



Horton hears a win

Govs will face Kansas in NCAA tournament

BY GLAVINE DAY
Sports Editor

The APSU Governors men's basketball team have shocked the Ohio Valley Conference, APSU, themselves and their fans by being the first No. 8 seed to ever make an OVC Championship

appearance and win it. After multiple comebacks in the four-game tournament run, the Govs have been named the No. 16 NCAA seed, and will face the No. 1 seeded Kansas in the NCAA March Madness tournament. The Govs' spring break was especially eventful

because Head Men's Basketball Coach Dave Loos' granddaughter, Rhyann Loos, successfully had a cancerous tumor removed the same day the Govs won the first round of the OVC tourney. The No. 16 seed Govs return to action in

Des Moines, Iowa on Thursday, March 17, to play the No. 1 seed Kansas.

Turn to page 8 for coverage of the Govs NCAA tournament berth and page 10 for the national impact of #RallyForRhyann. *TAS*



Chris Horton, left, took pictures with fans at the Dunn Center on Selection Sunday on Sunday, March 13. **TAYLOR SLIFKO | PHOTO EDITOR**

ARMED APSU

360 APSU employees could carry concealed handguns with new bill

BY SEAN MCCULLY
News Editor

At least 360 full-time APSU employees may soon be able to carry concealed handguns on campus in accordance with a bill introduced in the Tennessee General Assembly in January 2016.

The bill, HB 1736 authored by Sen. Mike Bell from Riceville, Tennessee, would allow "Employees of any state college or university operating under the state board of regents or



Bell

the University of Tennessee board of trustees [to carry a concealed handgun] if the employee is: authorized to carry a handgun and carrying the handgun only on property owned, operated or in use by the college or university employing the employee," according to the bill.

Current APSU policy bans possession and use of rifles, handguns, replica/toy guns, BB guns, pellet guns, stun guns, knives and martial arts equipment on APSU property,

according to APSU's Student Code of Conduct.

Bell said his bill is needed because the police do not have the ability to protect everyone at all times, and he specifically cited the Oregon campus shooting in October 2015 as an example.

"I would disagree that a possible change in the law is not necessary," Bell said. "It would allow people who are permit holders to defend themselves where the police cannot be right now and the police cannot be everywhere."

APSU Student Government

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Jenkins and Wynne lot opens

Lot adds 90 additional spaces to APSU's master plan

BY SEAN MCCULLY
News Editor

Students and faculty will have an easier time finding a parking space at APSU after the parking lot previously owned by Jenkins and Wynne opened for APSU use on Monday, March 14.

This lot, located on College Street, brings an additional 90 spaces to APSU's 4,444 total spaces according to Parking Consultant David Lieb.

APSU is currently in the process of effectively incorporating this acquired property into the university's master plan.

According to Chief of APSU Police Michael Kasitz, this lot is overflow parking, meaning it is open for students and APSU employees.

Kasitz said the section of the lot closest to College Street will ultimately be used as a green space.

The parking lot's asphalt removal and landscaping will take place later this spring.

This process started as early as October 2014 when the Proposed Property Acquisition was sent to the Tennessee Board of Regents. The acquisition was approved in December 2014.

