

Govs gear up for 2008 season



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Governors football preview: Ready, set, hike into 2008 season

By **DEVON ROBINSON**
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Another exciting season is ahead for Govs football fans. Last year's record of 7-4 will be hard to top as the Govs enter their second season under head coach Rick Christophel. Key losses have created questions about the possible success of the team. In many ways, there is more mystery this season than last season.

Offense

After hitting a few bumps here and there, the offense looks to return with answers this season after rigorous spring and summer training.

One of the signs of new direction is the name of a definite quarterback in redshirt junior Gary Orr. Orr had a respectable 735

yards passing last season as the Govs No. 3 quarterback. After fending off three others vying for the position, he feels ready to take this position.

"We've been running the same offense for a year and a half now and Coach Christophel has taught me to understand that offense. He's made me ready," Orr said. "He told us, you might be third or fourth string, but you have to be ready to play. You have to practice every week like you're ready to play. That happened last year and now I'm the starter."

Coach Christophel has confidence in his lead quarterback.

"He's developed into a leader; he is starting to mature. I think he knows that you earn respect and you just don't have it because of that position. He's gone through me being on his case everyday, if you can get through that, you can handle any crowd you go up against," Christophel said.

If you didn't know Terrence Holt last season (and don't worry, most of us didn't),

you should know the name well by now. Last year Holt was the first player in APSU history to return multiple touchdowns in a season and was named to the OVC All-Newcomer team.

He also set an OVC record with 1104 return yards. Holt, known as the "secret weapon" to some, comes back this season as a sophomore running back and kick returner.

"I was known as a secret weapon last season because no one knew of me, I was a freshman. This year, we know that no team will take us lightly. There is still a chance that a team won't kick to me, but if I do happen to get it, I know what I have to do with it. It's going to be an exciting first game," Holt said. "After the third game [last season], I got all the jitters out. I'm more comfortable with the role and position I have with the team."

Running back Jeffrey Lyle is coming back for his third season at APSU and is an integral part of the Govs offense. Last season,

Lyle averaged a team-best 6.3 yards per carry and is looking to carry that success and more this season.

"As of the North Dakota game, I am the starting running back. It was a long road to get here. I had a hard spring, but it was worth it," Lyle said. "I'm not saying I'm better than the other running back, we are equally as good as the other. We plan to keep a steady rotation and keep our running backs fresh."

Christophel looks to have a more diverse offense this year and not be so "one-dimensional."

"We have to improve on our passing game; I think we were last in our passing. If we don't improve on that, we can't win big games and that's the bottom line," Christophel said.

"So I think we're going to be improved and it will show because our quarterback and wide receivers are a year older."

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Fort Campbell

APSU breaks ground at Fort Campbell

By NICOLE JUNE
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APSU is expanding this year by building the new Austin Peay Center at Fort Campbell.

Currently, APSU shares space with other local schools in the Army Education Center building. The new building will be used exclusively by APSU and is owned by the Tennessee Board of Regents, not the U.S. Army.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the project was held December 2007, and the actual construction of the building began in March.

William Cox, executive director of APCFC, said the project will cost an estimated \$4.2 million and should be completed by December.

“So far the project is pretty well on schedule,” Cox said. “And, weather permitting, we are hoping we can begin scheduling classes in the new building by the Spring I term.”

The new facility is being constructed directly behind the Army Education Center, which is located near Gate 4. The land being used was formerly an empty lot.

The building will house six classrooms, 30 staff offices, a conference room and a lounge. “It will be great to have all the offices consolidated into one place,” Cox said.

The science labs in the Education Center will remain open for APSU students.

All of the other new classrooms are considered “multimedia



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classrooms,” meaning that they will include high-tech projectors and other up-to-date technology.

Emily Weber, an APSU student who attends the Ft. Campbell campus, believes the new building is a positive change.

“I can’t afford to attend the main campus right now,” Weber said. “So I think it’s good that

we have a place here on Ft. Campbell, and the new building will be helpful.”

APCFC has made other changes this year as well. They have added an extra term, as requested by the U.S. Army, for soldiers’ convenience.

There are now five terms that make up the academic year.

Also, civilians are now able to register for

their classes three weeks prior to the beginning of the term.

Cox said he is looking for a positive response from other APSU students as well. “We’re hoping this project will increase our visibility, and possibly boost enrollment,” he said.

“We work hard out here, and we want everyone to be aware of the opportunities available.” ♦

Student Government Association

Senate seats open, lobby days scheduled

SGA kicks off first semester senate meeting

By KYLE NELSON
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The SGA Senate began the year with its first Fall meeting Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Senators were sworn into office at the beginning of the meeting by Chief Justice Will Moore of the Student Tribunal.

This was the first meeting

for the newly elected executive committee. Vice President Stephen Biter was unable to attend because of traveling with the football team.



Chris Drew

The agenda

The senate plans to hold Lobby Days this year. President Chris Drew said that Lobby Days are intended

to get SGA in contact with students so senators can draft legislation that will better serve the campus community.

Senators are required to write one piece of legislation per year. “We need a lot of legislation that’s of quality this year,” Drew said.

Senate seats available

There are seven seats in the senate open for the next election. Five belong to the

freshman class; the other two are graduate seats.

