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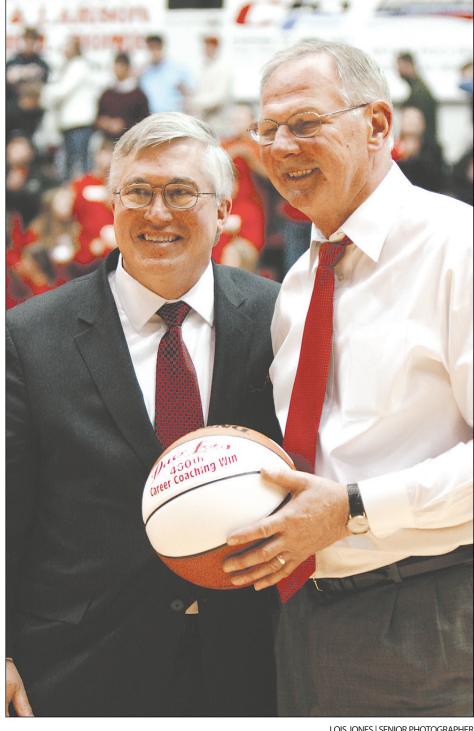
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# Loos earns 401 wins and counting

coach Dave Loos receives a commemorative basketball in honor of his 400th victory from APSÚ President **Timothy Hall** Thursday, Dec. 3. Loos went on to earn his 401st victory Saturday, Dec. 5.



LOIS JONES | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Staff Reports

In an overtime thriller, the APSU Govs defeated the Southeast Missouri Redhawks 76-71 Thursday, Dec. 3.

The win was head coach Dave Loos' 400th victory. After the game fans called out "Loooooos" and applauded as President Timothy Hall presented Loos with a special basketball

commemorating the milestone. Loos then earned his 401st victory Saturday, Dec. 5, against the Eastern Illinois Panthers. The win tied UT Martin coach Cal Luther for the most victories

(319) while coaching in the Ohio Valley Conference.

This is Loos' 20th season as APSU head basketball coach. Loos has also been the Athletic Director for the last 12 years.

He has been named OVC Coach of the Year five times and was inducted into the Austin Peay Athletics Hall of Fame last year. It was his third Hall of Fame induction. ◆

## SGA discusses parking, available senate seats

### Senator Rachel Groves elected Speaker Pro-Tempore

By NICK OLINGER Staff Writer

Open senate seats, the new APSU OneStop login, Robert's Rules of Order and parking were the topics discussed at the weekly Student Government Association senate meeting, held on Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Crystal Emmons from Information Technology addressed concerns about the recent e-mail change and students having problems accessing OneStop because of the login change.

Later, Senator Luke Collier suggested important messages for students be sent via Facebook and Twitter instead of just e-mail.

"I know we have a Twitter account and Facebook page. Is there any way we can put our information on the Twitter page and Facebook page instead of the Gov Says?" Collier said.

"I just feel like students don't read them and using our social networking sites will be more beneficial."

Kennedy reminded everyone four seats remain empty in the senate. He said two seats remain in both the College of Education and the College of Science and Mathematics.

Kennedy said e-mails were sent out to everyone who expressed interest, and they should be filled for next semester by next week. He said there was some interested in all, but College of Education was the one

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Luke Collier, Senator

most looked for. As part of old business, Resolution No. 5 was presented by Senator Craig Amabile.

Resolution No. 5 proposed reclassifying the parking areas around the nearby residential town houses.

One of the ideas debated was should Greeks have priority parking spaces in the area. Also discussed was the idea there should be parking spaces for specific town houses.

Senator Katherine Worsham said, "The townhouses are residential. White means residential and green means commuter. If we make that whole thing commuter then everyone can park there. So

maybe it should be more like designated parking spots for the organizations."

The discussion about the resolution was tabled until next week.

Afterwards, Amabile presented Resolution No. 6.

Resolution No. 6 requires all members of the senate to pass a test about Robert's Rules of Order.

It was clarified that although there would be no penalty for failing the test because senators are elected by their peers, the point was to ensure senate members learned more about the rules of order.

"If you take it in Senate training, then it will encourage you to learn about it if you fail the test," Amabile said.

The resolution was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 7 was briefly discussed before being put to a vote and rejected.

New business commenced with Senator Rachel Groves being nominated and voted to Speaker Pro-Tempore.

Lastly, Senator Catherine Cady Denton presented Resolution No. 8 which proposed postage stamps should be placed in the lobby of the campus post office.

