

## 'Gravel pit' finishes early, below budget

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Tennessee Board of Regents is finalizing the construction project involving finishing the gravel pit in the UC, constructing a three-room meeting area.

According to the APSU website, this project was not estimated to be finished until the summer.

The area was converted into a division of three rooms consistent in size with the meeting rooms on the third floor of the UC.

"The project was budgeted for \$675,000 but was completed for \$356,190. This included all architectural, engineering, plan prep, and project management," said Andy Kean, University Facilities director.

Kean said when the UC

was built in 2001, APSU did not have the resources or a plan for what to do with the basement. He said since enrollment has grown substantially over the past three years, demands for meeting rooms have increased.

He said these rooms have much more eminent design and are more flexible than the meeting rooms on the third floor. The new rooms have tiled floors instead of carpeted rooms.

Kean said the space currently does not have any audio/visual equipment or furniture but should be furnished and accessible for meetings by the summer.

"I think everyone will be very pleased with the completion of the project," Kean said. ♦

### Share A Smile Winner

Amanda Michelle Brown, member of the Alpha Delta Pi, was announced as the winner of APSU Share A Smile contest. Brown won \$1,000 for her entry titled "Three Legged Race With New Friend." Her photo and caption are featured below.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"Recently, I volunteered at an Easter egg hunt for foster children. The event began with games. One of the games was a three legged race. While several children excitedly tied their legs together, some stood shyly aside. One such child was Linda. I introduced myself and asked her if she would like to race. She told me that she didn't have a partner. I told her that if she would like to race, I would be her partner. Linda looked at me a little unsure, but nodded her head and smiled. The race began. With our arms around each other and our legs tied together Linda and I won. Growing up, I had a difficult childhood. Although I was blessed to have been given an escape, I was still shy and insecure. When I saw Linda, I saw a little bit of myself. I saw that same shy and unsure girl who needed someone to reach out. I hugged Linda tightly and thanked her for racing with me and for reminding me of how blessed I am. I don't think I will ever forget the smile on her face as we ended our embrace, and I know I'll never forget how much she made me smile I know that this is contest is supposed to be about how we made someone else smile, but this picture isn't about that. It's about a smile of hope and understanding shared between kindred spirits."

### WOMEN'S TENNIS



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Carolin Weikard jumps for an overhand smash. Weikard scored the winning point that made the Lady Govs this season's OVC Tournament champions. Weikard was named Freshman of the Year; she has won 13 straight in singles and 9-0 in the conference. For more information, see Sports page eight.

### EARTH DAY

#### Earth Day Birthday 2010

On Thursday, April 22, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the UC, participants can bring empty plastic bottles to play Pitch It to Win It for a chance to win the grand prize. To volunteer for Earth Day 2010 contact Robin Reed at 221-1007 or reedr@apsu.edu

#### Plant the Campus Red

Plant the Campus Red will be held Saturday, April 24, at 9:30 a.m. starting in the McCord parking lot. Students, faculty, staff and community volunteers are encouraged to plant flowers and a enjoy a free cookout. Participants who register before the event will receive a free T-shirt. To preregister contact University Advancement at 221-7352.

For more information about how to make APSU environmentally friendly, visit [www.apsu.edu/green](http://www.apsu.edu/green).

### RIVERS AND SPIRES



SYNTHIA CLARK | PHOTO EDITOR

The Charlie Daniels band performed at Rivers and Spires as the headliner. Daniels is playing the fiddle on Saturday, April 17, to end Rivers and Spires. Visit [www.theallstate.org](http://www.theallstate.org) for video and more pictures from Rivers and Spires.

## Meal plans help campus, students

By BRIAN BIGELOW  
Guest Writer

Last year, eight to 10 thousand Plus dollars went unspent at the end of the spring semester.

According to Joe Lachina, senior director of APSU Dining Services, and Cecil Wilson, assistant director of APSU Housing/Residence Life and Dining Services, the unspent Plus dollars that don't roll over from spring to fall are reabsorbed by Chartwells to cover operating costs, such as equipment, utensils, plates, silverware, payroll and food costs and help to make meal plans more affordable.

APSU meal plans through Chartwells are among the cheapest per meal of any Tennessee college.

Lachina said a student at UT Knoxville can expect to pay, on average, \$1.22 more per meal than an APSU

student with a comparable meal plan, and students at Tennessee Tech pay as much as \$2.39 more per meal than APSU students.

"Students with a meal plan have one less thing to worry about. Parents can feel at ease knowing their student has access to food every day of the week," Wilson.

"Meal plans help students save money ... and all of the time associated with grocery shopping, menu planning, dish washing and the trouble and time of driving to the store," Wilson said.

University policy requires that all residential students, except those living in Emerald Hills and Two Rivers apartments, have meal plans.

This is done for several reasons; one of the foremost is to control cost.

"Requiring meal plans

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# Tennessee ranked in top 20 for STDs

By **LORI PERKINS**  
*Guest Writer*

April is sexually transmitted disease (STD) awareness month. Students should be aware that the Department of Health ranked Tennessee the 11th state to have the most widespread cases of chlamydia, 12th for gonorrhea, sixth for syphilis and the 17th for HIV infections and AIDS.

Chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis are the most frequently diagnosed STDs, and reports show that one in five Americans have HIV and do not know it.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) STDs are a major public health challenge in the United States. The CDC estimates there are approximately 19 million new STD infections each year, almost half of them among young people 15-24 years of age.