In order to run, a student must be in good standing, be a full time student and have at least a 2.5 GPA, according to the SGA Web site (www.apsu.edu/sga). ♦

SGA information

SGA Senate meets every Wednesday at 12:20 p.m. in UC 307.

Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER

09/04/08

- Kappa Sigma blood drive, 10:30 a.m., UC Ballroom A

09/05/08

- Banner training, 7:30 a.m., Sundquist Science Center

09/07/08

- Sigma Phi Epsilon meeting, 5 p.m., Claxton 103

09/09/08

- Banner training, 8 a.m., UC 303

09/10/08

- Banner training, 8 a.m., UC 307
- Panhellenic Council recruitment, 8 a.m. UC Ballroom C

09/11/08

- Banner training, 8 a.m., UC 307
- Panhellenic Council recruitment, 8 a.m., UC Ballroom A

09/12/08

- Panhellenic Council recruitment, 8 a.m., UC Ballroom C

09/17/08

- Senior Exit Exam, 7:30 a.m., UC 303
- ACT residual testing, 8 a.m., UC 306

09/20/08

- Love Ain’t Supposed to Hurt, 8 a.m., Music Mass Comm. Concert Hall

09/21/08

- Phi Beta Sigma meeting, 3 p.m., UC 312
- Sigma Phi Epsilon meeting, 5 p.m., Claxton 103

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OUR TAKE

Travel with Peay Pickup trolley

We're an ever-changing society. New technology keeps everyone on their toes. Job hunting provides a constant source of stress with the hopeful outcome of a good income.

Yet there remains a growing issue as many across the country open their wallet and see moths fly out: gas prices. Being a college student, the price of gas is a constant issue. One must learn to balance finances in order to chill with friends at the local Black Horse Pub and Brewery.

Even a trip down the street becomes a hassel. Travel has become restricted and everyone is searching for a new way to save gas. One answer: public transportation.

Presented Monday, Aug. 25, the Peay Pickup trolley was revealed. The Peay Pickup goes in a constant 15 minute loop around APSU. The trolley transports riders from one part of campus to another.



Christopher French

"I think the trolley is very good, but I had one complaint about it. It has not killed any of the congestion of trying to find a parking spot, or getting a spot close to your classes. Great idea. I wish more people would use it. The main focus of the trolley is to get the word out to use it more."

With the trolley comes a bonus. All APSU students, faculty and staff can ride the Clarksville Transit System for free. Now there is some relief for students as the public ride relieves some pressure from the wallet.

We at *The All State* double checked our wallets and looked at the possibilities for the trolley/CTS system.

Now offered is a way to stay dry during a rainy day. Often times, an umbrella is left at home and when one

THEIR TAKE on the Trolley



Lyddia Wilson

"I think it is pretty cool. I haven't used it yet, but it does seem like a safe way to get around."



Brittney Mclay

Instead of having a trolley system we need more parking spots. No one is ever on the trolley when I see it. "

Consistent miscommunication: Broken bureaucracies

Every modern system follows a specific hierarchical ladder. In order to get to one level from another, one must follow the ladder accordingly. Nothing can be out of place, for if such things happen, chaos is inevitable. Rules and regulations are drafted perfectly so that any system can function on such a hierarchy. But if a system is that perfect, why are there so many flaws?

Take, for example, a patient that is rushed to the ER. As a patient is admitted, a nurse takes down their information: name, birth date, allergies, reason for being there, closest family relation, whether the patient is pregnant, a smoker, drinker and the list continues. As the patient answers each question it can be assumed that the sheet of paper the nurse is writing on will circulate throughout the hospital so that such questions will not need to be asked later. Incorrect.

After an IV is started on the patient, a new round of similar questions by a different nurse is asked. The patient is traveling the levels of the bureaucracy. Before one can even see a doctor, one must go through several nurses that ask similar questions. Yet the questions are harder to answer either due to a lack of patience or because of pain medication. Thus, hospitals around the country are prime examples of bureaucratic functioning.

Hospitals have a legitimate explanation for following such a system. Due to malpractice suits, it is necessary to find out if a patient is lying. If information provided is different when compared to what was given earlier, it can easily be spotted in this system. Though not completely practical, it enables hospitals to function on a fairly safe level that prevents lawsuits. (Who could deny that a malpractice suit is tempting to any lawyer? It's a reputation builder.)

Furthermore, after a patient leaves a hospital, it can take several weeks — sometimes even months — before a payment is finally issued. That time is critical for those who have money or insurance issues. A bill should ideally be sent within a week of a patient's release from the hospital. There shouldn't be a "panic period" about whether or not a bill will arrive. For example, it has been six weeks since my father's surgery and we haven't received a statement. That makes me worry just a touch.

I find that systems like this are ridiculous but necessary. I have been a



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patient who had to play 20 questions every half hour, and it gets exasperating quickly. I didn't, and honestly still don't fully understand the necessity for such a system. It appears as if no one is assuming responsibility when I give my personal information to an employee who should be caring for me. I'm handing my life to these people if the absolute worst should happen, and they want to know what my birthday is and when I was last pregnant? I have doubts when I walk into a hospital and have to be asked the same thing over and over again.

I grew up around hospitals and have seen how they are supposed to be run; my father was chief executive officer of one for the better part of my life. So to walk in, be hooked up to morphine and then provide this information constantly is one thing. To find out the next nurse has no idea what the former nurse already recorded is downright scary. To be suddenly moved to the critical care unit under the impression that one is simply being admitted to surgeon's care flips everything upside down.