This resolution was tabled for next week's meeting. ◆



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, answered questions from soldiers at Fort

## Admiral Mullen addresses Fort Campbell soldiers

Associated Press

The nation's highestranking military officer Monday, Dec. 7, told soldiers, including many bound for Afghanistan, that he expects casualties to rise next year as additional U.S. troops pour into the war.

Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, answered soldiers' questions for about an hour at this sprawling Army post on the Kentucky-Tennessee line.

Many at Fort Campbell already had orders for Afghanistan before President Barack Obama unveiled his plan last week to add about 30,000 new troops to about 70,000 already there.

"I am sure we will sustain

an increase in the level of

casualties, and I don't want

to be in any way unclear about that," he told about 700 troops.

"This is what happened in Iraq during the surge and as tragic as it is, to turn this thing around, it will be a part of this surge as well. I expect a tough fight in 2010," Mullen said.

Mullen was due to talk later in the day at Camp Lejeune, N.C., the Marine Corps base that will supply about 1,500 Marines for the first surge units by

Christmas. After the first of the year, the Marines will begin sending another 6,200 from Lejeune and Camp Pendleton in California, the Pentagon announced Monday. The Army will also begin sending in the first of its forces in the

spring — a training brigade

with about 3,400 soldiers

from Fort Drum, N.Y. About 4,100 support forces from various places will also deploy early. At Fort Campbell, Capt. Matthew O'Neill, 31, a member of the 101st Aviation Brigades, said he expects his scheduled deployment next year to Afghanistan may be sooner than expected as a result of the new strategy because ground troops rely on aviation units like his to move around the country.

"I just think the support that is needed in Afghanistan is finally getting put in," he said after Mullen's talk.

Many questions from soldiers focused on the role of Pakistan and America's NATO allies in containing al-Qaida and the Taliban. Mullen said the border

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#### **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.

- · 2:30 p.m., Nov. 24, Claxton, theft of property
- 10:21 p.m., Nov. 23, Hand Village, alcohol violation by a minor
- 5:46 p.m., Nov. 22, Sevier lot, indecent exposure
- · 12:00 p.m., Nov. 22, Rawlins, vandalism
- · 10:26 a.m., Nov. 19, Trahern lot, criminal trespass
- 9:50 p.m., Nov. 18, Rawlins, alcohol
- violation by a minor • 6:00 p.m., Nov. 18, Meacham, violation of drug free school zone, possession of resale, unlawful drug
- paraphernalia 3:56 p.m., Nov. 18, Rawlins, theft of property
- · 2:58 p.m., Nov. 18, Rawlins, theft of property
- 2:58 p.m., Nov. 18, Hand Village, theft of property
- 2:20 p.m., Nov. 18, Sevier, alcohol violation by minor
- · 8:19 p.m., Nov. 17, Foy Center, theft of property
- 5:11 p.m., Nov. 16, Hand Village, alcohol violation by minor,

- 3:28 p.m., Nov. 16, Shasteen, theft of
- 9:58 a.m., Nov. 11, Cross Hall,
- 7:32 a.m., Nov. 10, Trahern lot, theft of property, motor vehicle
- · 6:46 p.m., Nov. 6, Foy lot, theft of
- · 5:07 p.m., Nov. 6, Rawlins, alcohol violation by minor
- 1:01 p.m., Nov. 4, Cross lot,
- 4:06 p.m., Nov. 2, Cross Hall, assault
- 3:13 p.m., Oct. 30, Music/Mass Comm, vandalism
- · 5:20 p.m., Oct. 24, Summer Street, disorderly conduct
- 7:58 p.m., Oct. 23, Trahern, vandalism
- 8:34 p.m., Oct. 21, Emerald Hills,
- 7:35 p.m., Oct. 21, Killebrew, burglary
- 5:24 p.m., Oct. 21, University Center, theft of property
- 4:30 p.m., Oct. 21, Clement, theft of
- 3:17 a.m., Oct. 19, Hand Village, minor in possession of alcohol
- 11:38 a.m., Oct. 18, Emerald Hills, theft of property
- 7:11 p.m., Oct. 16, Meacham lot, theft of property
- 1:56 a.m., Oct. 16, Meacham lot, theft of property



PATRICK ARMSTRONG | EDITOR IN CHIEF

To view an interactive map of campus crime, visit www.TheAllState.org.



#### **Loos 400th victory**

See game stories for Loos 400 victory, Govs vs. SEMO, in sports. Video of Loos receiving commemorative basketball for his 400th win can be seen at www.TheAllState.org.