The cost of STDs to the U.S. health care system is estimated to be as much as \$15.9 billion annually.

In 2008, there were more than 1.5 million total cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea reported, making them the two most commonly reported infectious diseases in the United States.

STDs in sexually active teenagers continue to grow. According to the CDC, in 2008, girls 15 to 19 had the highest numbers of reported chlamydia cases (342,875).

In an effort to promote screenings, explain the symptoms of STDs and help decrease the number of cases, media network MTV, CDC, Kaiser Family Foundation, Planned Parenthood and others are

using a nationwide slogan GYT (Get Yourself Tested) to help young people become aware of the threatening issue.

They are advocating the importance of knowing and talking to your partner and getting tested.

“I think everyone should get tested. Don’t assume you’re OK,” said Perry Scanlan, allied health sciences associate professor and Medical Technology program director.

“If you can’t recognize them [the person], will you recognize the sign on an STD? Probably not.”

— **Perry Scanlan, allied health sciences associate professor and Medical Technology program director**

The concern is not just for those who are getting tested, but those who don’t. Some infections are “silent” and a carrier may not be aware that they are infected.

Untreated STDs will continue to spread from person-to-person and can lead to several health problems.

For women, the result can be infertility or pelvic inflammatory disease, and other health problems; men can become sterile.

“Many have no [noticeable] infection, they remain undiagnosed; it’s important to take steps for prevention,” said Nikki Kay, spokeswoman for the CDC.

Unprotected sex is one well known method of spreading infections.

Another factor is some people do not take all of their prescribed medication, which causes the infection to persist. The whole prescribed amount should be taken.

“Don’t take half the bottle and save them for later,” Scanlan said.

College students who binge drink also increase their chances of getting an STD.

“If you can’t recognize [the person], will you recognize the sign of an STD? Probably not,” Scanlan said.

Boyd Health Services takes steps to keep students informed that safe sex is still necessary. In February, they handed out condoms in the UC.

“We offer condoms in the lobby (at Boyd Health Services) all the time, and free brochures. We do presentations to APSU 1000 students. We have information ... we would be happy to speak directly to students,” said Cyndi Chester, graduate assistant.

The CDC recommends people practice abstinence or reduce the number of sexual partners.

Sexually active women and teenaged girls under the age of 26 should receive a chlamydia screening regularly.

“There are significant health threats,” Kay said.

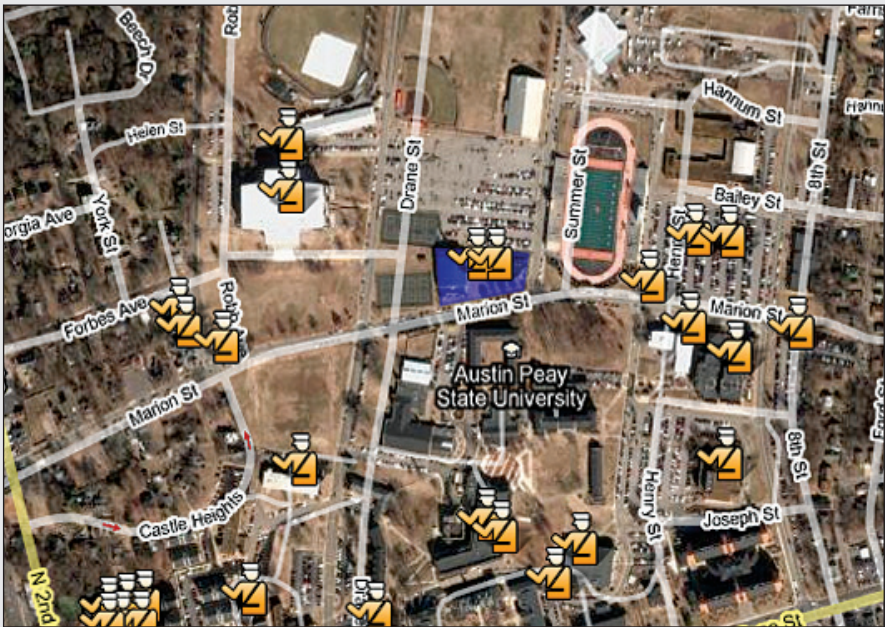
“Don’t ignore symptoms. Get tested, know your partner, be honest and get treated. People should be involved with people who are concerned about their health. Use condoms correctly from start to finish,” Scanlan said. ♦

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

The APSU crime log includes 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.

- 10:45 p.m., April 14, Govs Lane, vandalism
- 8:45 p.m., April 14, Eighth and Farris, driving on suspended license, arrested: Fran D. Caratani, 799 Leigh Ann Dr., Clarksville, Tenn. 37042
- 6:21 p.m., April 14, Foy parking lot, theft of property
- 10:29 p.m., April 12, Cross Hall, theft of property

- 5:54 p.m., April 12, Foy parking lot, theft of property
- 5:55 p.m., April 8, Marion and Robb, driving on suspended license, arrested: Foster L. Billings, 3043 Nicloe Dr., Clarksville, Tenn. 37040
- 10:15 p.m., April 7, Trahern, theft of property
- 6:06 p.m., April 6, Henry Street, driving on suspended license, arrested: Timotheus Outlaw, 401 Woodtrace Dr., Clarksville, Tenn. 37042
- 8:32 p.m., April 5, Browning Drive, public intoxication, arrested: Clay B. Gillespie, 879 Old Steel Spring Rd., Clarksville Tenn. 37040



PATRICK ARMSTRONG | EDITOR IN CHIEF

To view an interactive map of campus crime, visit [www.theallstate.org](http://www.theallstate.org).