What happened to the system of checks and balances? What happened to the carefully-knit bureaucratic structure that supposedly tells each level what happened on the last? Uncertainty induces fear, which induces anger. Humans are naturally curious creatures who want to know everything, especially when it comes to the well-being of their bodies. To find out someone missed a step is a mixture for cataclysmic disaster.

If the bureaucratic system is merely established to guard another level's neck, then it should not even be in operation. These systems are ridiculous to a fault, especially when a level is missed or there is a lack of communication. Granted, everywhere one turns there is a bureaucratic influence: colleges, newspapers, telephone companies, etc. The world is built on systems of power placing either one individual or group of individuals as sole controller ready to take all the blame. Those tiny key steps along the way matter most to me. Before one can take a giant leap, those baby steps need to get some particular attention. While hospitals are perhaps the best example of a bureaucracy, they need to take a lesson on listening in order to safeguard a patient's life. ♦

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Definition of a sex offender: A commonly misdefined word in our world

Webster's Dictionary defines sexual offender as "a generic term for all persons convicted of crimes involving sex, including rape, molestation, sexual harassment and pornography production or distribution. In most states convicted sex offenders are supposed to report to local police authorities, but many do not."

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, 116 people are assaulted every minute in the United States. One out of 33 men will be raped or assaulted and one in six women suffer the same fate in their lifetime.

But is the definition of sexual offense black and white, a clear notion of what is right and wrong defined by the law, or are some of those on the registry victims of the laws themselves?

A man whom we will call John was charged with and found guilty of mitigated statutory rape, a class E felony (Tennessee Code Annotated 39-13-506). He was placed on the Tennessee Sex Offender Registry. The victim was his then 15-year-old girlfriend and he had just turned 19; at the time of their relationship there was a 48-month difference satisfying the charges pressed by the parents of the young woman.

Fast forward nine years later. John has gone to college, become a productive citizen and married the young lady in question. They have been married nearly five years and have two children. The people who put him on the sex offender registry are the same ones that eat Christmas dinner with him every year; it is something they have all worked through as a family.

The family has also petitioned to have his name removed and is awaiting action on the matter. He is still a registered sex offender, the father of two and a devoted husband, yet he shares a page with a man in his town convicted of aggravated sexual battery involving a 10 year old, and an offender guilty of collecting and downloading child pornography.

It doesn't seem fair, does it?

John will tell you his crimes included sneaking around with his wife and disrespecting the rules set forth by her frustrated parents, but he, unlike



Sunny Peterson

many of the others on the registry, did not lie in wait to do violence for self-satisfaction. He is guilty of bad judgment and, according to the state, rape.

There is a flaw in the system. What was designed to protect us now has given us a somewhat skewed perspective of who should be defined as a sex offender.

When we lump the technicalities in with the dangerous and predatory, it takes away from the seriousness of many crimes. It is also responsible for making members of the registry a target for scorn and ridicule. Some may say the offenders should have known better . . . but hindsight is 20/20.

I am more concerned by the men and women not registered than the ones who are.

There are those out there who require a close watch, who will never be rehabilitated, and then there are those who want to move forward and have a life; some even attend college with us. This is not to say danger lurks around every corner at APSU; the simple reality is, it can be found anywhere.

Ted Bundy was one of the most famous serial killers of his time. He was handsome — I would have gotten in a car with him. It was because of this he was able to lure several women into dangerous situations. He confessed to thirty murders but was suspected of committing over 100.

There is no way of knowing when you look at someone whether or not they are on the sex offender list — why? I guess what I am trying to say is that for those of you who are away from home for the first time, never assume that everyone is bad or good; put yourself in situations that promote your well-being and support your welfare.

I also want to say that in no way do I belittle or discount the victims of violent or sexual crimes. I am a woman and a mother; I would not wish that on anyone.

But I do ask you to step back and examine something that is meant to edify and protect us as possibly being flawed or in fact just not enough to tell the story causing us to scream fire before we see the smoke. ♦

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Do you really know where your money is going? Don't say "You don't care"

Two voices spoke on the same subject in Washington recently, at the same time. These voices had different outlooks about the same issue.

On July 15, Ben Bernake, chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank, testified to Congress on the state of the United States economy. At the same time, President Bush decided to do the same thing. Coincidence? I think not.

Bernake, a man who holds degrees in economics from Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was pessimistic in his assessment of the economy. Bush, who holds a master's of business administration from Harvard, was more optimistic about the situation. Bush told Congress the foundation of our economy is "basically sound." Bernake, on the other hand, said that the economy is in a difficult spot and will continue that way for at least the next year. Who do we listen to?

I'm going to have to go with Bernake on this one.

Granted, I have the opportunity to write about this more than a month after both men spoke, so I can see in the aftermath who was closer to the truth.

Before I state my personal opinion, I am going to admit two things. First, I don't trust the current administration, but that subject is for another time. Second, I am not an economics major. The one thing I do have is a strong desire to know what is going on in the country that I love. So I did some



Joseph Wojtkiewicz

amateur sleuthing on the subject, and I didn't like what I found.