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# **Admiral: Mullen** speaks about **Afghanistan mission**

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between Afghanistan and Pakistan is "the epicenter for global terrorism.'

He said Pakistan's military has made huge gains in routing out terrorists from that country, but reminded soldiers that Pakistan is a sovereign nation and that the U.S. wants to maintain a long-term, stable relationship with Pakistan.

"In the long run, we are anxious to get at al-Qaida and the leadership that resides in that border area," he said. "Strategically the way you do this, in my view, is to bring pressure from both sides.'

Mullen said Obama's announcement last week of a scheduled transition to a greater role for Afghan

forces starting in July 2011 wasn't a deadline for pulling out troops.

"President Obama has not said we are leaving," he told the troops. "There's no deadline, there's no amount of troops that will come out in July 2011 and there's no withdrawal date.'

Three brigades of the 101st Airborne Division were already planning to go on a scheduled rotation to Afghanistan next year, but other brigades were still waiting to hear if they would be part of the troop buildup.

Mullen's visit to the post seemed to confirm the rumors to many soldiers. Mullen said the quick deployment of troops is needed to reduce recruiting among insurgent and radical groups.

"We are not winning, which means we are losing and as we are losing, the message traffic out there to recruits keeps getting better and better and more keep coming. That's why we need the 30,000 and in particular, and you are the lead on this, getting in there this year, over the next 12 months, almost in lightning bolt fashion."

Lt. Col. Ivan Beckman, 42, said after the speech that he expects his 4th Brigade Combat Team will get orders soon to go to Afghanistan. Beckman said he felt reassured by Mullen's expressed commitment to Afghanistan.

We don't know for sure, but we're hoping to be a part of the force that goes over," he said. ◆



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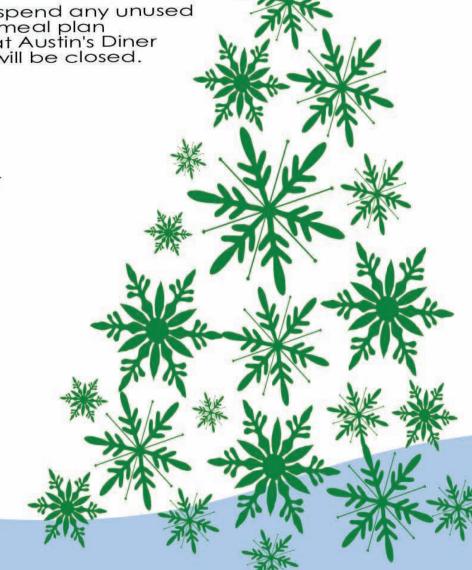
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## Athletes impress in class

APSU Sports Info

APSU student-athletes kept their streak in the classroom going, nearly posting their second consecutive 3.0 grade-point average with a 2.977 GPA for the spring 2009 semester.

After posting its first-ever 3.0 GPA in fall '08 the Govs and Lady Govs combined for their second-

highest semester GPA and have now posted three straight semesters with a 2.9 GPA or better. All told 155 student-athletes were named to the Spring 2009 Athletics Director's Honor Roll, or 53.6 percent of the department's 289 student-athletes. It is the third consecutive semester more than 50 percent

of the department's student-athletes have received at

least a 3.0 GPA. More impressive are the department's programrecord 27 student-athletes who finished the Spring 2009 semester with a perfect 4.0 GPA, earning President's List recognition. They were part of 90

student-athletes who received Dean's List honors.

"I cannot say enough how impressive it is to have athletes who excel in the classroom," said athletics director Dave Loos. "I have always said that our top goal as an athletic department is to assure our studentathletes graduate with a diploma in one hand and a championship ring on the other. I commend Josh Sampson, our academic coordinator, and his staff who have done yeoman's work keeping our 289 studentathletes on track towards graduation.'

Ten of the department's 16 teams posted a 3.0 or better GPA for the semester. The men's tennis team led all programs with a 3.690 GPA with four of its five student-athletes receiving Dean's List recognition. The women's golf team led the women's programs with a program-best 3.595 GPA as four of its seven student-athletes received Dean's List recognition. In addition, the men's golf team posted a program-best 3.474 GPA during the same semester it won an OVC championship. ◆



MARLON SCOTT | NEWS EDITOR

**155 APSU** student athletes were named to the Spring 2009 Athletics Director's

Honor

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Athletes were

recognized

at halftime

of the Govs basketball

Thursday,

game

Dec. 3.

