value and equal moral worth of all individuals. When we treat individuals as a means, we treat them as objects and goods and, in the process, cease to treat them as human beings."

Interested students can contact Kenney at 221-6424 or e-mail at kenneym@apsu.edu. Kenney also welcomes students at his office in Clement room 150. ♦

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OUR TAKE

Students adjust to improved www.APSU.edu

The APSU Web site has undergone an extreme makeover. *The All State* sees both sides of the change. On one hand, adjusting to the new layout as the semester begins to intensify can be inconvenient. Links to important pages such as APMail and D2L have been moved to new locations and may be hard to find for students used to the old layout. On the other hand, we believe the site is much more

aesthetically pleasing than before, more information is included on the homepage and additional search bars simplify navigation. It will take time to adjust, but this is a good change. TAS acknowledges problems with the new www.APSU.edu are to be expected. New Web sites often launch with links that do not function properly or even entire pages that are inaccessible. With this in mind, TAS

believe APSU.edu is functioning smoothly to be so young, and only minor problems still need to be addressed. The new site features a series of rotating links to APSU student and alumni success stories. When the Web site launched Friday, Sept. 26, none of these links worked. Fortunately the links, which take up more space than any other item on the home page, have since been fixed. The “Today @ APSU” info box on

the homepage, that initially displayed only an error message, now contains useful links to information about APSU events. Clearly, the bugs are being worked out, but some links to the new APSU sports page still do not function properly. TAS believes the biggest problem with the new Web site is simply that it is new. The change is dramatic and it comes in the middle of a semester when many students

don’t have time to adjust. We miss the familiarity and simplicity of the old site, but we are willing to sacrifice our precious seconds to become acquainted with the new one. After all, who wants to spend anymore time trying to understand the symbolism behind those familiar faces leaping for joy? The blue sky is out and a sleek new website is in its place. Now we have a homepage to be proud

of. TAS applauds new features such as the home page search bar, A-Z Index search bar and the expanded list of Quick Links, we also understand the need for our university to remodel and expand its online facilities. APSU is the fastest growing university in the state, in part, because it continues to offer an ever-expanding list of online classes. TAS expects to see more positive online improvements. ♦

Debate entertains

Attractive. A relatively unknown vice presidential running mate. A saucy side dish to counter the old, musty smell of a very experienced main dish presidential nominee.



Energetic, youthful, a bit starry-eyed with the media sharks circling in the waters, smelling the political blood of a little fish not ready for the “Big League,” the “Big Pond” of national politics. Yes, Governor “Go-Go Boots” Palin was all set to be crowned the winner of this year’s “Dan Quayle Dilettante of 2008” when the unthinkable happened. No, she didn’t try and correct a third grader’s spelling of potato. And no, she didn’t fall down during the vice presidential debate’s evening gown competition (sorry, Rachel Smith, Sango still loves you). No, Gov. “Moose Hunter” Palin “held her own” as the media reported with that long-winded, gaffe-prone, three-decade plus veteran of the Senate, Joe “take a walk with me in my neighborhood” Biden.

Sure, as Katie “I am still the CBS anchor, thank you very much” Couric noted after the first and only vice presidential debate between Palin and Biden, that the governor of that frigid state said things like “darned right” and “dontcha” and gave a “shout out” to some third graders huddling somewhere in a snow bank in Anchorage. But still, she “held her own” against that wily, crafty Mr. “Smarty Pants” Biden (just who does he think he is anyways, calling Vice President Dick Cheney “dangerous”?). Gov. Tina Fey, er, Sarah Palin, even got to use a line she practiced at McCain’s Arizona ranch prior to the debate. After Sen. Joe B., when not professing his apparent undying “love” for John McCain as in “I love him like a brother, but...” or “God bless him, but...” once again invoked the “B” word (George W. Bush) for about the fifty-seventh time, give or take, Sarah “Smile” said, “Say it ain’t so, Joe.” She then went on to chastise that devilishly impetuous Delaware senator for supposedly selling “Change we can trust” during the campaign but always looking backwards and being downright negative about it. With the Iraq war, terrorism, financial crisis, home foreclosures, portfolios imploding, heck, greedy “Wall Streeters” like Gordon Gecko having to make do with \$50 million dollar bonuses, the Cubbies getting swept by the Dodgers (I’m on deadline folks, I’m simply making a calculated guess here) why, Gov. Palin seemed to be asking, was Sen. “Home Depot” Biden so grouchy and backwards looking at a time when there were oil wells to be drilled, bridges to be built and songs to be sung?