Meal

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of our residential students allows for a greater selection of dining options,” Wilson said.

“These meal plans help pay the operating costs associated with maintaining a convenience store, a Chick-fil-A, bringing in a Papa John’s and providing all of the other dining venues on campus.”

Every semester, roughly 1,200 students buy meal plans, meaning on average students who have meal plans spend all but eight of their Plus dollars by the end of the spring semester.

“Generally, week per week, 80 percent of the meal plan holders use their meals,” Lachina said.

“The other 20 percent do not use all of there meals. In other words, if they had a 14 meal plan they used

11 or 12 meals that week,” Lachina said.

Chartwells’ contract with APSU expires at the end of the Spring 2011 semester. At that time, APSU will accept bids for new dining contracts. The bids will be reviewed by an approval committee headed by Wilson and will consist of students and administrators.

“The bidding is open to everyone. Chartwells has to reapply just like everyone else,” Wilson said. ♦

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2010 Student Organization and Leader Awards Nominees and Recipients

Distinguished Student Leaders of the Year  
JESSIE BETH CATES - Spiritual Development  
BRANDY SEGRAVES - Peer Mentor  
MARTHA PAGE - Philanthropic and Community Service

Governors Rising Freshmen Leaders  
JOSEPH MARLER AND CAITLIN NELMS  
Governors Rising Sophomore Leaders  
TRENTON GAASCH AND KATHRYN WHITE  
Governors Rising Junior Leaders  
HYKEEM CRAFT AND KELSEA COX

Silent Inspiration Award  
CATIE TUCKER

Outstanding Student Employee of the Year  
MILLIE BURKE

Andrew “Drew” Simmons Intramural Leader of the Year  
CRAIG AMABILE

Athlete Leader of the Year  
STANLEY BROOKS, GOVERNORS FOOTBALL  
CARRIE BURGGRAF, TRACK AND FIELD

Governors Service Award  
KATIE SNIDER

Governors Impact Award  
RILEY BRAEM AND MATEEN SIDIQ

Valor Award  
JUSTIN GARNER

Women’s Studies Activist Award  
EMILY ELLISON

Adult Student Leaders of the Year  
TRENTON THOMAS AND LOIS JONES

Student Organization Member of the Year  
LESLIE CROUCH, History Club/Phi Alpha Theta, and  
CALEB ROBERTS, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

Governors Pride Senior Leadership Award  
CASEY GREEN AND PATRICK ARMSTRONG

Sorority Woman of the Year  
CASEY GREEN, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority  
Fraternity Man of the Year  
CALEB ROBERTS, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

Meningall Governors Cup Award  
SHAMAI LARSEN

Mr. and Madam Governor  
RACHAEL GROVES AND CHRISTOPHER DREW

Vice President’s Excellence in Leadership Award  
CALEB ROBERTS

Best New Adviser of the Year Award  
EMILY SHEARER, PEAY!NUTS

Student Organization Adviser of the Year  
MIKE DUNN, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

Exemplary Staff Member of the Year  
DR. HARRIETT MCQUEEN, Dean of Enrollment Management and Academic Support

Exemplary Faculty Member of the Year  
DR. JACK DEIBERT, Professor of Geology

President’s Cup Award  
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.  
CHI OMEGA WOMEN’S FRATERNITY  
SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY

Most Spirited Organization of the Year  
SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY

Rising Star Award  
ALPHA KAPPA PSI BUSINESS FRATERNITY

Outstanding Multicultural Program of the Year  
STUDENT TENNESSEE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND  
NAACP COLLEGE CHAPTER  
“2010 BLACK HISTORY BOWL”

Housing/Residence Life and Dining Services Program of the Year  
“CROSSING INTO CROSS”  
Jerry Cherry, Marcus Brown, Michael “Drew” Brown, LaStacia Evans and Anntoinett McCutchen

Outstanding Community Service Program Award  
SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY FOR “SEUSS FOR SCHOOLS”  
(provides books for schools and reading in the schools)

Thousand Points of Light Award  
CHI OMEGA WOMEN’S FRATERNITY FOR 2009 WINGS FOR WISHES  
(supports the Make a Wish Foundation)

Governors Service Award  
OMICRON DELTA KAPPA AND GOVS ORGANIZATION COUNCIL FOR  
“LATE NIGHT STUDY BREAK”

Governors Impact Award  
GAMMA BETA PHI

Co-Sponsored Program of the Year Award  
NAACP COLLEGE CHAPTER, S.I.S.T.E.R.S. UNITED, KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC., AND GAMMA BETA PHI FOR “STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS” (provided nine APSU families with food for Thanksgiving)

Outstanding Fundraiser of the Year  
SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY FOR DERBY DAYS  
(Derby Days raised \$5,000 to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network)

Program of the Year Award  
GOVS PROGRAMMING COUNCIL for the Homecoming Concert featuring the multi-award winning group Lady Antebellum

Greek Organization of the Year  
CHI OMEGA WOMEN’S FRATERNITY

Student Organization of the Year  
HISTORY CLUB/PHI ALPHA THETA

Excellence in Scholastic Endeavors - CHI OMEGA WOMEN’S FRATERNITY  
Excellence in Alumni Relations - SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY  
Excellence in Community Service - ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY  
Excellence in Innovative Programming - ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA SORORITY  
Excellence in Philanthropic Endeavors - SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY

Faculty and Staff Nominees  
DR. KENNETH CERVELLI, Assistant Professor, Languages and Literature  
DR. JACK DEIBERT, Professor of Geology  
MIKE DUNN, Title III Grant Advising Coordinator and Adviser, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity  
DR. LORETTA GRIFFY, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Adviser, Chi Omega Women’s Fraternity  
DR. ALEX KING, Associate Professor of Physics  
DR. HARRY CLARK MADDUX, Assistant Professor, English  
DR. HARRIETT MCQUEEN, Dean, Enrollment Management and Academic Support  
DR. DAVID NELSON, Assistant Professor, History and Philosophy and Adviser, History Club/Phi Alpha Theta  
DR. GREG RABIDOUX, Assistant Professor, Political Science and Adviser, Alpha Tau Omega  
EMILY SHEARER, Director, Athletics Marketing and Promotion and Adviser, Peay!Nuts  
DR. BLAIR THORNTON, Assistant Professor, Health and Human Performance  
STACIE WILSON-MUMPOWER, Instructor of Communication  
STEVE WILSON, Assistant Director of Web and Multimedia Design and Adviser, Sigma Chi Fraternity  
DR. MARY LOU WITHERSPOON, Professor of Mathematics


Student Organization Nominees  
ALPHA DELTA PI SORORITY  
ALPHA KAPPA PSI BUSINESS FRATERNITY  
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.  
ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.  
ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA SORORITY  
ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY  
CHI OMEGA WOMEN’S FRATERNITY  
GAMMA BETA PHI HONOR SOCIETY  
GOVS ORGANIZATION COUNCIL  
GOVS PROGRAMMING COUNCIL  
HISTORY CLUB/PHI ALPHA THETA HONOR SOCIETY  
KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.  
NAACP, APSU COLLEGE CHAPTER  
OMICRON DELTA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY  
SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY  
SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY  
S.I.S.T.E.R.S. UNITED  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
STUDENT TENNESSEE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Student Nominees  
CRAIG AMABILE  
PATRICK ARMSTRONG  
DOUG AUSTIN  
STANLEY BROOKS  
CARRIE BURGGRAF  
MILLIE BURKE  
CHELSEA BURKHART  
JESSIE BETH CATES  
JEREMY CHANDLER  
JERRY CHERRY  
CHELSEA CLACK  
SYNTHIA CLARK  
KELSEA COX  
HYKEEM CRAFT  
KEVIN CRISWELL  
LESLIE CROUCH  
KENDYL DAVIS  
CADY DENTON  
CHRIS DREW  
VINCE DY  
EMILY ELLISON  
JACOB FAIRCLOUGH  
CODY FISHER-SCHMIDT  
ETHAN FISHER-SCHMIDT  
TRENTON GAASCH  
JUSTIN GARNER  
CASEY GREEN  
RACHAEL GROVES  
JASMINE HORTON  
LOIS JONES  
KENNETH KENNEDY  
SHAMAI LARSEN  
DANIELLE LAX  
LEO LOCATELLI  
JOSEPH MARLER  
JENNIFER MINELLA  
CAITLIN NELMS  
MARTHA PAGE  
KARA PALM  
EMILY PARRISH  
JAY PEELER  
CALEB ROBERTS  
BRANDY SEGRAVES  
MATEEN SIDIQ  
KATIE SNIDER  
LOGAN STEELSMITH  
TRENTON THOMAS  
CATIE TUCKER  
GINGER TUCKER  
DUSTIN WALLACE  
KATHRYN WHITE  
BRAD WILLIAMS  
RACHEL YEATTS

AP Student Affairs



This week in ridiculous: from air travel to male enhancements



**Jess Nobert**  
Senior Staff Writer

There seems to be quite a few ridiculous stories related to air travel lately.

Last week there was a guy in LAX International Airport who decided he didn't really need secondary screening of his luggage and just went on his way through the terminal.

TSA agents must have turned their backs for quite a while to let him just book through, especially since they took so long to find him.

According to the story on CNN.com, all the passengers in the terminal were told

to stop where they were and just wait. All the air traffic was halted from the terminals, too, so no one missed their flight.

I just don't get it. How can a passenger just get away like that? I know LAX is a pretty busy place, but I've never seen it so packed that someone can just disappear.

And then there was the Qatari diplomat who decided it was a good idea to smoke in the airplane bathroom. He was on a flight from Washington, D.C. to Denver on business and apparently just couldn't take it anymore. According to the story from CNN, he was in the lavatory for an extended period of time before they busted him.

Airline employees got a little freaked out because "initial reports that he may have attempted to set a shoe

on fire — a report that may have stemmed from what one U.S. official called an 'unfortunate comment' by the diplomat," according to the article. Luckily, he was just lighting up and nothing more. Once the flight landed, they let him go and he got to go on with his business.

It's getting so ridiculous these days to fly. Everyone gets profiled for something it seems and most of us lose out.

When I come home next month, I can only bring one carry on bag thanks to the kid who thought it was good idea to light his shorts on fire. It's almost not worth the hassle for people to travel anymore. If there were still reliable boats and it were still cool, I'd take a cruise back to the States then catch a train back to the west coast.

I've been trying a little

harder to follow the news lately. When I'm not following the air travel updates, I read the other news.