## College, pre-school students make cards for troops



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MARLON SCOTT | NEWS EDITOR

Donated cards with homemade drawings and messages are ready to be sent overseas to soldiers for Christmas.

The Newman Club and Eta Sigma Phi, the classic honor society, had a booth set up in the UC for APSU students to make cards to send to troops overseas for the holidays

The Newman Club and Eta Sigma Phi combined efforts with Angie Denton, the lead teacher of a preschool classroom at the Child Learning Center, to make and send cards to the troops.

Denton said she thought of the idea because there are so many military families in the Clarksville and APSU community.

"Most [children] just want to make cards," Denton said. "[The cards contain] drawings, messages and thank-yous."



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Dinner for the campus community will be at 6 p.m. and requires a ticket in advance. Seating is limited and one free ticket will be available to students, faculty and staff on a first-come basis beginning Jan. 20, 2010. Tickets will be available with a Govs ID Card in UC 206, Student Affairs.

The speaker will appear in the Clement Auditorium at 7 p.m. The speaking event is free and open to the campus community as well as the public.

The guest speaker will be named in the first issue of *The All State* for the spring semester on Jan. 20.

Plan now for the Unity Celebration on Feb. 3!

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# Stock market shows promise



**Deborah Wilkinson** 

Staff writer

The Dow Jones Industrial average is up and has been over the last few months. Could this mean our nation is picking itself out of the slump? Or could this be a false positive? The five-year Dow indexes say we have worked ourselves back up to where the Dow was in most of 2005.

For people who are not economics majors this is fantastic news, and it really is simple to understand. The Dow Jones is the measure of trade in the free market, which is our market. When things are going up, a lot of things are being bought and sold and there is a lot of financial activity. When things are falling, then nothing is being sold and no money is being made. This directly mirrors the economy because the money the Dow makes represents the amount of money businesses and American people are making. So in a sense the Dow is a chart of how well American business is running.

The economy is based on how well each individual market is performing all together. The housing market has not been doing well in the last few years and this has affected the rest of the markets negatively and brought the economy down. So it has been in the news and there has been legislation to fix it, and it has worked. In October alone the market went up 10 percent. This makes it possible for the construction market to make money, along with the realestate markets. It's a tangled system.

With the Dow on the rise Americans and businesses can invest and spend and not hoard their money in mattresses, afraid the market will collapse. The hope is once we build up the market it will be able to stand on its own and we can fan the flames without having to put every effort into it. When our country is making money we can fund construction, education,

medical ventures, and the possibilities are endless.

Right now our government has put crutches under the sinking problems to try to stabilize our nation or at least make it look stable. If for one second our nation does not appear to be the ultra-strong force it has always been, then our creditors may come calling.

So the money being pumped into the market seems to have helped, and the unemployment rate has stayed the same instead of rising as it has been doing for the past three years. Now we may finally get to lower it.

Americans may have jobs again and things may be on the up, or it could be that good old false positive. The crutches

might buckle and we may just find ourselves borrowing another million dollars from China. There is no way to know, or is there?

My only warning is to know what is going on. Listen to what the news is really telling you and not what they sell you in useless programming. Buy stocks you know to be firm and think with your own

Most of our nation's problems come from blind following. It is good to believe in your leaders but not acceptable to not question them. We must always know what is going on and what to expect. After all, it is our nation, the land of our freedom and our children's freedom.

**YOUR TAKE** 

# Children lose holiday spirit



**Deborah Wilkinson** Staff writer

The holidays are such a bright and festive time in the lives of all people. Most countries and religions have holidays and each celebrate them differently, but most have dazzling lights and events that rally the masses into celebration. It is a time for joy and rejoicing for all, especially the children. In Clarksville there are a few festivities, mostly centered on Christmas. Even if you do not celebrate, you can appreciate.

Christmas on the Cumberland is one of my all-time favorite things about winter in Clarksville. We don't get much snow, and most of it is mush, but we do have the niftiest light displays. In this ornamental arrangement, the workers of the city display decorations on every tree that lines our beautiful Riverside McGregor Park.

They also put up large erect lighted characters that line the walk, so as you walk down it you get to see Toy Land and Santa's Workshop, complete with all the elves and a few presents. It is something you cannot miss while driving down Riverside Drive at night this

time of year. No matter what holiday you celebrate, there is something to be found in those lights on the river. Those bulbs twinkle and find a way to your heart. Families suffer the cold and ice to see this display at least once before the season is over.