Ah, but that senator from picturesque Delaware, whom it hurt more than John McCain will ever know to attack him so on national television, countered with a very un-Alaskan-like riposte. The past said, Joey B., was “prologue.” “What the hey?” thought Sarah. “I could have done better,” thought Hillary. Biden moved in for the kill. And before you could say “strategy,” there he was again stabbing his “brother” McCain in the back while he bashed the last eight years of Bush. I think I am beginning to see a definite pattern here, how about you?

So, what did we learn so far from this year’s one and only vice presidential debate? Well, both candidates and their presidential soon-to-be bosses (at least for one of the debaters) don’t support

same-sex or gay marriage (Biden chose “same-sex,” the snowy state governor went with “gay-marriage”), only Sarah “drill, baby, drill” Palin seems to be for letting the companies with the big power-tools come to Alaska and both she and Biden seem to spend a lot of time at cheap diners, the Home Depot, sitting around kitchen tables whiling away the time and disagree over just how bad the Bush Administration has performed these past eight years. Biden says Bush has overseen the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression while Palin countered that there have been “blunders, many blunders” over the Bush handling of the military operations in Iraq. Both agree that if we elect their opponents we will have our taxes rise, our savings wiped out, the war in Iraq will go badly, terrorism will win, poor granny won’t be able to get that much needed operation and OJ will somehow find a legal loophole and be free once again to perfect his golf swing.

In other words, both Joe and Sarah did what vice-presidential candidates generally are asked to do by their “boss-to-be.” Namely, don’t get too far off the message, attack the other side, show your loyalty to the one who chose you and try to allay fears of voters that if something were to happen to the “number one” then you (Biden or Palin) could step in as “number two” and do the job. Lyndon Johnson calmed fears after the Kennedy assassination and served the nation well, as did former number two Gerald Ford after Dick Nixon did all he could to shred the U.S. Constitution before slinking back to California, as did Dr. Evil’s “number two” when the evil one was frozen for all those years with nothing but his chihuahua and visions of taking revenge on Austin Powers to keep him warm.

Ultimately, the real question may be whether or not any of these debates, presidential or vice presidential matter when it comes to helping voters decide just whom to entrust the nuclear codes with for the next four, possibly, eight years? Certainly, they seem to make some difference. John Kennedy won undecided voters over in his televised debate against Nixon (though, more gave the edge to Nixon if they just heard the debate). George H.W. Bush seemed distracted and uncomfortable during a “town hall” style debate with Bill Clinton (hey, who wouldn’t be, watching Billy C. hug people in the crowd he didn’t even know?). Ronald Reagan deflected fears about his age in his debate with Walter Mondale by quipping that he (Reagan) wouldn’t hold the relative youth and inexperience of Mondale against him. He then paused for the crowd to laugh, winked at Nancy “mommy” Reagan and moved on to the next cue card (Man, he was good!). And Al “alpha male” Gore looked a wee-bit too orange in his debate with “Dubya” and even menacing as he stood very close to the current president during their first debate. What was Al going to do, wrestle “W” to the ground and stick him in a “lock box”?

Anyways, if nothing else, the debates do make for good, even great theater, provide some insight as to the strategy of each side and tell us a little about their ability to perform well under pressure. So far so good for all our major party combatants. Still, wouldn’t you like to see Cindy McCain and Todd “the first dude” Palin debate Michelle Obama and, um, Sen. Biden’s wife on, say, Oprah? Perhaps, moderated by Rachael Ray? Talk about a TV ratings landslide! ♦

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Whiteness erases reality of scholarships

Being white, I can’t tell you how many times I’ve heard white people say things they normally wouldn’t in front of non-white people. There’s something about my comforting, non-threatening pasty skin that makes whites open up to me, as Dave Chappelle might say, like I was Barbara Walters.