But this next story really got my attention. A mother from Bedford County, Tenn. adopted a 7-year-old Russian boy, brought him home, and then sent him back to Russia, according to CNN.

The adoptive mother, Torry Hansen, said the child showed violent behavior and Russian officials didn't warn her about it. What if they had? Would she have just not taken him because of the challenge? Children born to their parents don't get to just go back when they cause trouble, why does this get to be different?

Now that it looks like all I did was read CNN this week, I've got a few recommended to me by friends.

Last week I got a story from a friend about a guy who got a parking ticket. We all know someone who has gotten one, maybe even on campus. But this guy did it up good. He wasn't even parked for a minute when the cop started writing him up.

The guy decided to write the City of Melbourne a letter stating why he thought he shouldn't have to pay for the ticket. Since it was clearly ridiculous he got it to begin with as he only parked, went to the trunk to get his money for the meter then noticed the parking officer.

I guess the city agreed with the man and withdrew his ticket. The story is on the Huffington Post website. And you can read both letters and see the ticket.

And I guess my Facebook stalking has gotten pretty

good lately. I wasn't even tagged in a photo, nor was it shared with me, but there was a comment on a picture of ExtenZe Male Enhancement drinks and one comment said I should write about it.

Well, I am. It's one thing to have these "supplements" to enhance, um, parts. But it's something completely new to make it just as easily attainable as a buzz.

Put it in a can, take a few sips and enjoy the night? Well, I think that's what they're going for. I wanted to do a little research on the product before ripping its ridiculousness, but the website that bears the products name has no information beyond the home page.

It does, however, tell the drink's tag line: "Drink ... enjoy ... and enjoy again." ♦

Companies take major steps towards going 'green'



**Deborah Wilkinson**  
Staff Writer

Instead of living an era of fast cars and smaller, more frustrating electronics, we seem to be thriving in the era of green.

Every product that is on the market has a green quality, it is earth or environmentally friendly. Being wise to the environment is cooler than being rich in today's world, so it goes to say the wealthy are driving smart cars and drinking out of reusable bottles.

Even huge corporations are cutting back on waste and emissions. Many bottling companies are using thinner bottles while others are cutting costs and waste to help the local communities.

One hugely eco-wise company is Frito Lay, specifically their SunChips. This company has done experiments for nearly four years and has created a bag that will decompose in 12 to 16 weeks. While these tests were done in compost piles, it is still a feat that no other bag can compare too. That is simply outstanding.

Who hasn't seen the same piece of garbage sit on the side of the road for months, driving past it every day? This new invention could change an industry.

Don't worry, it is made of a plant-based material called polylactic acid (PLA). It is a versatile polymer made from starch.

You might not have even known, they look stunningly similar, the only difference is the ruffling sounds are louder with the new plant based bag.

You might be wondering why they decided to use this PLA stuff. Well, it is because it is made out of plants that grow annually, rather than petroleum.

Though it is new, it has been thoroughly tested and is certified through the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI), the only internationally recognized labeling program.

Kathryn Siranosian from triplepundit.com explains other than the SunChips' 100 percent compostable chip bag, Frito Lay Canada has been working to reduce the company's environmental impact for more than a decade.

New bags for chips, new bottles for drinks and new energy for cars and houses is the new craze. It seems we are on the verge of achieving the great green habitat we all dream of: a place where cars are electric, all the clouds are white and where we live without books being published on melting icebergs.

The hopes we will be able to undo the damages that have been done to our planet may not be in vain.

These major changes in production will slow the negative effects on the environment and one day we may even find a way to replenish our planet.

Every step we take to help the earth, the air we breathe, and the soil we step on may keep our children living on this earth just one generation longer. ♦



YOUR TAKE

What positive or negative environmental changes have you noticed around campus?



“ I really like all the plants and beautiful flowers and everything green. And I like the green toilets that save water and everything that is eco-friendly in all the buildings.”  
— Michelle Turner, sophomore nursing major



“ More activities on campus, more fraternity things to do and more things to do. A lot of college students are lounging more than they are being active and APSU is trying to get them away from lounging.”  
— Ladarius Davis, business management major



“ A negative is parking; there is none of it after 9 a.m. and most of it is packed. And if you manage to find a spot, you have to fight others or get in an argument and it is aggravating.”  
— Nickolaus Willis, junior chemistry major



“ I really like the planting of the flowers and noticing the green on the campus and seeing the effects and changes on the environment.”  
— Heather Yeaney, sophomore psychology major



“ Definitely the flowers they are placing everywhere. I think it opens people's eyes, like when they are walking around the campus there is actually color instead of a dull campus.”  
— Ariel Griffith, freshman pediatric nursing major



“ Designated smoking areas; it conflicts because people still walk across campus still smoking, which still affects the students that don't smoke.”  
— Kenneth Brown, graduate health care specialization



# Grad student Chris Killian spreads laughter

By TANGELIA CANNON  
Features Editor

Meeting Chris Killian for the first time is an experience that will likely be unforgettable.

Killian, an English graduate student, has traveled the continental United States in order to spread laughter and cheer. However, this is something that does not just happen when he is on stage.

As I talked to Killian, I felt a sense of light-heartedness and calmness that only comes from hanging out with a truly laid-back soul.

Killian has already made a name for himself in his short career. In the past, he has shared the stage with comedians like Michael Myes, Tom Green, John Caparulo, Jarrod Harris, Jon Reep, John Heffron and Greg Giraldo.