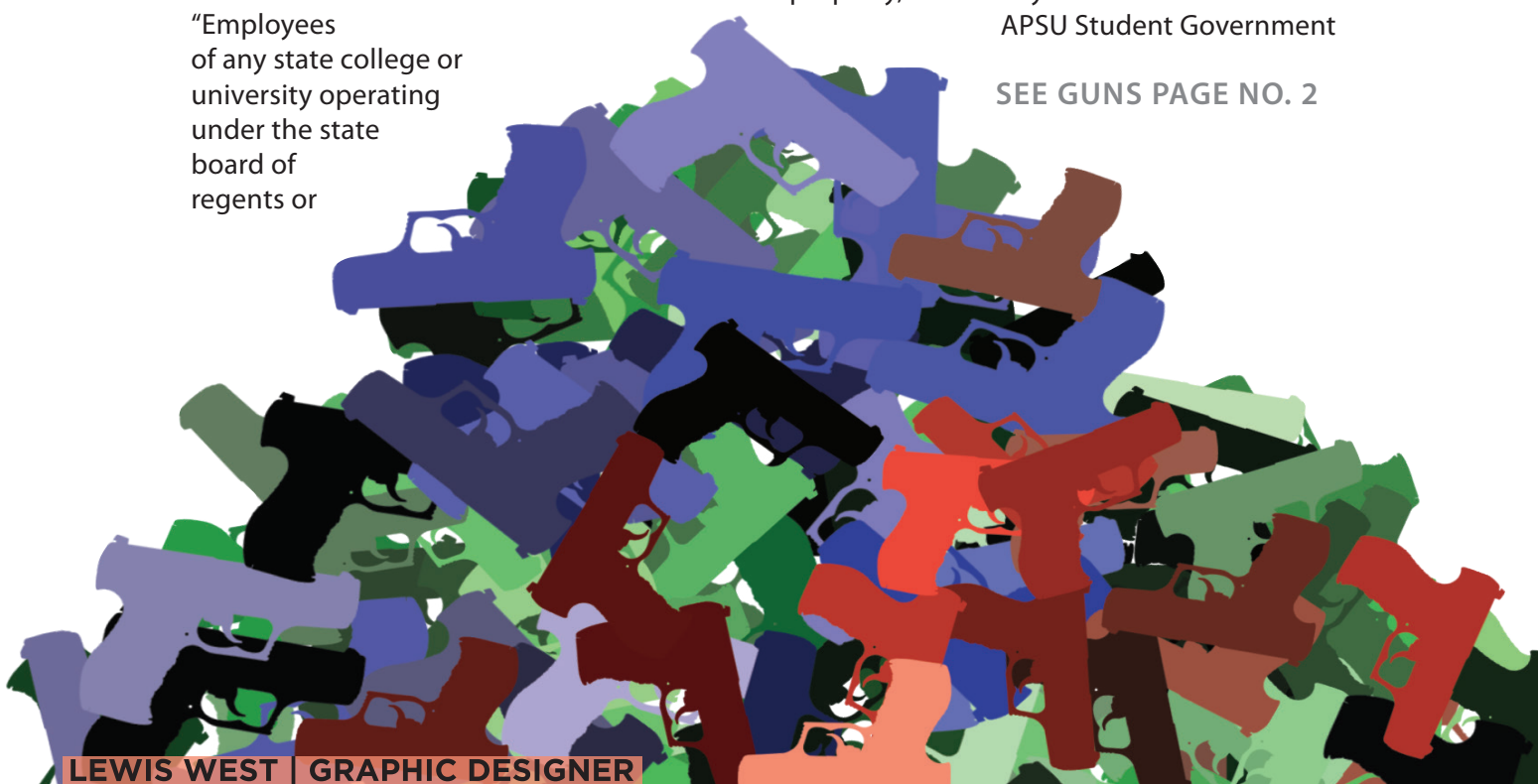
CEO of Jenkins and Wynne Don Jenkins said he gave APSU the opportunity to buy the property because he thought it was the best use for it.

"I think APSU has always been a jewel for Clarksville," Jenkins said. "Part of having property in downtown is being a good steward of what you have, and the best use of the property would be for APSU to have it."

APSU President Alisa White said APSU was given an extraordinary possibility with the offer of the Jenkins and Wynne property.

"[This purchase] is the opportunity of a lifetime," White said.

At the staff convocation on Aug. 23, 2015, APSU President Alisa White said the university will concentrate on making this "pretty parking" since the property will contribute to APSU's expansion down College Street. *TAS*



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SGA PASSES TRANSPARENCY ACT

SGA will recommend Emerald Hill apartments be pet-friendly

BY SEAN MCCULLY
News Editor

Students will soon be able to see exactly what their SGA fee supports in accordance with Act No. 10, which was passed at the March 2, Student Government Association meeting.

The act requires SGA to release a financial report including all expenditures and the starting and ending balance of SGA's funds for the previous fiscal year.

Sens. Dylan Kellogg and Johnathan Johnson co-authored the act.

Kellogg defended the act during the discussion period at the SGA meeting and said the act was not written in an attempt to "expose" SGA.

"This is not to expose SGA, to show off how we're embezzling money or anything like that because I know that's not happening," Kellogg said. "But I know that we spend \$15,000 to hand out to

student organizations, \$4,000 helping starving children and thousands of other dollars helping students out."

Kellogg said the act is intended to show students where SGA allocates their funds. "This is like a report card," Kellogg said. "It's not trying to expose anything, it's just showing off to the students what good we're doing."

Dean of Students and SGA adviser Gregory Singleton said APSU has one of the most fiscally conservative student governments in the Tennessee Board of Regents.

"[APSU's] SGA has not raised their fee in over 10 years," Singleton said. "The SGA fee is \$5 per semester. We have the lowest SGA fee in the entire TBR system out of 47 institutions."

Singleton said SGA receives their student funding during the fall semester after students have paid all their tuition and fees, so he suggested the act be amended to require SGA to publish the financial record by Oct. 1, instead of the beginning of each fiscal year.

Kellogg disagreed and said the report should serve only as a "report card" to show where the previous general assembly of SGA spent their money.

After prolonged discussion and a failed motion from Sen. Austin McKain to table the act until the next SGA meeting, the act passed in its original form.

SGA will publish their first financial report on July 1, 2016.

In addition to Act No. 10, SGA passed Resolution No. 26, which looks to make the Emerald Hill Apartments pet-friendly.

Authored by Sen. Jake Bumpus, this resolution sends a letter of recommendation to the Housing Office recommending that pets be allowed in Emerald Hill Apartments, which is housing for non-traditional students.

The resolution cites the companionship pets bring to their owners and Meacham Apartments' trial run of pet-friendly apartments beginning next semester as the reasons for its implementation.

After some discussion,

the act was amended to say this extension to Emerald Hill Apartments is contingent upon Meacham Apartments' success in their trial run.

After this amendment, the resolution passed unanimously.

The third and final piece of Old Business was Resolution No. 25.