Last week, I made small talk with a few white folks and the topic of race-based scholarships came up. One person said, “If I was a minority, I’d be going to school for free. I could even let my GPA slip to a 2.0 and get the same amount of money a white person with a 3.5 would get.”

This person assumes non-whites get the benefit of a double standard. That is, minorities get unearned benefits (e.g. scholarship money) for their color of skin.

Considering myself a race traitor, I approach situations like these with caution. In this instance, I didn’t have credibility with these folks, so I decided to listen before speaking. As the conversation evolved, I’m glad I kept quiet, because I quickly found my views to be highly outnumbered.

You see, there’s a time and place for every confrontation, and writing this editorial is a much more effective means of breaking down such assumptions. After all, it’s not the first time I’ve heard comments like these from my fellow white brothers and sisters.

I wish I could tell you another story, that this was the first time I’ve heard such words from a white person’s mouth. I wish I could tell you that upon hearing this comment, the other whites rejected it and condemned this person.

I can’t. It saddens me to see misinformation passed from one white person to the next as if it were uncontested truth. What does this say about people who pass along information without checking it out first? For one, it suggests they are presumptuous and uninformed.

If a person reads into what scholarship money is available and with what criteria, it’s impossible to come away thinking, “If I were black, brown or red, I could have a 2.5 GPA and still get my school paid for because of my skin color.” This perspective is simply not in tune with reality.

In Tennessee, universities under the Tennessee Board of Regents and Tennessee Higher Education Commission are blind when it comes to race and scholarship money. Speaking with Donna Price, director of Student Financial Aid and Veteran’s Affairs, she confirmed this: “State universities do not award any state-based scholarships based solely on race.”

This holds true for federal government money too. “Any other federal financial aid is also not awarded based on race, but on financial need. Financial need is determined via federal formula which analyzes such things as income, household size, number of children in college, etc.,” said Price.

In the private sector, this picture remains consistent. Approximately one-fourth of one percent of all undergraduate scholarship money in the U.S. is appropriated to race-based scholarships, as reported by the U.S. General Accounting Office. That is, scholarships exclusively available to minorities account for one penny of every four dollars or 0.25 percent of all privately-funded scholarships.

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Going back to the statement that started all this, what implications do false beliefs like this hold? Well, if white people believe non-whites get unfair preferences then these white people probably feel disadvantaged, or maybe in extreme cases, victims.

Believing in unfair advantages that don’t exist for non-whites allows white people to ignore their own shortcomings. Instead, the blame can be shifted to someone else. The problems remain, but using them as a scapegoat helps avoid feelings of guilt or incompetence.

False statements have real consequences. They paint a picture that contradicts the social position of white people. By and large, white folks are not disadvantaged considering all racial groups. American society is arranged by a racial hierarchy, and whites stand atop the racialized pyramid. Disparities prove this as they range far and wide in areas such as political representation, healthcare access, home ownership, incarceration rates, education access and attainment, poverty, accumulated wealth, earned income, unemployment, among many others.

In all these aforementioned areas, whites hold the dominant and privileged position. The color line remains a problem in the 21st century. ♦

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'Mud Slinging'

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This year's Mudbowl had 70 teams and more than 600 students participating in mud volleyball. Many fraternities, sororities, honor societies, clubs and housing residents formed teams to compete against each other in a double elimination tournament.



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Survive flu season: Get shot

By KRISTIN KITTELL
Guest Writer

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by February each year, almost 50 percent of adults in the United States are infected with influenza, also known as the flu. The flu is second only to stress as a cause of students withdrawing from class.

In a broader sense, the flu kills twice as many Americans as HIV/AIDS and hospitalizes more than 200,000 people per year.

The CDC defines the flu can as a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. If you contract the flu, you may experience sinus or ear infections, bacterial pneumonia or dehydration, as well as increased complications with already present conditions, such

as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes.

If you're interested in avoiding these potential health hazards, the first step is diagnosis. Symptoms of the flu may include fever, headache, tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, diarrhea and vomiting.

However, since other common illnesses, such as the cold, have similar symptoms, it's suggested that you visit a doctor and receive a diagnosis within the first two or three days of the illness.

Once you've received your diagnosis, you can move on to treatment of your infection.