Currently Killian is getting ready to go on the road again to W. Va. and Fla. while also preparing for an upcoming spot on the Bob and Tom show this summer.

Comedian Killer Beaz claimed Killian to be "very funny and a class act," while Dave Amerman, VH1 reality TV star, said that "Chris is sharp. The funniest stand-up comedian routine I've ever seen."

As a graduate student, Killian manages a very busy schedule, including spending time with his son, attending classes and touring America. Fortunately for *The All State*, he was able to take a few minutes to share some of the memories related to both his life at APSU and his life on the road.

Tangelia Cannon: Why did you choose to come to APSU?

Chris Killian: My little brother was coming to APSU about the same time I was finishing with massage therapy. That's right, I said "massage therapy," ladies. He said I was too smart to rub naked people for a living (not to offend any would-be masseuses out there), so I should apply to school with him. So on a whim, I did, and then I got accepted. That's the whole boring story.

TC: How long have you been at APSU?

CK: About six years now, but I really stopped counting after four, so who knows. I kind of feel like the Van Wilder of APSU, except I'm not as cool, and my abs aren't as hot, and I don't throw awesome parties. In a way, I guess I'm nothing like the Van Wilder of APSU, except I'm old and won't leave.

TC: When did you first begin experimenting with comedy?

CK: Maybe around two years ago was when I started bombing at open mics in Nashville.

TC: What made you decide to make a career as a comedian?



ALEX FARMER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Graduate student, Chris Killian, entertains *The All State* through a comedic performance through song, while trying to serenade two uninterested female students in the MUC Plaza.

CK: When I realized it paid more than being a teacher. God bless teachers.

TC: How has APSU affected your career in comedy?

CK: Location, location. That means it hasn't.

TC: What did your family and friends think when you told them that you wanted to do comedy professionally?

CK: Considering what I used to do, which was sell smack to kids in orphanages, I think they're all okay with me doing comedy.

TC: What was the best piece of advice you ever got about the entertainment industry?

CK: Listen to your gut. Don't listen to anyone's advice. Except for that advice.

TC: Whom, in the entertainment world, do you look up to? Why?

CK: There are tons of comics I look up to. Everyone I have met and hung out with has been super cool, even the famous ones. Way too many to name.

TC: What is your earliest memory of being a comedian, or telling a joke as a comedian as a child?

CK: The first time I attempted stand-up comedy, I just remember talking into a microphone to a room full of maybe 15 people and eliciting no response. No uproarious laughter, no booing — just a blank set of faces in the darkness looking at me with pity. Now that I think about it, it was eerily similar to the first time I had sex, too.

TC: What came first, the comedy or the music?

CK: The music definitely came first. I started writing joke songs just to make some friends laugh and I never, ever imagined it would turn into this.

TC: Why did you decide to combine the two?

CK: Mainly because I'm lazy.

TC: Which do you like better, singing or comedy?

CK: I like both. I seriously have the best job in the world. I travel, can drink on the job, and help people forget about their problems by laughing at my problems. It's a dream job.

TC: Did anyone ever put you down or tell you that you were not good? If so, how did this affect you? What did you do?

CK: Oh yeah. The first night I showed up to an open mic I had my guitar with me to play a joke-song and afterwards, this dickhole comic came up to me and said, "This is stand-up comedy. We tell jokes. Don't bring that crap here again." I was a newcomer so I abandoned my guitar for a little while, but his whole comment really pissed me for a long time. Comedy, to me, is anything that makes someone laugh, so I eventually picked the guitar back up and then I punched that guy in the face (in my mind) and decided to do my thang (sic). You'll be happy to know that the bad-advice

comic has since gained a lot of weight and found no success whatsoever. Maybe it won't make you happy to know that. Maybe it just makes me happy, but it does. Is that catty of me?

TC: When/how did you realize that you were good?

CK: By good, do you mean awesome? If so, then I guess I'd have to say I've always had a feeling.

TC: Where was the first place you performed?

CK: My first paid gig was at the South Street Comedy Club in Jackson, Tenn.

TC: What was the first joke you told to a crowd?

CK: I don't remember, but I'm sure it was racist.

TC: What is your favorite joke to tell?

CK: Any joke that doesn't bomb.

TC: What inspires you to create your material?

CK: My material is basically a series of FML moments that I think other people can relate to, and if not relate to, then at least laugh at.

TC: Have you ever used things about APSU to create material for your comedy?

CK: Not APSU directly, but crazy people, like ex-girlfriends, that I met at Austin Peay ... ? Maybe.

TC: Do you ever get nervous before you're perform/tell a joke?

CK: I used to, but then I realized a hundred years from now everyone will be dead and nothing I say will matter, and that tends to take off a lot of pressure.

TC: Have you ever had a bad experience or audience?

CK: Early on I did. But I find that was more of a problem of me not being funny rather than the audience being bad. If someone knows what they're doing, they can get any audience to listen, especially if the audience is drunk.

TC: Where all have you traveled to perform?

CK: A lot of places.

TC: Where is your favorite place to perform? Why?

CK: I really have a lot of clubs that are just a hoot to perform in.

TC: If someone wanted to get into the field of entertainment, what advice would you give them?

CK: Listen to your gut. Don't listen to anyone's advice. Except for that advice. Seriously, after that advice right there, cease all advice listening.