This resolution, authored by Bumpus, failed after discussion in the senate.

This resolution sought to remove the speed bump in between the Felix G. Woodward Library and the Clement Auditorium.

In New Business, SGA heard two new pieces of legislation, including Resolution No. 28, which seeks to have APSU implement a "web-based communication/chat board for APSU students."

Authored by Sen. Daisia Frank, this resolution cites other universities' success with systems like Tennessee State University's Tiger Chat and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville's VolNation as the reason for implementation.

The other piece of legislation was



SGA LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION NO. 25

Jake Bumpus
Removal of speed bump between Clement Building and Browning Drive
Failed

RESOLUTION NO. 26

Bumpus
Recommends the allowance of pets in Emerald Hills Apartments
Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 27

Travis Hodge
Recommends installation of a pedestrian traffic light
N/A

ACT NO. 10

Dylan Kellogg, Johnathan Johnson
Creates a new article to SGA By-Laws that will make SGA spending and budget public notice
Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 28

Daisia Frank
Recommend APSU implement a web-based communication board
N/A

Resolution No. 27, which recommends the installation of a pedestrian traffic light on the crosswalk of Eighth Street between the Maynard Mathematics and Computer Science Building and the Sundquist Science Complex.

This resolution was authored by Sen. Travis Hodge.

SGA is preparing for The Big Event on Saturday, March 19, and SGA President Will

Roberts said one of this year's service locations will include a carnival for the children in Lincoln Homes.

Applications for senate seats and Executive Board positions opened on March 2. The deadline to apply for an SGA position is Wednesday, March 23, and elections will be held from March 29-31 with ratification on April 1.

The next SGA meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, at 4 p.m. in MUC 307. *TAS*



Kellogg

Hoverboards banned at APSU

BY CELESTE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

APSU has announced it is banning self-balancing scooters, or "hoverboards," on campus.

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, or CPSC, has launched an investigation and they have issued an advisory to the manufacturers,

importers and retailers of the product. They said they believe there are risks of injury and death associated with fires because of the product.

As a result of the investigation and national reports of these incidents, the CPSC has recommended placing a temporary ban on these products until they can be better studied and

understood.

Effective Monday, March 14, there will be no storing, possessing or use of the self-balancing scooters including, but not limited to hoverboards, Swagways, IO Hawks, Skywalkers and similar devices at APSU.

They will remain prohibited until safety regulations can be established.

APSU and MTSU are two of the first colleges in Tennessee to place a ban on these devices.

Across the nation, multiple schools have banned the self-balancing scooters including American University in Washington, D.C.; Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts; Emerson College in Boston; Georgia State University in Atlanta; Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey; George Washington University in Washington, D.C.; Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut; Suffolk University in Boston; Wellesley University in Wellesley, Massachusetts; Salva Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island and the University of North Georgia.

For more information, visit apsu.edu/fin-admin. *TAS*



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Association President Will Roberts has lobbied against Bell's bill since its introduction. "There's a time and place for everything, and there's neither a time nor a place for guns on this campus outside of campus security," Roberts said. "When we see a campus police officer, there's a level of respect there because we know they've been trained to use their weapons. Bringing guns into the classroom highly disturbs the learning environment."

Roberts said TBR should look at alternative preventative measures when it comes to campus gun violence. "If there was a situation where somebody had to use a weapon or was using a weapon on campus, campus police shouldn't have to designate between a professor and someone who is trying to cause

harm when they both have guns in their hands," Roberts said. "That's the big thing to me. So I think the state should put money into technology that can secure campuses at the touch of a button. There's more ways to secure a campus than arming the staff."

Chief of APSU Police Michael Kasitz said APSU's police are professionally trained and the current system benefits because of this. "APSU's professionally trained police are trained by the state and provide a robust security to campus," Kasitz said. "It is our opinion that this arrangement works well."

Kasitz said APSU, as a school under the Tennessee Board of Regents umbrella, will certainly be affected by this bill if it passes, but he was not sure exactly how. "It is difficult to determine how this will impact the university," Kasitz said. "The administration at APSU is of

“There’s a time and place for everything and there’s neither a time nor a place for guns on this campus outside of campus security.”

-Will Roberts, SGA President

the opinion that firearms do not enhance the freedom of thought or learning at a university campus."

In order to receive a handgun carry license in Tennessee, applicants must be 21-year-old Tennessee residents with no

prior felony offenses, according to the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security. The full list of requirements and qualifications is available at www.tn.gov/safety.

In 2011, a bill similar to Bell's, HB 1014, was presented in the Tennessee General Assembly. It was ultimately voted down, but it intended to, "authorize full-time faculty and staff at public colleges and universities in Tennessee to carry handguns if not otherwise prohibited by law," according to Tennessee Capitol records.

Following HB 1014's introduction, APSU's SGA passed Resolution No. 8 in March 2011 that "opposed any legislation that would alter the current policy of APSU prohibiting guns on campus," according to the legislation.