The most prominent discussion revolves around two of the largest companies in the country, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, major cornerstones in our economy's foundation. These lending institutions are responsible for over \$5 trillion in mortgages. They invested in people that they knew were at risk and incurred debt with no sound backing. This was a bad economic decision. Now the the two companies are collapsing at a catastrophic rate that is forcing the government to get involved.

You may be asking, "Why should I care?" The answer is simple: It's your money that is going to bail them out. The stock value of these companies has plummeted by 90 percent in the last year, and the government is proposing a plan to buy out the stocks with taxpayer money. This plan might even succeed.

Who will be held responsible for this? Not Fannie Mae's chief executive officer Daniel Mudd; not Freddie Mac's CEO Richard Syron; it will be us.

So as I watch this ship going down from the shore I feel the prodding and poking of my government forcing toward the gangplank. All I can do is ask, why am I getting on? ♦

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Campus police moving forward

By LOIS JONES
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Located at the end of Summer Street just past the football stadium is the Shasteen building. At APSU this is where the Campus Police and Public Safety department are located. This year the department added two more patrol officers for a total of 14, in addition to security officers, dispatchers and administrative personnel for a departmental total of 25.

All of the officers go through extensive training called POST training: Peace Officer Standard Training. This is the training Clarksville police officers and Montgomery County Sheriff's deputies go through as well. After receiving training and certification, every officer at APSU is qualified to work anywhere in Tennessee; they choose to

work here.

All of APSU's officers come from varied backgrounds, locations and experience levels, but the one thing they all have in common is that they came here because they want to be here. The opportunity to know the staff and students and be familiar with many of the faces on campus is a plus as well as part of the attraction to working on campus safety.

Sgt. Elizabeth Genthner began working at APSU in March. She is a former police officer from Georgia. "The biggest change coming to a campus police department from a municipality is that it's more personable because there is a greater chance of influencing the students," said Sgt. Genthner. "The kids have been more open to talking with us because they see us

as people as well as officers that care for their well being as a whole."

Sammie Williams, a patrol officer, is a new addition to APSU's Campus Police, having started in May. Officer Williams formerly worked for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. For Williams, the best thing about working for APSU is, "having the ability to help people in an environment where people want help."

Besides new faces, APSU's Campus Police has added new gadgets: two T3 motion units. Costing approximately \$8,000 each, the T3s allow officers to cross campus in record time. Average response time is three minutes regardless of mode of transportation, according to Chief of Police Lantz Biles.

Over 40 locations for emergency contact have

been strategically placed across campus and in dorms. Blue emergency call towers and call boxes located on the buildings make it possible to contact campus police 24 hours a day. Escort service is available 6-11 p.m. if a student wants a secure escort to his or her dorm or car. Also available are motor assistance program (MAP) services. The list of services available can be viewed through the Campus Police Web information at <http://www.apsu.edu/police/services.htm>.

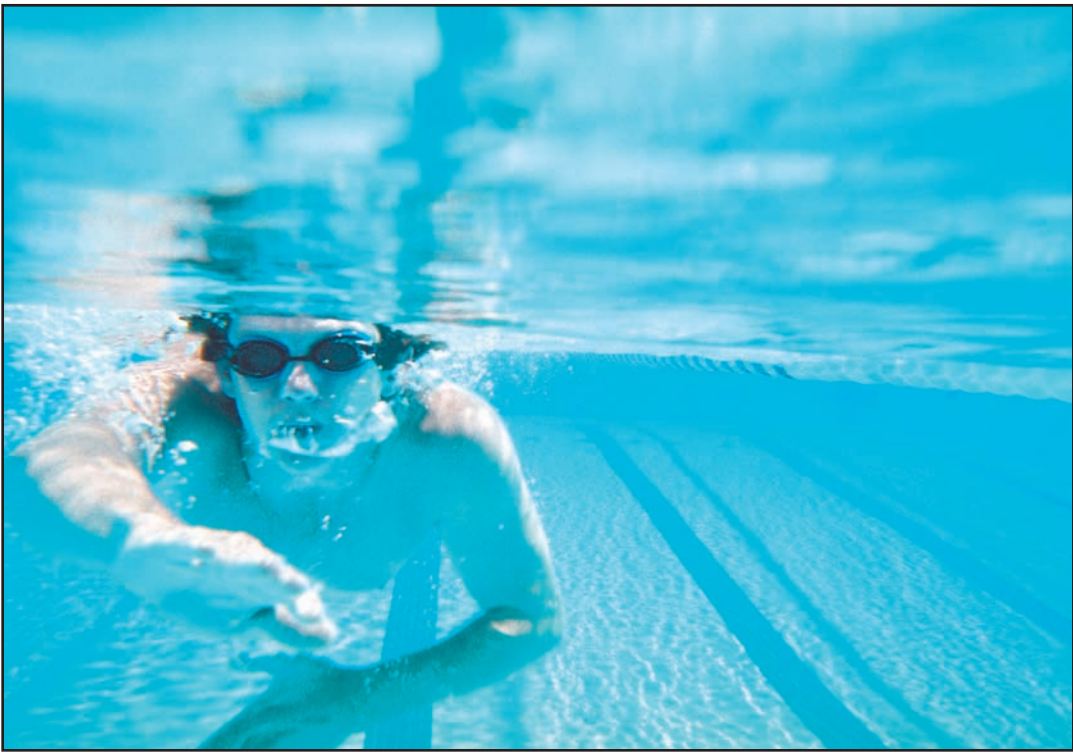
The new technological additions should make APSU a safer place. "Our goal is an environment free of fear, that way our students can be successful," said Biles.