The CDC first suggests flu antiviral drugs for those who have received a doctor recommendation for such. These are pills, liquids or inhalers that prevent the flu

virus from reproducing in your body. These should be taken soon after flu symptoms begin to appear and are effective in making the illness milder.

Though treatment is an option, the CDC strongly urges students to take measures to prevent contracting the virus in the first place.

Everyday actions you can take to maintain your health are covering your nose and

mouth when you cough or sneeze and washing your hands often.

Also, it may be possible to contract the illness from others one day before their symptoms appear and up to five days after their illness begins, so it is important to avoid close contact with sick people.

The most important and effective way to prevent the flu from throwing a wrench in your daily

activities is the flu vaccination. This can be obtained both through a nasal spray or the more traditional flu shot.

The flu typically begins its seasonal activity in October; therefore, most health services begin offering the vaccination at this time. However, it may be effective to obtain the vaccination as late as December, so although it is suggested you get the vaccination as early as possible, it's never too late.

The vaccine will most commonly begin protecting the adult body from infection within two weeks of its administration.

The CDC states people should not receive the vaccination if they have severe allergies to chicken eggs, have previously had severe reactions to the vaccine or have a moderate

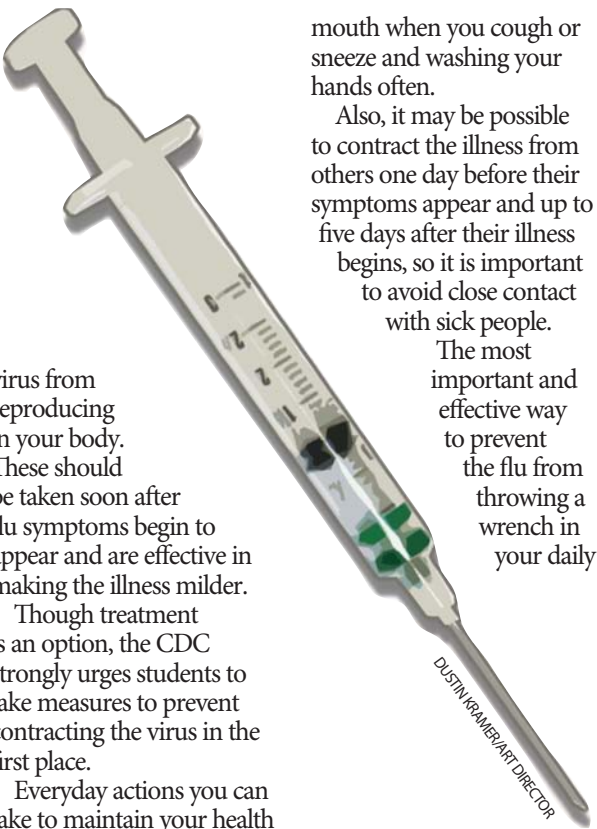
to severe illness with a fever already. Those people should wait until their original illness has subsided.

Patrice Miller, the graduate assistant in charge of Health Education at APSU, said the vaccine is now available to students.

The Health Services Office is open Monday to Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The shot costs \$25, which is billed to your student account and can be paid in the APSU business office.

To receive the shot, you must provide your name, social security number and "A" number.

Your visit, depending upon the number of people waiting for the vaccine, is expected to take 5 to 10 minutes, which is a small price to pay in comparison to getting stuck with the flu for a week. ♦



DUSTIN KRAMER/ART DIRECTOR

Facebook became the center of controversy when the original layout was changed.

Student faces off with Facebook

By TANGELIA CANNON
Staff Writer

Growing up in the computer age, it's not uncommon to spend hours on the computer. Now with social networks such as Facebook, it is almost impossible not to be consumed by the computer.

According to Scott Sanders, a sophomore marketing major, "Facebook is the best way to keep in touch with people without using a phone all of the time, plus it offers a lot of features that sites like MySpace do not."

However, with the recent debut of Facebook's new layout, petitions have been passed around like wild fire. Out of all of them, though, one has actually grabbed the attention of people all over the world, and it was started by a student at APSU.

Like many other people who spend hours on Facebook, Sanders was not completely taken with the new facebook layout.

"A week after they started showing previews of the new Facebook, I started messing around with [it]. At first it was very confusing,

but even after I figured it out, it was still really cluttered. It [also] got rid of a lot of features that I really liked," said Sanders.