One of the co-authors of this resolution, previous Sen. Jesse Brewer, said during the March 16, 2011, SGA meeting that

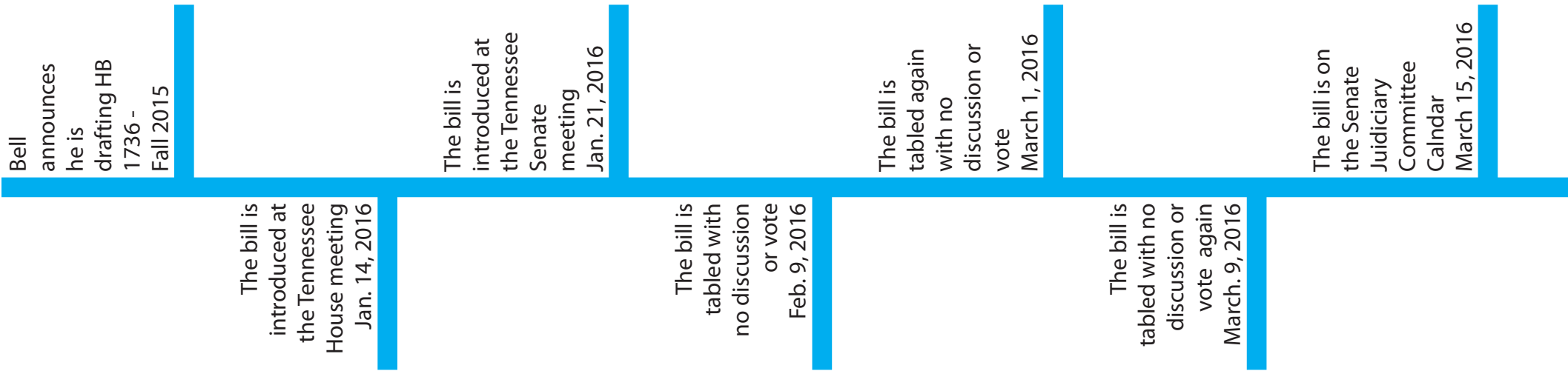
guns weren't needed in the classroom because they disrupt education.

"There is no need for guns because there are police on campus," Brewer said according to past SGA meeting coverage from *The All State*. "[Having guns in the classroom] will cause problems with academic freedom in the classroom. [Co-author Sen. Johnathan Jeans] and I are in favor of the current policy."

Bell's bill has been in and out of committees since its introduction in January, and it has been rolled without discussion or vote on at least three separate occasions on Feb. 9, March 1, and Wednesday, March 9.

At press time, Bell's bill is placed on the Tennessee Senate Judiciary Committee calendar for Tuesday, March 15.

To contact Bell with a comments or concerns on his bill, call (615) 741-1946. *TAS*



This timeline shows Tennessee House Bill 1736's life, according to the Tennessee General Assembly. **SEAN MCCULLY | NEWS EDITOR**



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Real cost of having natural hair could be employment

BY CELESTE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

Places of business should not be concerned with how I wear my hair. Natural hair in the workplace has been a very divisive subject and while some companies try to embrace it, some actually try to tell others to “tone it down” or even straighten it. It is not our fault that these voluminous curls or coils are what grows on our heads, and we should not have to be told how to wear it.

Since the early 1400s when we were brought to the U.S., we had to mask our hair. We began to lose sight of African culture the longer we were enslaved and had to begin embracing a new one that contained pale white skin, more clothing, skinny features and, most importantly, straight hair.

Until only 52 years ago, after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we would not have been able to vote, go to school, use the same bathroom or even get an equal shot at a job opportunity like our white counterparts.

Wearing our hair naturally can stand for going against society’s and usual standards for what beauty truly is. It’s style that comes to us as it is and a way to be beautiful without having to conform to the silky straight notions many jobs and people seem to have.

For those reasons, I have never truly seen wearing natural hair as being a “bad thing” until I began writing a paper for class about it. During my research, I found stories of women and men being reprimanded for not conforming to society’s ways.

One instance of “curly hair crime” was when meteorologist Rhonda Lee, from KTBS news channel in Louisiana, was fired

from her job because she responded to comments on Facebook that addressed her natural hair.

Another is Tiffany Bryan, a bone-marrow transplant survivor, went natural after having to go through

treatments where she lost her crowning glory in 2008. While working as a security guard at AEG Worldwide, Bryan endured countless comments about how she needed to “tame” her hair.

One supervisor said she “looked like

she stuck her finger in a socket and was electrocuted” and another advised that she “needed to do something with her hair.” Bryan eventually got fed up and sued the company for \$900,000. The outcome is still pending but the degrading comments will last a lifetime.

In August 2012, reports surfaced that the dean of Hampton University School of Business banned dreadlocks and cornrows in the school back in 2001. His reasoning was that it would help for students to find corporate jobs in the future. The even more interesting thing about this issue is that Hampton University is a historically black university, which are also known as HBCUs.

HBCUs normally drive the notion that it is OK to be African American and to embrace one’s heritage.

All three of these instances further drive the question: Are we as African Americans working towards conforming or working to change the way people think?

As an African American woman who wears her natural hair proudly, I feel like we have to start changing the way people think and educating them about why we wear our hair the way we do.