The new officers come to APSU with varied



experience, knowledge and personalities. They have a sincere desire to help students. So when you see an officer on campus, take the time to say hello. They, like you, are here because they want to be. ♦

Take the plunge ...



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Above: Lifeguard Phillip Reinert does laps in the Foy Center Pool. The length of the lanes are 25 meters, half the size of an Olympic pool.

Right: Jason Wills, lifeguard at the Foy Center Pool, watches on as a swimmer takes laps in the pool lanes.



'My Winnipeg' surreal view of city life

By TANYA LUDLOW
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Some cities are easy to fall in love with. I could never understand why so much of the focus of "Sex and the City" involved Carrie's love affair with New York City; a single sartorially obsessed woman loving the Big Apple is about as surprising as Britney Spear's love affair with Taco Bell and Marlboro Lights.

Those easy to love cities, the giants of our imaginations: New York, Paris, London, Winnipeg... Winnipeg?

"My Winnipeg," Guy Maddin's latest work, stretches autobiographical filmmaking to its limits by blending fact and fiction with his inimitable style to create a surreal, surprisingly touching portrait of his home city.

Like many urban legends, some of the facts he relates about Winnipeg can't possibly be true, and yet expose some element of truth about the subject.

For example, he claims that Winnipeg has

the largest number of sleepwalkers of any city in the world, and that subsequently there are laws in Winnipeg that allow one to keep the keys to former homes and domiciles. Current tenants must allow the confused somnambulist to stay until they wake up.

The shadowy figures shuffling through the city, keys in hand, make you want to believe such a poignant and sweetly sad confabulation.

But perhaps confabulation is the wrong word. It is after all titled "My Winnipeg," so it is the Winnipeg of Maddin's imagination.

"Maddin's latest work stretches autobiographical filmmaking to its limits ..."

Aren't our own places of origin exactly that, our own?

On the surface it seems a contradiction. There are as many Winniepegs as there are Winnepegians.

What Maddin illuminates in his odd, affectionate way is the tenuous compromise we form in our minds between an unchanging

reality, the city proper and the intangible domain of memory.

We ourselves are that compromise made manifest, and this means that far from

being sleepwalkers we are, like Maddin, the authors of our own lives. ♦

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Graduate school? Plan ahead

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There is no single best way to prepare for getting into graduate school. Different schools look at different criteria, just as different disciplines have different requirements.

For instance, some schools look at Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores before considering anything else. Others look at letters of recommendation. Depending on your interests, some schools will be a better fit than others.

If you're thinking about graduate school, most schools consider the following criteria: GRE scores, GPA, letters of recommendation, a statement of interest and a writing sample. Preparing all these takes time — a lot of time. If you're considering graduate school, start planning now.

Take Dan Maurer's advice. In May, he received his bachelor's from APSU and now attends graduate school at East Tennessee State University.

"Start early, it's the only way to be sure," said Maurer. "It should at least be a year-long project."

Picking a graduate school is not a decision to be made without much thought. It takes two years to complete most master's degree programs. For a doctorate, it takes another three to four years.

"Target a program that is a match for your interests and your finances, and do your homework. Research the program as much as possible," advised Tucker Brown, Assistant Professor of Sociology. "Graduate school is a financial investment as well as a time investment. It is not an endeavor you should undertake lightly," Brown said.

Included below are a few things students should consider before applying to graduate school. Keep in mind each school has its own requirements.

GRE

The GRE is a standardized test created by Educational Testing Service (ETS) that many graduate

schools use to evaluate applicants. It consists of three parts: two multiple-choice sections testing verbal and mathematical reasoning, and a section testing analytical writing.

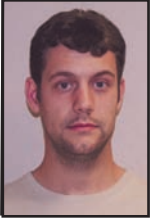
Unlike standardized tests such as the ACT or SAT, the GRE is a computer-adaptive test. This means the questions asked are based on whether the test-taker's answer to each question is right or wrong. If a question is answered correctly, the next question will be more difficult. ETS assigns questions to different difficulty levels. As the test is taken, ETS zeroes in on a person's learning aptitude.

Princeton Review advises GRE-takers to dedicate between four and 12 weeks of preparation. Cramming is not advised. All-nighters, coffee and Red Bull will not help those taking this test. If you plan to attend graduate school and the GRE is required, look into following a week-by-week study guide. Start planning early.

For more information about the GRE, visit <http://www.ets.org/gre>.

"Start early, it's the only way to be sure. It should be a year long project."

Dan Maurer, APSU Graduate



GPA

A student's GPA speaks volumes. Unlike the GRE, a GPA is an indication of a student's long-term commitment to education. Grades aren't always an indicator of intelligence, but cumulatively, they say something about a student's work ethic and motivation. Brown recommends maintaining a GPA of a 3.0 or above.

"The higher the better," said

Brown. "Most graduate programs set their minimum overall GPA requirement at 3.0."

Aquiring letters of recommendation

What professors have to say about you can either make or break your chances of getting into graduate school. Nearly all programs require letters of recommendation. These letters provide in-depth evaluations of students that a GPA or GRE score cannot offer.