"Other features I didn't like was the fact that it was off-centered. I also didn't like all of the empty space on the sides, which I knew was clearly meant for advertising, even though Facebook denied it," said Sanders. "I also hated what they did to the wall. They completely butchered it. Now it is not just a wall, it's a news feed and a wall, which makes it look cluttered."

In retaliation, Sanders created a petition and passed it on to his friends. At first his petition had only 350 signers, but now it has more than 1.6 million. Sanders said he never thought it would grab the attention and media profile that it did.

"A student in New York who writes for 'iReport' on CNN found the petition and wrote an article [about it]. Shortly after that, CNN did their own piece on their technology page," said Sanders.

"I have never done anything that has made this type of impact on society," said Sanders.

With Facebook changing the way people communicate with one another, it is important to consider whether its members like the change or not.

"Facebook has impacted our society by making the world even smaller," said Nikki Skaggs, a junior elementary education major. "Through Facebook I have been able to keep in touch with old classmates. Yet, despite the changes, I like the new Facebook."

Chris Killebrew, a sophomore agriculture science major, agrees with Skaggs.

"Facebook is a good thing for college students. It keeps you up to date with all of your friends, and lets you know what is happening on campus," he said.

However, Olivia Sage, a senior elementary education major, disagrees.

"Facebook was a great idea, in theory. I used to love Facebook. It was a great way to check in on friends and keep in touch with people. However, Facebook has gotten out of control. Instead of keeping it a simple way of keeping up with friends, it is now a big mess," said Sage.

"The point I'm trying to send across to the people that disagree with me is not that I am opposed to change," said Sanders. "It is simply that the change that they made was too much at one time, and they should have done it slower." ♦

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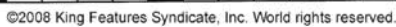
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by Linda Thistle

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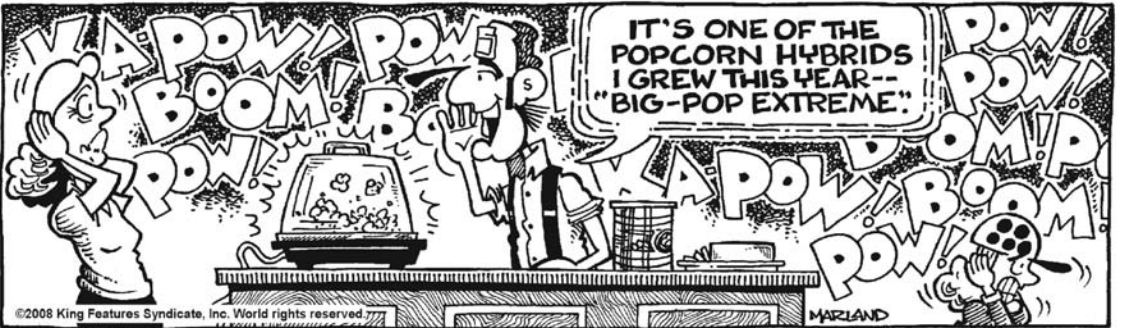


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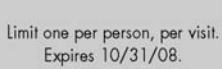
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Softball

Lady Govs take two in double header against Motlow State



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The Lady Govs softball team runs onto the field to begin the game. The team won both games of the double header exhibition against the Motlow State Bucks.

By JERRY CHERRY
Staff Writer

With great pitching performances, the Lady Govs softball team and new head coach Casey Dickson were able to produce two wins in a double-header against Motlow State on Sunday, Oct. 5, in Clarksville. This was the first home exhibition game for Dickson and seven new Lady Govs. The two wins brought the Lady Govs’ fall record to 4-4.

The Lady Govs won the first game in seven innings, 1-0. Both teams had excellent pitching, but Lady Gov Ashley Bolda’s pitching performance was the spotlight of the game. Bolda pitched seven innings, gave up only four hits, struck out three and didn’t allow any runs. Bolda received the win and finished strong with a complete game shutout.

The Lady Govs finished the game with six hits, and earned their only run on a

single by Krista Henke that drove in Ashley Alverson in the bottom of the fourth inning. Henke, the Lady Govs’ third baseman, finished the game two-for-two batting and produced the team’s only RBI.