Just like Bryan, we need to start holding these companies accountable for their comments and asking them for legitimate reasons to be “let go.”

We cannot choose the way our natural hair looks naturally. If people are distracted by it, they should re-evaluate their focus. People need to start getting used to seeing diversity on television and in the corporate sector because we are not going anywhere and neither are our copious amounts of curls.

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The only thing that separates women of color from anyone else is opportunity.”

-Viola Davis

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We have an opportunity to make America a better nation.”

-Martin Luther King Jr. Davis

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This nation was founded by men of many nations and backgrounds it was founded on the principle that all men are created equal.”

-John F. Kennedy

Students reenact civil rights speeches

WNSAACC celebrates 3rd annual re-enactment ceremony

BY COURTNEY GAITHER

Features Editor

APSU students, faculty and staff came out to the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center Thursday, Feb 25 to participate in its annual Civil Right reenactment competition.

Students picked different speeches throughout history that promote African Americans and their advancements within civil rights.

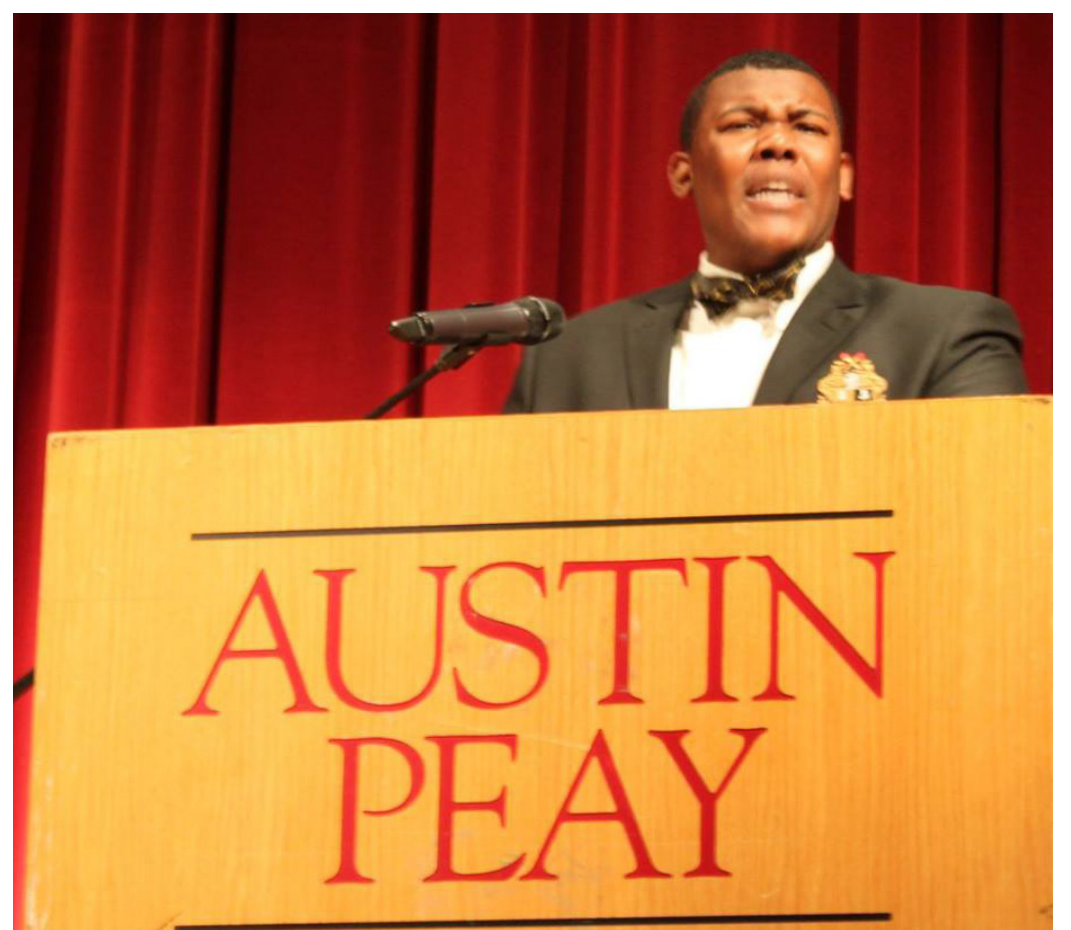
Speeches ranged from Viola Davis’ acceptance speech after receiving her award at the Emmy’s to John F. Kennedy’s Civil Rights Address of 1963.

Each student who participated in the re-enactment had a chance to win first, second or third place prizes based on their overall speech performance and which speech they chose.

A money prize of \$150 was awarded to the winner, Artrice Pray.

Pray performed Martin Luther King Jr.’s “If I had Sneezed.” The speech recounts King’s appreciation of life and his ability to spread the word of civil rights after a woman stabbed him repeatedly, and that if he had just sneezed it would have been the end of his life.