"It is important to develop a rapport with your undergraduate instructors, this will make securing a strong letter of recommendation much easier," Brown said. Most schools require three recommendations, so it's good for students to establish several relationships early on. When the time comes to request letters of recommendation, students should ask professors they've known longer than one semester and professors familiar with their work.

Finding the right fit

Because graduate school is a big investment in your future, you should consider as many factors as possible. You want to attend a school that focuses on areas that interest you. For instance, if you're an English major who wants to study writing and composition, then a program emphasizing British Literature won't be a good fit for you. If you're a political science major wanting to study foreign affairs, you should go to a school that specializes in foreign policy.

Brown warns, "The program [you choose] should employ faculty that have research interests similar to yours." To know a school's strength of study, a good method is to closely look at its faculty. Professors specialize in areas of knowledge, and if several professors share interests with you then it's a sign this program is a

good fit.

"If you are aware of professors you'd like to study under, then apply to their programs," said Maurer. Pull out some of your research papers and rediscover some scholars you appreciated — then check out the universities they call home.

"[Graduate school] is not an endeavor you should undertake lightly."

Tucker Brown,
Assistant Professor of Sociology



Attending your top-choice school

"It would be wise to gain some research experience while an undergraduate, even if it means volunteering or undertaking unpaid research," Brown said. Graduate schools are competitive and the most competitive programs only admit six to eight students each year.

"You want to stand out among your competition," said Brown. "Most graduate studies will involve research in some capacity and having research experience as an undergrad is a plus."

Separate yourself from other applicants. Take academics seriously, but get involved on campus. Many graduate programs require at least a 3.0 GPA for applicants to be considered, so a good GPA is a dime a dozen for potential graduate students. It's going to take more than a good GPA to get the attention of admissions. Join a club, do community service or run for student government. You could even write for *The All State*.

Having a back-up plan

Not everyone can go to Harvard, Yale or Princeton, so have a back-up plan. Maurer advised students looking at graduate school to "apply to many places." As the old adage goes, don't place all your eggs in one basket.

"Have top choices and secondary choices in mind," said Maurer. "Aside from the application fee and time, there's no harm in applying to lots of schools."

Finding financial assistance

Money: It's perhaps the biggest obstacle for college students. Sure, you can get into graduate school, but how are you going to pay for it?

Graduate programs offer financial assistance in forms of grants, scholarships, fellowships and assistantships. The most common of these is the assistantship, which entails working with professors about 20 hours a week helping with teaching or researching.

In exchange, students receive tuition waivers and a monthly stipend.

This means graduate students have tuition paid and get a little bit of extra dough too. Depending upon the program, stipends range accordingly.

For instance, Emory University's Department of Sociology offers students \$15,000 annually; the University of Tennessee's Department of English offers \$7,226. Be sure to check out what your potential school offers.

In conclusion, begin your graduate school search early. Give each program a careful look and try to find the best fit for you. Work hard, study and build relationships with professors. Start thinking of ways to make yourself stand out as a college student.

If you have questions, feel free to contact each school's department of graduate studies.

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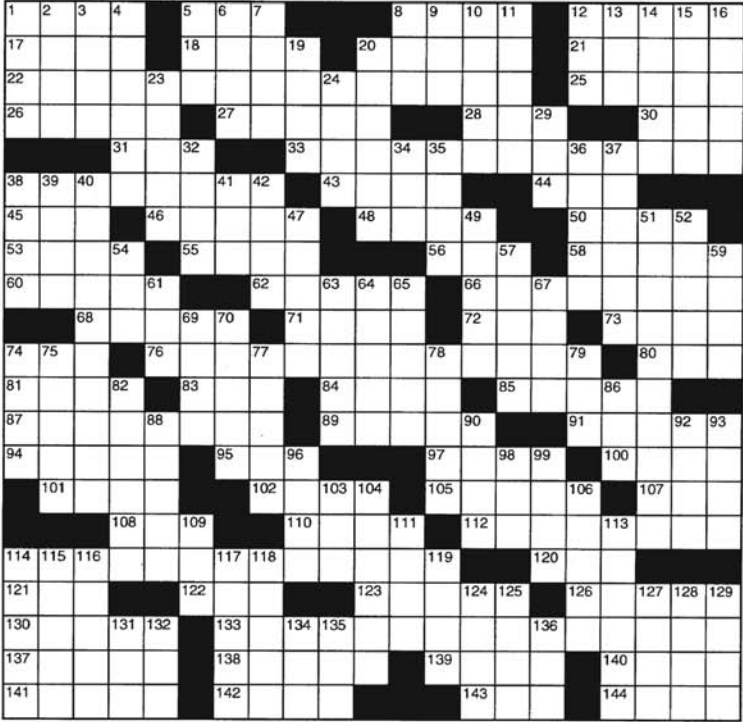
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Football preview: Defense returns strong

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Defense

Last season, Govs fans learned not to leave games early. The Govs played five games that were decided by three points. Thanks to key plays by a hard-hitting defense, the team won four of those five games.

The Govs defense generated 31 turnovers last season, including 18 interceptions. Returning this season are 10 defensive starters, ready to continue creating turnovers. Leading the way will be junior linebacker Kit Hartsfield.

Hartsfield led the defense with 88 tackles last season (45 solo) and pulled down two interceptions. He is ready to play and has high expectations this season.