Recently, I took my niece and nephews to see the lights,

and it was a flop. The older two hated it, and they thought the idea of lights being entertaining was too childish. The youngest, however, loved it and wanted to stay out all night to see them more. It bothered me so much the older two did not appreciate what I saw in the lights, and then the revelation occurred. Holiday decorations are not "cool" to children who are trying to be older than they are.

We have moved into a generation where our children must act older than they are. They are given more responsibility and more pressure than a child can cope with. A child is no longer the youth that explores and finds things out for themselves. They have become spoon fed. It is to be said we are raising our children to be young adults from birth. Given young adults are often the most irresponsible, how are we to teach our children the ideals we were taught if we do not allow them to be childish?

It hurt me the oldest two children could not stop sulking enough to see the lights were put up with hard work for pure enjoyment. They could not see the time and labor or wonder and merriment in the lights that shine all through the night.

It hurt most they could not act like children and appreciate

I know it is not status quo to think Christmas lights are cool at their age, but when I saw those lights for the first time at the age of 17, I was astounded, and I wish they would have liked them just a little more.

In the future it may come to be we lose what it is to have holidays and celebrations, the children who do not hold these things dear may just do away with them. It really is true our children are our future. ◆

## How do you feel about SGA?



"I really don't have a straightforward opinion about SGA because I'm not well informed about them and I don't feel like they have a big presence on campus."

Bobby King, senior art education major



"I can't say much about SGA because I don't feel well informed at all, and I really don't know anything about it." -Jordan Bagwell, senior **English major** 



somewhat involved, but I really don't know much about it. It seems like they have a lot going on around campus.' - Keeton Murphy, freshman business major

"I feel like SGA is



"I think SGA is informative. If I ask one person, they should know everything about it. It's on Facebook a lot now too, so it's pretty easy."

– Whitney Qualls, sophomore math major



"I do feel very well informed about SGA. It's something I've been wanting to get involved in since I got to school because it's a really good organization."

 LlieAnna Traughber, sophomore elementary



"I actually know little or nothing at all about SGA. I don't know what they do."

- Aagib A. Khan, freshman pre-pharmacy



"I feel SGA does not have enough direct students. Only people get their advice."

communication with the involved seem to know. I think SGA needs to talk to students more often and Blake Milam, junior

psychology major



"I think SGA does a great job, and all departments are well represented. I think it is up to students to voice their concerns to SGA. I feel well informed, especially through Facebook. I appreciate all the work they put into our campus."

— Nikki Eidson, junior computer science major



"I don't particularly feel they are very involved. The only times I've ever heard from them was when they were advertising for election."

– Anita Slate, freshman **English major** 

## This year in ridiculous: the best and worst of 2009



**Jess Nobert Chief Copy Editor** 

This year was full of ridiculous. It started with Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl changing his name to Steelerstahl in honor of his team taking on the Ravens. We saw the famous water landing by Sully, Michael Phelps got busted for smoking pot and they stopped playing Fox News in Einstein's.

Utah started requiring applications to get into the bar, a woman blocked a bullet with her weave and we saw the kid from "Slumdog

Millionaire" get exploited by his father. Kids at a day care in Arkansas drank windshield wiper fluid, a Texas man robbed the bank via drive-thru and a guy in Michigan got busted for using a car wash vacuum for, um, personal reasons.

A guy's body was exhumed after his family heard the undertaker may have cut his legs off to fit him into his casket. A woman in Texas called 911 because she didn't get enough shrimp in her fried rice and an Ohio teacher took some of her students to the strip club.

Overall, we saw a lot of ridiculous this year, but here are what I classify the best of

There were a lot of fame seekers this year. A lot of them surfaced this summer and a few just in the last

few months. The big ones started with Octomom. She made headlines after having octuplets, but already having six kids at home gave her story a new spin. Jon and Kate (plus their eight) made headlines with Jon's midlife crises and his multiple girlfriends. Heidi and Spencer Pratt are more infamous with their reality show "The Hills," and were all over the tabloids when they eloped in Mexico. The most ridiculous fame

seekers have to be balloon boy's parents, Richard and Mayumi Heene. They had been trying to max out their 15 minutes, and I think they achieved their goal. Congratulations to the most ridiculous fame seekers.

With pop culture, we lost more people than participated in ridiculous acts. This year, we lost Michael

Jackson, Farrah Fawcett, Walter Cronkite and Billy Mays among many others.