The re-enactment is celebrated as part of Black History Month to educate students on civil rights and to remind people of all colors that America is still fighting for them today. *TAS*



Artrice Pray was the winner of the WNSAACC’s Civil Rights speech re-enactment that took place in the Clement auditorium Thursday, Feb. 25. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Students speak out against interpersonal violence

APSU students re-enact monologues from “A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer”

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Kim Escue, top right, co-host of the evening, begins with a spoken word piece, and Joe Palmer, right, performs “Rescue” at the One Billion Speaking event that honors “A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer” on March 3. The event presents different monologues written about and by women who have dealt with violence. Performed by both men and women, the event is part of the V-Day movement which educates people on the rising violence against women all over the world. JONATHAN BUNTON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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by Linda Thistle

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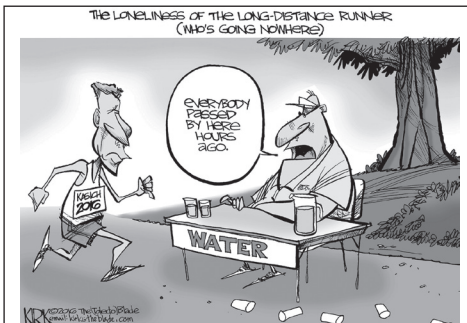
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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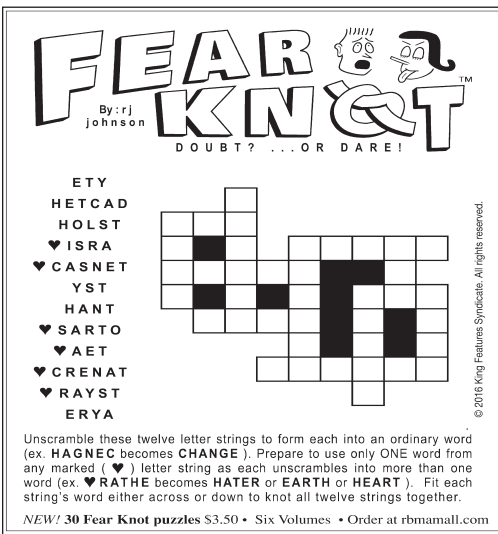
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The team holds their OVC trophy proudly in the air as fans surround them in support on March 5, 2016. TAYLOR SLIFKO | PHOTO EDITOR

Governors dominate Martin in OVC championship game

BY NOAH HOUCK
Guest Writer

Shouts of “Let’s go Peay” filled the Nashville Municipal Auditorium as hundreds of students and fans delayed their spring break plans and made the trip to Nashville to see APSU win the OVC championship for the first time since 2008.

On Men’s Head Basketball Coach Dave Loos’ birthday, Jared Savage, Josh Robinson and the rest of the Goves used fundamental shooting, consistent rebounding and proficient free throw shooting to earn the OVC Championship and a berth in the NCAA National Basketball Tournament.

APSU came back from a rocky start to beat the University of Tennessee at Martin 83-73.

APSU fans filled the Nashville Municipal Auditorium to see Cinderella make the slipper fit against the UTM Skyhawks.

Entering the night, APSU was 0-2 in regular season play against UTM, including a home loss in overtime.

Following the championship, APSU has earned their first NCAA Men’s National Tournament berth since 2008.

UTM hoped to win their first championship but were unable to stop the Goves, who were peaking at the premier time.

The Goves were the determined Cinderella of the OVC this year, and the first eighth seed to ever win the OVC Championship.

UTM opened up the game with a fast-paced 11-3 run fueled by 3-pointers and free-throws. Martin senior Alex Anderson went 2-2 from the field during the run.

APSU struggled to get going at 1-6 from the field. Jared Savage went 0-4 behind the arc for the Goves in the first five minutes.

Martin’s pace was broken by Khalil Davis, who was the only Gov to score in the first five minutes, followed by a defensive foul from Martin forward Myles Taylor.

On the ensuing possession, APSU

senior center Chris Horton drove to the basket to open his account. Savage broke his opening drought with a 3-pointer to cut Martin’s lead to 11-10.

APSU created turnovers but continued to struggle from the floor, including a miss from the paint that would have given the Goves their first lead.

Despite entering the first 10 minutes with offensive woes, the Goves played strong defense to hold the Skyhawks to 4-11 from the field.

Robinson sent a pass to the rim that connected with Horton to give APSU their first lead at 14-13. Savage followed up with two 3-pointers. Davis continued the Goves’ momentum with a layup, catapulting them to a 9-point lead.

Martin broke the Goves’ 19-2 run when Taylor drove down the court for a layup that cut APSU’s lead to 7 points.

APSU was able to establish the lead off the backs of Horton, Davis and Savage, who collectively had 13 of the Goves’ 15 rebounds. John Murry opened up his personal scoring with a field goal that put the Goves ahead 26-18.

With less than five minutes in the first half, the Goves’ leading rebounder Horton went down on the court and was assisted to the locker room by medical staff. Chandler Rowe of UTM was given a flagrant foul for the play that injured the Goves’ star player. Robinson then converted both free throws to put APSU up 29-20.

Horton returned to the court a few moments later to a wall of cheers. During his absence, the Skyhawks used a 3-pointer and a few short-range shots to come within 2 points of APSU’s 29-27 lead.