“We expect the defense to go out there and shut the other team’s offense down. We don’t want our offense to have to do too much,” Hartsfield said. “We approach it like it is on us whether we win or lose the game even though we know we’re going to do it as a team.”

Joining Hartsfield in the tackle frenzy will be fellow linebacker Daniel Becker. Becker missed six games last year because of a knee injury but still finished the season with 51 tackles. In addition, Becker had the best single game performance last season, delivering 19 tackles against UT Martin.

Playing in front of the linebackers will be juniors Dee Peeler and Chris Newell. At 6-foot 2-inches, 288 pounds, Peeler will be anchoring the middle of the defensive line alongside senior defensive lineman P.R. Morris and hoping to improve on last season’s four sacks. Defensive end Newell led the defense with 4.5 sacks last season and combined with Nick Clark to deliver 17.5 tackles for a loss.

Newell believes the defense will



improve to surpass last season’s impressive numbers.

“Defense is always there to help out. Us being there, is to help us win games. That is the whole point to us being on the field,” Newell said.

“I feel we will have to do the same thing we did last year. The offense is going to produce just the same or even better as they did last year. But we still have got to keep our end of the deal up. I plan to improve. You never plan to do the same. You want to do bigger and better things every year,” Newell said.

The Govs defensive experience extends to the defensive backs as well. Juniors LaDarius Davis and Kevis Buckley return as starting cornerbacks. Buckley finished last season with four interceptions in addition to 45 tackles and two defensive touchdowns.

Hard-hitting senior safety Jason Vanatta followed Buckley with three interceptions and 43 tackles. Vanatta completes an experienced defensive roster that could save the Govs several times again this season. ♦



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Top: The Govs head toward the field ready to start another season
Bottom: Junior running back Jeff Lyle is one of several Gov running backs trying to fill the gap left by Chris Fletcher.

2008 Govs Football Schedule

- Sat., Sept. 06
at Georgia Southern
- Sat., Sept. 13
Gardner-Webb
- Sat., Sept. 20
Tennessee
Martin
- Sat., Sept. 27
at Eastern Kentucky
- Sat., Oct. 04
Murray State
- Sat., Oct. 18
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- Sat., Oct. 25
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Lady Govs prepare for season

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Fri., Sept. 12
at Jackson State

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at Tulsa

Sat., Sept. 13
at Sam Houston
State

Fri., Sept. 19
at Tennessee
Tech

Sat., Sept. 20
at Jacksonville
State

Tues., Sept. 23
at Morehead
State

Fri., Sept. 26
Tennessee State

Fri., Oct. 03
Murray State

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Tennessee-Martin

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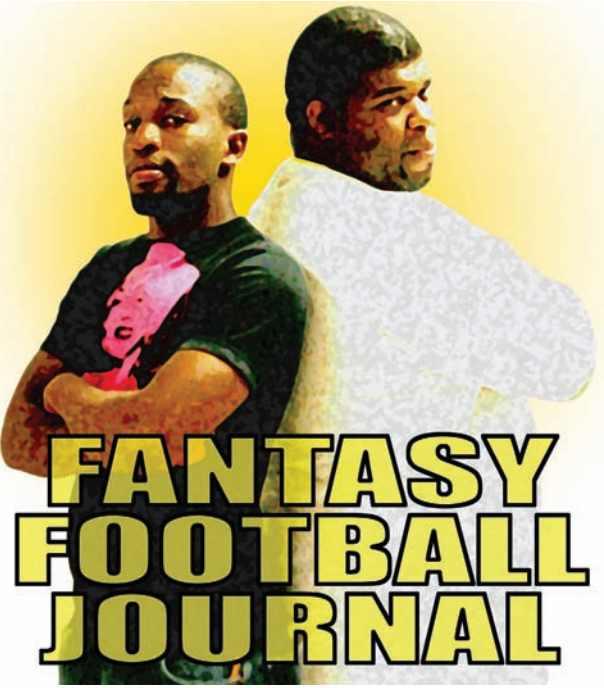
Lady Govs volleyball coach Jenny Hazelwood in a huddle with her team.

By **MARLON SCOTT**
Managing Editor

Young is the word everyone used to describe the Lady Govs volleyball team last season. In her first season as head coach, Jenny Hazelwood led a team that included six freshmen to an 8-25 (3-17 OVC) record. This season, four of those freshmen have returned as sophomores and they have been joined by six more freshmen. As a result, everyone has the same word on their lips when describing the Lady Govs. With a sense of déjà vu, second year coach Hazelwood does not shy away from the implications. “We do have a lot of new faces and the majority of the team is underclassmen: freshmen and sophomores,” Hazelwood said. “It’s an adjustment for them, having to get used to playing at this level. But they have worked really, really hard through preseason and we are as ready as a team can be coming into this point.” Middle blocker Jessica Mollman and outside hitter Kirstin Distler are two of the four starters who returned to this season’s team. Both are

sophomores accepting roles as leaders for the team. Mollman is one of the tallest Lady Govs at six feet. She led the team with 58 blocks and was the third leading scorer with 319.5 points (284 kills). Distler scored 370 points (334 kills) and was second only to Dodi Szymaska, who graduated last year. Distler is optimistic about her freshman teammates. “There is a lot of talent in the freshmen and I think they are a lot more mentally strong than the ones last year,” Distler said. “The ones that are still here were our top freshmen last year. I think with that and our transfer coming in, she is also very good ... we are all pretty much hard working and I am really excited about this season.” Sharing Distler’s excitement is freshman Marie Mullins. Mullins is one of the new talented freshmen expected to improve the Lady Govs this season. She joins APSU from Father Ryan High School nearby Nashville. Mullins has enjoyed being a Lady Gov so far, and is ready