Centerfielder Anne Broadhead helped the team by batting one-for-two. She also made a diving catch in the top of the third that not only produced the third out, but also boosted the team’s morale.

The Lady Govs’ first baseman Ashley Alverson went two-for-three at the plate and scored the only run of the game. Lady Govs second baseman Brittany Williams produced some offense, going one-for-three at hitting a double after a fielding error by Motlow State.

The Lady Govs also won the second game in seven innings, 5-1. However, the Lady Govs produced more

offense in this game. The team finished with a total of thirteen hits. The Lady Govs were down 0-1 until the bottom of the fourth, when Shelby Norton and Janea McCoy scored on a throwing error by Motlow State’s second baseman.

The Lady Govs’ starting pitcher, Ashley Elrod, pitched seven innings, gave up seven hits, struck out five, allowed one run and received the win in the second game against Motlow State.

The Lady Govs were able to produce three runs in the fifth inning with a few singles and a couple of sacrifice bunts. Lady Govs rightfielder Samantha Butts went two-for-three and produced one of the team’s RBIs.

Shelby Norton, the Lady Govs designated hitter, went two-for-four with two runs and also produced an RBI. Third baseman Randal



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Lady Govs junior Ashley Taylor lays down a bunt. Taylor is amongst several returning Lady Govs.

Davenport went two-for-four with a triple. Leadoff hitter Detra Farley went two-for-three, and the rest of the team combined for another five hits, a run, an RBI and a couple of walks.

After finishing 4-4 in fall exhibition play, the Lady Govs will start their regular season in the spring of 2009. There, the Lady Govs look to improve after last year’s 9-38 record (3-23 in Ohio Valley Conference play). ♦

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Lady Govs Softball

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Under new head coach, Casey Dickson, the Lady Govs have competed in fall exhibition tournaments including the Worth ClubK September Slam and the Tennessee-Martin Fall Classic. The Lady Govs have finished 4-4 so far and are continuing to get ready for the spring season.

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Volleyball

Lady Govs split OVC matches



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Lady Gov freshman Kayla Grantham leaps for the spike against the UT-Martin Skyhawks. The Lady Govs swept the Skyhawks 3-0 (25-19, 25-16, 25-23).

By MARLON SCOTT
Managing Editor

The Lady Govs volleyball team played two Ohio Valley Conference matches at home last weekend in the Dunn Center. After losing a close battle to the Murray Racers, 3-2, on Friday, Sept. 3, the Lady Govs bounced back with a 3-0 sweep of the UT-Martin Skyhawks on Saturday, Sept. 4.

The Lady Govs now move to fourth place in the OVC with a 4-2-conference record (12-6 overall). APSU Sports Information reported Lady Govs head coach Jenny Hazelwood is keeping her team focused on conference play.

“I keep telling our team that we can’t take anyone for granted in conference play — we have to show up ready to give our best effort,” Hazelwood said.

It appeared the Lady Govs were more than ready for the Racers in the first set. Jessica Mollman’s first kill of the match gave the Lady Govs an early 11-6 lead. The Racers would not get any closer than four points the rest of the set. The Racers regained enough composure to tie the Lady Govs 22-22 in the second set. But back-to-back kills by Stephanie Champine helped the Lady

Govs take the second set, 25-22.

Mollman led the Lady Govs with 18 kills. Champine executed an impressive 16 kills as well. Murray Racer Logan Su led all players with 19.

It was Su who sealed the victory for the Racers. After losing the third and fourth sets, the Lady Govs fought their way to a 16-16 tie in the final set. But they were unable to stop Su, who made two kills in a row to give the Racers the win, 18-16.

The Lady Govs took out their frustrations from Friday’s loss on the Skyhawks Saturday afternoon. According to Sports Information, Hazelwood spoke about the Lady Govs’ bounce-back against UT-Martin.

“I told the team that we had to learn from yesterday’s loss. We came out ready to play and when we had a chance to finish the match we did so,” Hazelwood said.

Champine matched her efforts against the Racers, leading the Lady Govs with 16 kills against the Skyhawks. Freshman Kayla Grantham added 13 kills with a team best .414 attack percentage.