The most ridiculous pop icon had to be, by far, Kanye West. His improv show he put on at the Video Music Awards when he mortified Taylor Swift. Congratulations to Kanye for being ridiculous.

Sports saw a lot of headlines for off-the-field activities. Alex Rodriguez got called out for his steroid use. We have all had enough of Tiger. And Serena Williams went a little wild with her outburst over the foot fault. Brett Favre came back out of retirement, again, to play for the Vikings.

The most ridiculous athlete, however, has to be Allen Iverson. He signed with Memphis and never really got on the court. He took personal leave, then retired

somewhat unexpectedly. Suddenly, he was playing for the 76ers. Wait, What? He was in retirement for like a week and then was back. Congratulations, AI, you take the cake for most ridiculous athlete this year.

Politicians are always doing something ridiculous. Blago, and Mark Sanford have to tie on this one. Rod Blagojevich was making the headlines right as the year was starting, and Sanford lied to everyone about his affair with the Appalachian Trail, er, a woman in Argentina. Congratulations, politicians, you never cease to be ridiculous.

These are the most ridiculous events of 2009 as I have seen them. Let's hope 2010 doesn't cease to amuse us with even more ridiculous acts. ♦

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# The top five Christmas gifts for 2009

By CHASITY WEBB

The Christmas season brings about many choices for people to make. The big ones include choosing Christmas gifts for the ones you love. Having trouble? That is where *The All State* steps in to help. Listed here are the top five Christmas gifts for the 2009 holiday season.

The Apple iPhone 3GS is one of this year's most coveted items. "Phone, iPod, and Internet device in one, iPhone 3GS offers desktop-class e-mail, an amazing Maps application, and Safari — the world's most advanced mobile web browser. And your iPhone does even more when you add apps from the App Store," said Apple's Web Site.

Next on the top five list is the Nintendo Wii. "Wii is not just a gaming console, it's a reason to get together with your friends and family and play today's hottest games. Wii offers legendary Nintendo franchises like Mario, Zelda and Metroid, as well as all new classics like Wii Sports and Wii Play. Create your own Mii character to star in Wii games. Play friends online over Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection or use the Internet Channel to surf the net from your sofa. You can even download classic Nintendo games using the Wii Shop Channel," according to the Nintendo Web site.

Another gift, especially for the readers in your life, is the Amazon Kindle. The person who receives this gift has a library that weighs 10.2 ounces and only one-third of an inch thick in the palm of their hands. The smaller version of the Kindle can hold up to 1,500 books while the larger holds up to 3,500. To see more features of the Amazon Kindle visit www.amazon.com.

Netbooks are one of this year's must have items. For Christmas, the ASUS Eee PC 1005HA Seashell is your best bet. "Seemingly crafted by nature itself, the Eee PC™ Seashell draws its inspiration from seashells and its opalescent and glossy exterior is crafted by the innovative in-Mold Roller technology.

It's so light and compact, you can take it anywhere with you. And with sleek curves and smooth lines hugging its lustrous shell, the Eee PC Seashell will easily charm passers-by wherever it goes," said the ASUS Web site.

Everyone has children in their lives they long to please with an awesome Christmas gift. The Zhu Zhu Hamsters and accessories are just the items you need. "Zhu Zhu Pets drive around in little cars, zip up ramps and spin down slides, run in their hamster wheels and get into all sorts of crazy situations. Their artificial intelligence even allows them to know what room of their hamster habitat they are in.

They make toilet-flushing or teethbrushing sounds when they enter the bathroom and sleeping noises and alarm-clock sounds when they go into their bedroom," said the Zhu Zhu Pets Web Site.

There you have it: the best gifts for the 2009 holiday season. If these don't suit you, good luck finding better ones. ◆



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Shoppers make a mad rush for merchandise on Black Friday, the first official shopping day of the season. There are now only 15 shopping days left before Christmas.

## Pearl Harbor survivor back for 1st time since war

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — Retired firefighter Ed Johann was a teenage apprentice seaman on Dec. 7, 1941, when he spotted Japanese planes coming in over Pearl Harbor

He thought they were U.S. aircraft conducting drills until explosions and flames erupted from stricken ships in the harbor.

Then came screams of sailors; the stench of burning oil and flesh.

The 86-year-old Oregonian returned Monday to Pearl Harbor for the first time since World War II where he attended a ceremony marking the 68th anniversary of the attack.

"I really don't know how I'm going to handle it," said Johann, from his home in Oregon. "When I think about it, all I have is unpleasantness. I'm sure it's not like that now."