To find more out about Chris Killian and his comedy, visit [www.ckcomedy.com](http://www.ckcomedy.com) and [www.facebook.com/ckcomedy](http://www.facebook.com/ckcomedy). ♦

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DALWIN CORDOVA | GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER

The Cumberland Winds Jazz Project band performed on Thursday, April 15.



SYNTHIA CLARK | PHOTO EDITOR

Many people head towards the Public Square Stage at Rivers and Spires to watch bands perform on Thursday, April 15.



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A group of APSU students flash dance to "Bye, Bye, Bye" at Rivers and Spires on Thursday, April 15.

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29 Exhausted

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32 "Bolero" composer

33 Pigeon English?

34 "Angela's Ashes" sequel

36 Dandy

37 "I could — horse!"

38 Read quickly

42 Mining shares ...

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75 Daniel —

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80 Physicist Fermi

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87 Actress Susan

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DOWN

1 Driving hazard

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4 Singer Slick

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6 "— No Sunshine" ('71 hit)

7 Author Morrison

8 Mikita or Musial

9 Like some eyes

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12 Flu symptom

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14 "— o'clock scholar"

15 Cornmeal concoction

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28 Writer Hunter

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30 Elixir

33 Teacher's aid

35 Logging-camp feature

36 Provost of "Lassie"

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39 Metal measure

40 — la Cite house

41 Lady of the house

43 Fled

44 Start to cry?

45 — bran

47 Rocky hill

52 — Major

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56 Gibbon or gorilla

57 Stallone role

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67 Actor Wallace

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71 "Beau —" ('39 film)

72 Cove

73 Jones of the Stones

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79 Accepts authority

81 "Aladdin" frame

83 Carrie or Louis

84 Opening

85 EMT's skill

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92 "— Fire" ('85 hit)

93 Turkish titles

95 "Guys and Dolls" author

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98 "Unto us — is given"

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102 People from Prague

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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TENNIS

# Lady Govs take the OVC championship



MATEEN SIDIQ | MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Sophomore Vanja Tomic extends to keep the ball in play on the court. Tomic was a prominent player that lead the Lady Govs to the Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

**By MARLON SCOTT**  
*Senior Staff Writer*

Another Lady Govs sports team has taken the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship and earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. This time, however, these Lady Govs are carrying rackets.

After failing to make the cut to play in the OVC Tournament last season, the Lady Govs tennis team defeated Eastern Kentucky 4-2, Sunday, April 18, to capture the school's fourth OVC tennis championship in its history. It is the first since 1989.

In addition to blazing a trail straight to the NCAA Tournament with red hot rackets, the Lady Govs earned several conference awards.

Leading the team to this season's dramatic turnaround, first year Head Coach Malik Tabet was named OVC Co-Coach of the Year with Jacksonville State Head Coach Steve Bailey. According to APSU Sports Information, Tabet expected no less from his team.

"I always tell my players that when you get to college, your goal should be to leave a print into your program. To be able to make the conference tournament and be leaders on the team, they

have done that," Tabet said.

Sophomore Vanja Tomic was named OVC Player of the Year. She is the seventh woman to earn the honor for APSU.

Against Eastern Kentucky, Tomic dominated like she has done all year. She defeated her opponent in singles in straight sets to give the team one point. The win was her 17th in a row. Her overall record improved to 18-2 and she is still undefeated, 9-0, in conference play.

In addition to singles play, Tomic played with senior Mariana Pagan in doubles. Together they have won 12 straight matches. They have lost only one conference

match, 8-1. Their team along with the team of Caroline Weikard and senior Michelle Liew, earned the doubles points for the team against ECU.

Liew and Pagan were selected to the All-OVC Second-Team. Tomic and Weikard were selected to the first-team. Weikard was also named Freshman of the Year. Weikard has been impressive this season and has won 12 straight before playing in singles against ECU. After her senior teammate Yuki Nakamura added another point to the teams total with her singles win, the Lady Govs needed only one more point to defeat ECU and

win the championship.

Weikard lost her opening set in singles but recovered well to take the second. She was leading in the third set when she developed cramps. Her opponent, Jessica Albuquerque, took advantage and quickly made it a 6-5 score. However, Weikard made a stand and earned the championship point by defeating Albuquerque. The win also kept Weikard undefeated in the conference, 9-0.

"[The match] was full of ups and downs. I was exhausted and really tired," Weikard said. "All the [Govs tennis team] supporting me helped me a lot. I had to fight

and that's what I did"

The result of Weikard's fight was the team holding the trophy that declares the Lady Govs the best in the OVC.

"I told our players to be careful and stick to what you do well. This is what you play for all year. When you carry that trophy, it makes it all worth while," Tabet said. "I'm very excited that we have been able to put a print in this conference, and we're going to build on it"

The 2010 NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championships begin Friday, May 14. ♦

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The selection announcement will be made Tuesday, May 4.*

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BASEBALL

# Govs lose third consecutive series

By **MARLON SCOTT**  
*Senior Staff Writer*

Van Stokes, the voice of APSU baseball on WVMY 105.1 FM, called Saturday, April 17, "Sweep Saturday" because every Ohio Valley Conference baseball team who hosted a doubleheader that day swept their opponents 2-0 — every team except the Govs.

On Saturday, April 17, the Govs hosted the Jacksonville State Gamecocks. They split the doubleheader and dropped the last game Sunday, April 18, to lose the three-game conference series (5-6, 4-2 and 1-3). The Govs have lost three straight conference series and are now only one game above .500.