Murry slipped in two continuous triples to slide APSU back to a 7-point lead. Jacolby Mobley answered for Martin with a breakaway dunk.

Savage responded with his fourth 3-pointer of the night, extending APSU’s lead to 38-33 at the half.



Chris Horton embraces Khalil Davis after winning the OVC Championship against UT Martin on Saturday, March 5, 2016. TAYLOR SLIFKO | PHOTO EDITOR



Khali Davis celebrates his team's win on March 5, 2016.
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The opening half of the championship was a perfect representation of how APSU's stay in Nashville had been going.

The Govs opened up the half with missed shots from behind the arc while Martin increased their lead.

The Govs fought back, created turnovers and got hot behind the 3-point line, going 7-17 to take control of the game.

Martin earned their points from in the paint and on fast breaks. Savage led the first half with 12 points.

Savage picked up where he left off for the Govs, going 3-3 from behind the arc to open APSU's second half scoring.

Robinson joined in with his first triple of the game. The combined freshman and sophomore force broke APSU out to a 12-4 run in the second half. Martin used solid free throw shooting to stay close, but Davis sent in a 3-pointer to extend APSU's lead to 53-42 with 15 minutes left in regulation.

APSU continued to convert opportunities from the field with a Robinson 3-pointer.

UTM struggled from the ground in the second half, going 16-45 through the opening 30 minutes.

The crowd's energy partially fueled the Govs to control the opening and mid-point of the second half.

Though the game was in Nashville, the energy in the building had painted the Nashville Municipal Auditorium red.

Horton followed a play into the paint for a layup, earning his eighth point of the night and a 62-46 lead for the Govs.

Robinson went to the free-throw line for APSU having gone 2-2 on the day, but missed both of the shots.

Chris Porter-Bunton scored his first points of the night with a 3-pointer on his fourth attempt. Murry proceeded to make another 3-pointer, giving him

11 points in the game.

UTM's Twymond Howard's layup gave him 20 points on the night, and UTM called a time-out to try to cool the Govs hot streak from beyond the 3-point line.

APSU went 25-50 from the field and 15-28 from 3-pointers through 35 minutes of basketball, bringing the score to 68-56.

Martin used quiet close-range shots and free-throws to keep the the Govs from pulling away, but the 3-point shooting stayed solid for APSU. Savage hit a 3-pointer to put APSU up 71-60 with just over three minutes left.

Robinson drove to the basket and was fouled while still connecting with the layup, giving APSU a chance at a 3-point play. Robinson hit the free throw putting APSU up by 14 with under three minutes left.

Mobley then fouled Robinson for the third time in the game. Robinson scored both shots to extend APSU's lead to 76-64.

UTM's Alex Anderson and Mobley struck for three to pull Martin within 8 points with just over a minute left.

Robinson then hit a trio of free throws, extending APSU's lead.

APSU held the ball to close out the game 83-73, earning the title of OVC Champions and a NCAA Tournament berth. The improbable Cinderella team from APSU made history as the first eighth seed to ever win the OVC Tournament and will continue their season into the biggest tournament in basketball.

Savage ended the night with 24 points, followed by Robinson with 20. Horton ended with 8 points and 8 rebounds.

All three were named to the OVC All-Tournament Team, with Horton being selected as Most Valuable Player.

The Govs were able to give Dave Loos his fourth Ohio Valley Conference Championship and the program's fifth overall on his 69th birthday. *TAS*



Cheerleader Taylor Saucedo holds the official APSU NCAA t-shirt at the selection watch party on Sunday, March 13, 2016. TAYLOR SLIFKO | PHOTO EDITOR



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#Rally4Rhyan goes national

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Thanks to the Governors basketball team making the NCAA Tournament, Rhyan Loos is now the sixth (wo)man on the team.

Rhyan, the granddaughter of APSU's Head Men's Basketball Coach Dave Loos, was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma in October 2015.

Neuroblastoma is a cancer often found in the small glands on top of the kidneys. Children ages 5 or younger are most commonly affected, according to cancer.org.

Rhyan was diagnosed at the age of 5.

She went through her sixth round of chemotherapy the weekend APSU upset the Ohio Valley Conference by winning the championship game.

On Coach Loos' 69th birthday, he received an NCAA tournament berth and a phone call saying Rhyan's tumor was successfully removed.

APSU made history by becoming the first eighth seed to win the OVC tournament as well.

Brad Loos, the son of Coach Loos, is the head assistant coach at the University of Missouri, which held a "Rally for Rhyan" game against the Tennessee Volunteers on Jan. 9.

Missouri snapped a nine-game losing streak and raised \$50,000 for Rhyan's cause.

APSU has rallied for Rhyan for more than half the season.

The Govs wore shooter shirts with the hashtag #Rally4Rhyan during the OVC game against rival Murray State, which APSU won in

high fashion.

By receiving a bid to the NCAA tournament, APSU brought nationwide attention to the team and the story behind Rhyan Loos.

The Govs have helped the Loos family overcome the news of the cancer by rallying themselves into the tournament.