Then, he and two other sailors were waiting to ferry passengers on a small boat to and from the USS Solace, a hospital ship that was moored in Pearl Harbor.

Johann's motor launcher boat rushed to the USS Arizona, which was hit by several

bombs, one of which struck her forward ammunition magazines and set off a massive explosion. Already fueled and manned when the attack began, their 30-foot boat was the first rescue vessel to arrive at the scene.

They found the water littered with people — some wounded, some dead, some unharmed. Many were covered in the leaking oil from the ships.

They loaded as many as they could and delivered them to the hospital ship before returning to the USS West Virginia for more.

"As we're pulling them out of the water, a lot of times the skin would come right off the arm," Johann said. "They would just be black with oil, except maybe you could see the white of their eyes."

The planes kept coming. Dive-bombers plunged out of the sky, dropping bombs and strafing the water and ships with machine gun fire before roaring back up for another round. Torpedo bombers flew in level to drop their submersible weapons for underwater assaults.

The burning, sinking vessels at first lowered men into Johann's makeshift rescue boat. But some sailors started to panic and jump into their small ship, forcing it to pull away so it wouldn't sink too.

"Some of the sailors would be like in shock and some of 'em would be like going out of control, screaming and hollering," Johann

The next morning — after nervously worrying the Japanese planes would return — Johann's boat unloaded men from the Solace who failed to make it through the night and delivered them to land.

"We had them stacked like cordwood in our boat. The open end where the feet was sticking out was these big brown tags that said 'unknown, unknown," Johann said. The military hadn't adopted dog tags yet and many couldn't be identified.

The attack sank four U.S. battleships and destroyed 188 U.S. planes. Another four battleships were damaged, along with three cruisers and three destroyers.

More than 2,200 sailors, Marines and soldiers were killed.

"We didn't survive by any skill," Johann said of his boat. "It was just luck, pure luck. Because all we were concentrating on was trying to save people, and not save ourselves."

Johann served the rest of the war on the USS Wright, a seaplane tender. After 1945, he returned to California where he worked in sawmills before moving to Portland, Ore. where he spent 28 years as a firefighter. He retired to a beach cottage in Lincoln City and where he served on the city council, helping build hiking trails and campaigning against domestic violence.

Every Fourth of July, he goes to bed early to avoid the fireworks because they remind him of Pearl Harbor's explosions. Even so, the blasts keep him awake.

But the horrors he went through also led him to become a firefighter.

"I think I had it in my mind," Johann said, "I wanted to help people."

For years, Johann said he wouldn't go to the annual observance in Hawaii in honor of those killed in the attack. But now that he's

86, it seemed liked a good idea.
"If I'm ever going to do anything like that I'd better do it now," Johann said. His son, who lives on Maui, will accompany him.

Organizers expect between 40 and 50 survivors of the attack to come. Overall, some 2,000 people are expected to attend the ceremony on a pier overlooking the spot where the Arizona sank.

The bodies of more than 1,000 sailors and Marines are still on board, and small drops of oil continue to rise from the battleship. ◆





**Ed Johann reflects** on the Navy medals of honor in his Lincoln City, Ore., home. He earned the medals as a 17-year-old sailor on duty in Pearl Harbor on the morning it was attacked, Dec. 7, 1941. Johann continued to save lives for the next 30 years as a career fireman and as a volunteer member of a mountain rescue team.

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## Pinder, director of graduate affairs, retires

By JACKIE MOSLEY Assistant Features Writer

The Office of Graduate Admissions is full of smiling faces. One would think upon entering there is something in this office to celebrate. As a matter of fact, there is. Charles Pinder, dean of Graduate Studies and professor, is retiring this year. In his five and a half years at APSU, he has witnessed graduate admissions increase by 50 percent.

"When I first came here we had 400 plus grad students," Pinder said. "Now I am leaving with 900. One hundred twenty-six of them are graduate assistants."

"I didn't do it. We did it. This was really a team effort," said Pinder. When approached with the idea he had done something specific to increase enrollment by such a large amount, he is quick to give credit to those he feels deserve it.

"We have added new programs every year since I've been here. That is unprecedented in this program in Austin Peay's history," Pinder said. "We also have some programs that are excellent. Students don't just come here because it's the closest by, they come because it's a good program."

Pinder also gives credit to APSU's new provost, Tristan Denley. "Dr. Denley is a strong educator and he has strong visions for improvement."