The Govs (18-17, 4-7 OVC) had Gamecock starting pitcher Jordan Beistline rechecking his stuff after they opened with three back-to-back hits. Senior designated hitter Matt Kole made the third hit. He cranked a shot into right centerfield for a 2 RBI triple. The Govs finished their first at bat with a four-run lead from six hits.

Govs senior pitcher Ricky Marshall helped the Govs maintain the lead until the seventh inning. After hitting the Gamecocks first batter with a pitch and walking the second batter, senior pitcher Zach Gerler replaced Marshall. The Gamecocks

jumped on the pitching change.

The first batter Gerler faced hit an RBI single and the next scored on a walk. Gerler stayed in trouble, eventually loading the bases with only one out. After another RBI single hit by Gamecock Dani Anderson, Gerler was replaced on the mound by junior pitcher Dylan Ray.

“...every OVC baseball team who hosted a doubleheader that day swept their opponents, 2-0... every team except the Govs.”

The Gamecocks finished the inning with the lead, scoring five runs on two hits. Todd Hornsby earned the save allowing no runs and only two hits in the last two innings. Tanner Freshour (5-1) picked up the win. The Govs produced 13 hits in the game, but not enough runs late to get the win. Gerler (2-3) was tagged with the loss. An error by the Govs in game two gave the Gamecocks the first run of the game in the second inning. However, it was the Govs' turn to come from behind. They took the lead with three runs

in the third inning.

Kole earned his third RBI for the day with a single into left field with two men on base. Later senior outfielder Adam Browett brought in Kole and another runner with a shot into right field.

Starting pitcher Ryne Harper held the Gamecocks back until the beginning of the fifth inning. After he allowed one run to make the score 3-2, he was replaced by freshman pitcher Matt Marsh. Marsh closed the inning without any more runs.

Errors by the Gamecocks in the sixth inning helped the Govs pad the lead to 4-2. Solid pitching, first by sophomore left hander Jeremy Dobbs and then by Gerler, sealed the win for the Govs.

Harper (4-2) earned the win allowing only two runs (one earned) on five hits in 4.2 innings of work. Gerler earned his sixth save of the season, while Kole finished the day batting 5-for-8 with 3 RBIs.

Game three was a pitching duel, as both teams combined for only 11 total hits. However, it was the hits on the Gamecocks side that produced runs, and consequently the Govs lost the game 3-1.

The Govs' lone run came in the fourth inning. Senior outfielder Jared Delong hit a lead off single, then



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Junior Ryne Harper arches back for the pitch. Harper earned the win Saturday, April 17.

advanced to third base on a fielding error. Kole continued to produce and earned his fourth RBI in the series with a single down the left field line that brought Delong home. Kole batted 3-for-4 in the game with one RBI.

Gamecock pitcher Austin Lucas (2-0) allowed the only

run (unearned) from five hits with one walk and five strikeouts. He picked up the win after throwing for 6.2 innings. Govs' senior left-hander Stephen Huff (3-4) added the loss to his stats. He picked up two earned runs from three hits, walked four and struck out four. The

Gamecocks scored in the third, sixth and ninth innings.

The Govs will continue to play at home this weekend with a three-game series against SIU Edwardsville beginning Saturday, April 24, and a single game against Vanderbilt University on Tuesday, April 27. ♦

SOFTBALL

# Lady Govs swept by Eagles



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Senior infielder Brittany Williams dives for the plate, Saturday, April 17.

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The Lady Govs softball team finished off a four-game home stretch with a three-game weekend series against Morehead State. The Lady Govs (14-28, 6-11 OVC) were competitive but could not get in the win column, losing 1-8, 2-3 on Saturday, April 17, and 1-6 in the series finale Sunday, April 18.

In game one, the Lady Govs ran into a Morehead State buzz-saw in the first two innings as Morehead State pounded out three runs in the first and four runs in the second to lead 7-0.

After settling into quality pitching and defense that held Morehead State scoreless for the next four innings, the lone Lady Gov run came when Jessica Chernak hit a solo homer. It was Chernak's first of the season.

Morehead State scored one more run in the seventh inning to win 1-8.

In game two, the first three innings turned into a pitching battle with both teams scoreless until Morehead State collected three runs in the fourth inning.

Heading into the fourth inning, Morehead State scored three runs off three hits. Two runs coming off of a two-run triple by Kayla Ashbrook.

After two scoreless innings, the Lady Govs got a rally started when Abby Mabry

singled up the middle to start the rally. Mabry was replaced by Tia Johnson. Johnson then moved to third base. Brittany Williams singled up the middle scoring Johnson. Shine Huwe singled through the left side scoring Farley.

With Williams in scoring position, Catie Cozart struck out, thus ending the Lady Govs' rally.

Behind solid pitching Morehead State struck out Amy Mills, Shelby Norton and Ashley Bolda to end the game.

In the final game of the series, both teams came out with guns blazing and each team scored one run each in the first inning.

The Lady Govs lone run in the game came from Cozart's sacrifice fly into left field bringing home Chernak. Chernak got on base with a single into left field.

The Lady Govs' offense went stale from there, collecting only four hits in the remaining six innings of play.

Morehead State would add three runs in the fourth inning highlighted by a two-run home run by Bethany Ellis.

With no offense in sight, Morehead State poured on two more runs in the sixth inning to cap the game off, 1-6.

The Lady Govs will go on the road for a seven game road trip starting Wednesday, April 21, with a double-header against the University of Kentucky. ♦

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