After an initial 5-5 tie, the Lady Govs took control of the first set. The Skyhawks



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The Lady Govs celebrate together after scoring against the UT-Martin Skyhawks. They improved to 12-6 overall.

were within three points late in the set, 20-17, but attack errors let the Lady Govs win the set.

After winning the second set 25-16, the Lady Govs had trouble putting away the Skyhawks in the third set. The teams tied the score 17 times. In addition, 12 lead changes took place. Kirsten Distler made a kill for the Lady Govs that tied the game 20-20. After two straight Lady Gov points, Distler made a block to increase the lead 23-20.

Before the Lady Govs could put the game away, Skyhawk Breanne Carey made her 12th kill of the match (leading her team) and helped the Skyhawks fight their way back to a 24-23 score. But Distler put the game away and finished the sweep with her final kill.

The Lady Govs will play two OVC games on the road before returning home to the Dunn Center Friday, Oct. 17 to face Eastern Kentucky Lady Colonels, the first of two meetings.♦

Football

Govs run over by Racers at home, 32-12



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Govs defensive back Kevis Buckley leaps to try and block the extra point kick. The Govs lost to Murray State on Saturday, 32-12.

By TYLER O’DONNELL
Staff Editor

The APSU Governors football team slipped to 0-6 on Saturday, Oct. 4 as the Govs fell to the Murray State Racers, 32-12. The game, played at Governors Stadium, had its share of penalties and turnovers. The rivals combined to form 180 yards of penalties, most from aggressive play. Turnovers hurt both teams, but especially the Govs, who had plenty of chances to get back in the game.

The most exciting play of the night came on John Bell’s field goal, which put the Govs ahead, 3-0. It was formed by a nice deep pass

by quarterback T.C. Jennings on the first play of the game. The points were the first the Govs have scored during the first quarter since last season.

Offensively, both teams struggled to move the ball consistently. Jennings and Racer quarterback Jeff Ehrhardt both relied on screens and dump-offs to get downfield. Those plays were negated by all the penalties. Gov Terrence Holt had a great runback from the end zone all the way into Racers territory. After a penalty, the Govs had the ball at their own 20 yard line. Jennings then quickly found Jeff Lyle wide open over the middle for the score. That shortened

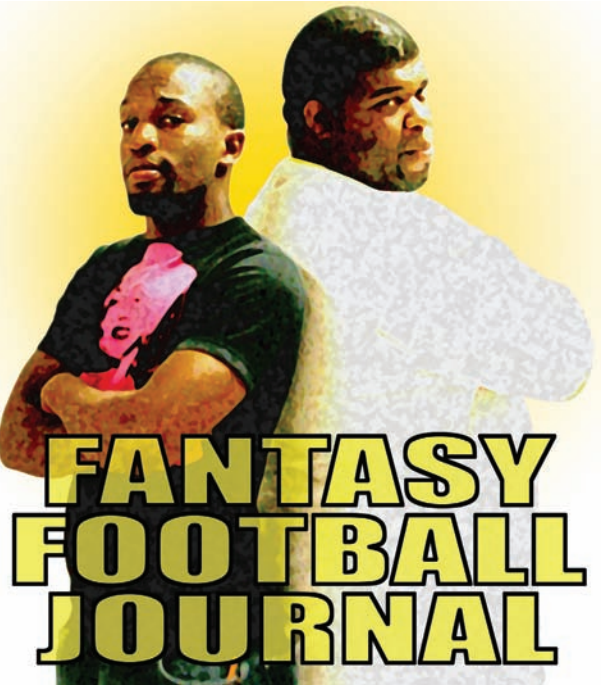
the Racers’ lead to 20-10. On one play, Trent Caffee replaced Jennings. Caffee drove down the field to the red zone. While inside the five, Caffee threw a Brett Farve-like shovel pass that was caught and driven to the two. Unfortunately, the Govs turned it over on downs. In the run game, it was Theo Townsend and Holt who provided most of the yardage. The Govs totaled 226 yards on offense.

On defense, each side showed potential. A interception came when Ehrhardt’s ball was tipped by Kevis Buckley and grabbed by Daniel Becker. However, the Racers regained

possession after they got a safety. The Govs got a safety of their own after Caffee’s previous play inside the five. Each team, for the most part, prevented huge gains. Jason Vanatta led the Govs with 17 tackles and two interceptions.