to play against other teams. “It’s really exciting. I love the girls. I love the coaches,” Mullins said. “We all work hard and it feels good to have gotten through the last two weeks. It hasn’t been easy, but I am excited to start playing and see how we all work together.” With their record of only three division wins last year, it won’t take much for the Lady Govs to improve this time around. The challenge will be to put together a winning season. For the Lady Govs, the road to a successful year began at home. Instead of enjoying a long Labor Day weekend, the Lady Govs opened the season by hosting a tournament. The Lady Govs Volleyball Classic began Friday, Aug. 29. After facing four teams in two days, the Lady Govs played a fifth match against Lipscomb Monday, Sept. 1. Results from the Lady Govs Volleyball Classic can be found at www.apsugovernors.com. This weekend, the Lady Govs will travel to Georgia to play in the Kennesaw State Tournament. ♦



DUSTIN KRAMER/ART DIRECTOR

Season two, week two

Robinson and Scott compare draft picks

Dear Diary,

Don’t you think its bad juju to swear on someone’s arm? The last thing I would want to do is lay my luck on the arm of my aging quarterback. Sure, it’s Peyton Manning, but the Colts didn’t look as fiery behind the passion of their fearless leader last season. I was the twelfth pick and I nabbed Tony Romo. He definitely wouldn’t have been my first choice for quarterback, but I don’t think it was necessarily a bad one. I tried to find a consistent but mobile quarterback. I really think if he keeps his composure this season, he can end up being that Brett Favre-like quarterback that critics say he is striving to be. Matt Ryan (yes, the rookie), was my second choice as quarterback. While it is a gamble, I definitely think he is totally prepared to lead the Atlanta Falcons in a more positive direction. He displayed his NFL readiness last season with Boston College. Reggie Wayne will bring the heat this season, I’m convinced. He had a more than successful season, being one of Manning’s favorite receivers. He should be coming back for another stellar season. My other wideout, Calvin Johnson, is fairly low key in the NFL and isn’t having nearly the success he had at Georgia Tech. Alas, I believe after two seasons, I think he will find his niche with the Detroit Lions. He still put up fairly nice numbers last season. I have to admit, I was decently impressed with most of the draft picks of others. Maybe one or two teams just didn’t seem right to me. I believe in having a little of the run and pass on a team, where you don’t find yourself relying so much on one or the other. Marlon picked up the Manning brothers, who I have to admit were a good choice so late in the draft. Well, let’s just say Marlon is going to be banking on a lot of catches this season, because I’m just not completely sold on Matt Forte, the running back from Tulane. I don’t know, maybe good ol’ Scott is seeing something in Forte’s running game that I’m not seeing. Good luck to you there, Marlon. On the other side of the pasture, Willie Parker and Ahmad Bradshaw say hi and they can’t wait to run backwards to the end zone in week five for the win.

Throw in your towel,
Devon

Dear Diary,

I swore by Peyton Manning’s arm that I would finish this season differently than last season. Ironically, with the ninth pick in my fantasy league’s draft, I chose Manning for my team. The pick was even sweeter because it was three picks ahead of Devon. Honestly, I would have preferred Devon’s spot in the draft. Picking late in a standard “snake” draft rotation lets the manager make their picks closer together which is a great way to ensure getting desired players. But I would never admit that to Devon. Overall, I was pleased with the team I drafted. I think getting Peyton late in the first round was a steal. I was still able to pick up a solid feature running back in the second round, Green Bay’s Ryan Grant. The settings for this league allow managers to start two running backs and three wide receivers with no flex positions. As a result, 12 of the top ranked receivers were gone by the time my third round pick came around. I ended up choosing T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Wes Welker as my next two picks. I was impressed with the rest of the league’s picks (even Devon’s). No one made any insane reaches. Everyone seemed to have a solid, well-adapted strategy for the draft. That is a good sign for competition in the regular season. My only gamble was picking the Patriots’ defense in the sixth round. For the first five weeks of the regular season, the Patriots will play teams that struggled offensively last season, including Miami, Kansas City and San Francisco. An early edge is worth the gamble. Of course, Devon “The Copycat” Robinson coincidentally picks up the Colts’ defense in the seventh round. While I understand why he mimicked me, a master strategist, it was still a sad display. I punished him by stealing Eli Manning in the ninth round. I have the Manning brothers for my quarterback slot; he has Tony Romo and Matt Ryan: the choke artist and a rookie. Oh well, maybe Devon will get lucky and get a real quarterback in a trade. It doesn’t really matter. He will need more than luck when we go head-to-head in week five. I can’t wait to see the expression on his face.

Laughing maniacally,
Marlon

For Marlon and Devon’s full draft results check out www.theallstate.com.

Online



Govs’ football head coach Rick Christophel talks to the team. Christophel and the Govs’ opened the season in Fargo, N.D. against the North Dakota State Bison. See game story at www.theallstate.com

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The Lady Govs kicked off the 2008 season Friday, Aug. 22. See up-to-date results at www.apsugovernors.com.