The Govs have big shoes to fill as they will take on the No.1 seeded Kansas Jayhawks.

With the Loos family rallying from the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, APSU will try and become the first ever 16th seed to upset a No. 1 seed.

"Hopefully, playing APSU in some way, shape or form will bring attention to the cause and what they are trying to do with his granddaughter," said Jayhawks coach Bill Self.

CBS sat down with Loos, Horton and the rest of the APSU team to talk about what they have accomplished so far.

Brad Loos made a surprise appearance during the interview with "a little encouragement from the Big Apple." Brad's wife, Jen, was sitting at Rhyan's bedside with a message.

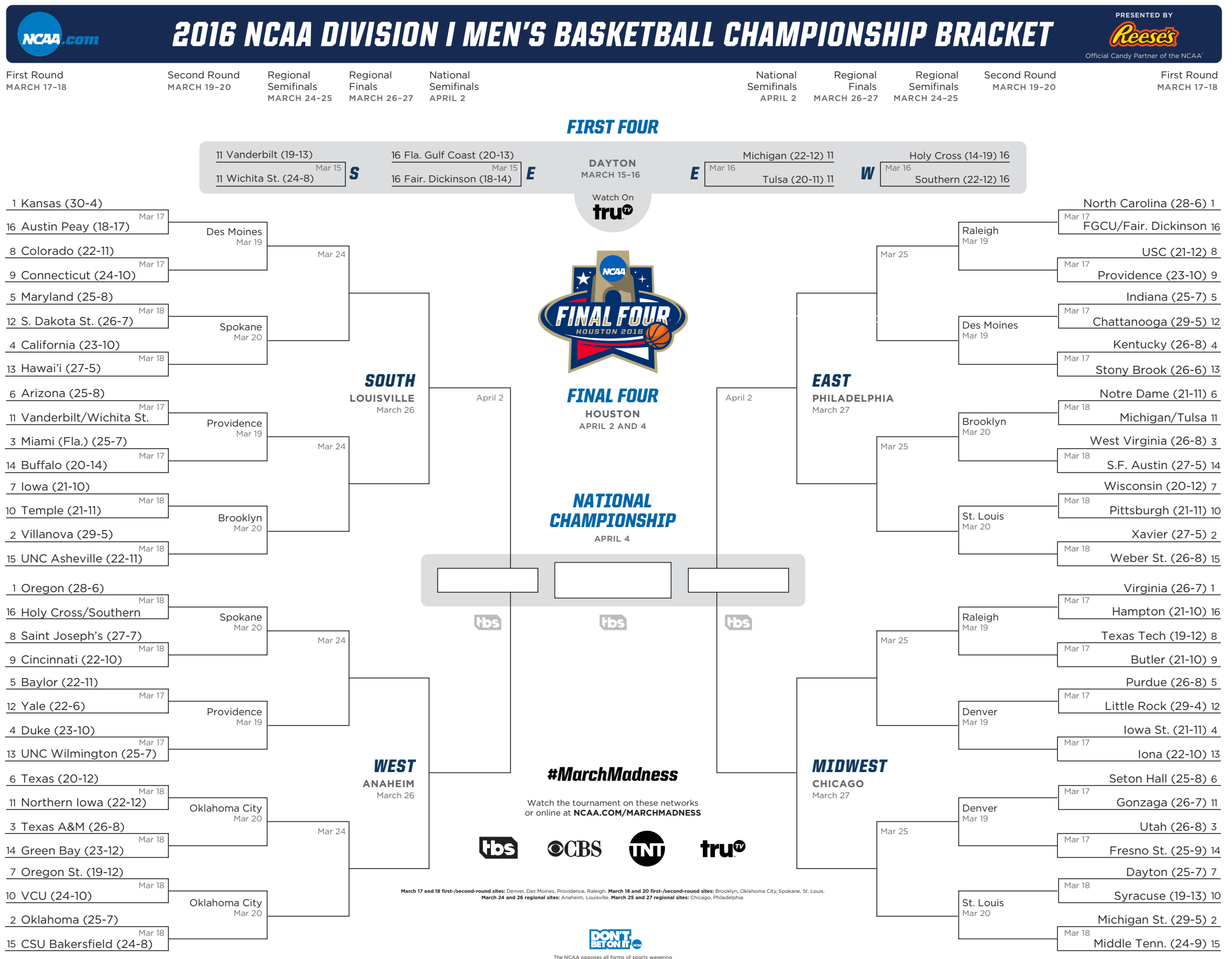
"Hey, Dave, we just wanted to send a message and let you know that we're hanging in there here," said Rhyan's mother. "Rhyan's doing good. We've been watching the games and we can't wait to see you get a win next week."

Rhyan's good luck message to the team may be what it takes to help APSU prevail during the next game.

From Clarksville, Tennessee, to Missouri and all the way to the Big Apple, everyone is "Rallying For Rhyan." *TAS*



The Governors sport #RallyforRhyan on the back of their warm-ups during the OVC tournament as a tribute for five-year-old daughter of Jen and Brad Loos on March 5, 2016.
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