With all the mistakes by the Govs, they still have much to improve. “There are more things to be concerned about than the mistakes,” stated head coach Rick Christophel. “We have other things to work on.”

Next, the Govs will take on the Tennessee State Tigers at LP Field, Saturday, Oct. 18. Last season, the Tigers won 33-32, in OT.♦



Season two, week seven

Scott and Robinson play head-to-head

Dear Diary,

Do you know what I’m doing right now? I’m praying. I’m praying for all that is good to make sure I come out with the win against Marlon. Does that involve Drew Brees’ top receivers getting involved in something terrible (but not tragic) right before their game on Monday night? Maybe.

But I know I need this win, if only for the sake of my tenure at *The All State*, where I know Marlon is going to rub it in my face every chance he gets. Actually, right now, Marlon is talking trash to me. We’re not even done with the game yet.

Okay, there are some positive aspects of my Sunday. My players, for the most part, had excellent days. Tony Romo pulled out the win for his team, throwing three touchdowns in the game against the Cincinnati Bengals ... a game I’m sure everyone thought was going to be a cupcake game, but the Cowboys had to keep us on the edge of our seats, of course.

My receivers, Reggie Wayne and Hines Ward, both caught late catches in the fourth quarter for touchdowns, which added to their score of 15 each.

Notice I didn’t mention Calvin Johnson as one of my receivers. He has been mostly a bust, since the Detroit Lions are doing terribly this season. Johnson gained me an astonishing point (that’s right, one) in their loss to a sub-par Chicago Bears team.

All this is pretty hard to stomach, because Marlon’s receivers are just waiting in limbo. As I write this, I’m beating Marlon by four points, 85-81. So my players put up a hard fight, and it definitely shows by the score. As evidenced by my Chargers’ defense, who took a painful loss to the Miami Dolphins, I’m not the biggest fan of the Chargers, but as one of the top teams in the AFC, a loss to the Dolphins is out of the question.

I really wish I would have picked up DeAngelo Williams from the Carolina Panthers. They just mauled the Kansas City Chiefs, and I know Marlon is going to mention that. He’s evil, guys. I try to play a nice game, full of sportsmanship and good will. Marlon doesn’t. That’s fine, though. The next few weeks are going to be preparation to make it to the playoffs.

This is war,

Devon

Dear Diary,

Technically, it is true Devon Robinson and I will not know who the better overall fantasy football player is until the end of the season. I already know I am the master and he is a lowly acolyte who should be on his knees at the feet of my statue somewhere, but it will take the numbers at the end of the season to make Devon face reality.

Luckily, before the end of the season we get to play each other head-to-head. I had been counting the days until our first match up and the details could not have been more perfect. We were both 2-2. Devon was ranked eighth (of 14) and I was ranked ninth. Obviously, Devon and I have exchanged “colorful opinions” about each other’s fantasy prowess before. However, after this week, someone is walking away with supreme bragging rights and the other person is going to be sweeping up the remains of their shattered ego.

All week I crunched the numbers, checked the match ups and shopped the waivers to start the best roster. By Sunday morning, I was confident about my team, especially when I saw Devon’s adjustments for this week. With Steelers running back, Willie Parker, not playing due to injury Devon needed another running back. For some reason I can’t begin to fathom he picked up Bills’ running back Fred Jackson. Jackson is a back up who had just 12 carries and no touchdowns before last Sunday.

Questioning Devon’s sanity, I watched football with one eye on the fantasy scoreboard. It was a tight game all day. I cheered my Ravens defense and bit back a curse meant for Peyton Manning. Matt Forte made me dance (I am going to have to buy his jersey), and Reggie Wayne made me bite my nails

At 4 p.m. Devon and I were tied with 49 points. By 5:30 p.m. I was ahead by 20 points. But thanks to Tony Romo and Hines Ward, I watched my lead slowly disappear: 20, 16, 10, 4 ...

When the last game finished Sunday night Devon’s was ahead 85-81. I am sure he was somewhere dancing and grinning until he looked closer at the scoreboard. I still had two players yet to play in the Monday night game. Did my remaining two players score more than four points for the win?

Dialing 911 for Devon,

Marlon

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