Pinder feels he is certainly not personally responsible for the increase in enrollment during his time here at APSU. He is confident the Graduate Studies program speaks for itself as far as quality is concerned, and it reaches out to students in the areas they need the most.

"We have met our students' needs. We have a number of programs that are on the web. That's crucial. The students themselves are great recruiters."

Pinder has been in the field of education for the majority of his life. He attended the University of Maryland and received his doctorate in what is now called technology education.

"I have done a lot of work in [education]. I was at Virginia Tech for 15 years. I did a lot of developing standards for technology education around the country," Pinder said. From there, he went to Northern Kentucky University, where he was the chair of the Comprehensive Technology department.

"I have enjoyed my whole career," Pinder said. "Some people call me a higher education junkie. But I just enjoy the challenge."

Coming to APSU almost six years ago proved to be a challenge indeed. Never before had he been involved with a primarily liberal arts institution.

"I enjoyed that perspective," Pinder said. "It fits in with my philosophy quite well."

Now that retirement is upon him, Pinder reflects on his time at APSU and the people he has had a chance to work with.

"We have a hard-working

staff here, probably the best staff that I have ever worked with," Pinder said. "We have increased enrollment by 50 percent, but we have not gained any new staff. We tend to work people overtime to get the work done."

Pinder is preparing to leave in a rather ironic way.

"We have a new position that I am chairing for, actually," Pinder said. "I'm chairing for the committee for my own replacement. So that's pretty exciting."

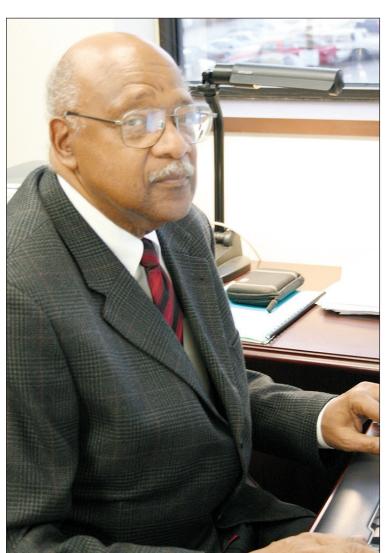
After Pinder retires, he still plans to give back to the world of education he has loved for so long.

"I will continue to do certain things to help other universities, part-time of course," Pinder said. "And my wife will have a 'honeydo' list for me, so I will have my time well-spent."

Pinder is grateful for his time and success here at APSU and will carry his fond memories of the program and his staff away with him.

"I can only see growth and quality going forward here," Pinder said. "We are at 10,000 [students], and graduate studies is about one- tenth of that. I can foresee the time when graduate admissions will be a higher percentage than the approximately 10 percent that it is now."

Pinder has faith in this program. "This is a good time to depart, when the unit has taken on some additional challenges to move the university forward." ◆



MATEEN SIDIQ | MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Charles Pinder, dean of Graduate Studies, finishes his 6th and final year at APSU in the spring. Pinder and his staff have increased graduate enrollment by 50 percent in the last five years.

## Help an Elf begins to enhance the holidays for families

By CHASITY WEBB Staff Writer

Since 1994, the Office of Student Affairs has been sponsoring the Help an Elf Program. The program started in 1992 under its previous name Project Serve.

The program has two purposes. One is to help low income students afford Christmas gifts for their families and the other is to get student organizations and campus offices to volunteer and do service.

Full time students apply for the completely confidential program, and if they meet the criteria they are accepted. The student, who is a parent, writes gift suggestions for their children. The parent is then given their family code such as "A" and a number behind it for how

many children they have. Each family is then adopted out to a department, an organization or some individuals.

The gift list is then provided and the volunteers go out and shop for the children.

"Many of our organizations just have a wonderful time shopping for gifts," said Vanessya Fountain, head of the program and administrative assistant to the Dean. The volunteers will then wrap the gifts and label them and return them to Student Affairs. Student Affairs then delivers them to the families.

This year, 25 Elf Families are being adopted out, which means many organizations are getting involved. The Chemistry Club, the President's Office, Languages and Literature Department,

Housing and Residence and many clubs and Greek organizations, just to name a few, all adopt families.

The Chemistry Club has been participating for many years and has fund raisers to buy gifts for their family.

"Everybody from the students, the faculty [and] the staff adopt a family, and when they bring the gifts in, they usually have carts of gifts," said Fountain.

The joy this program brings to the families is often times overwhelming.

"[For] most of the families that participate in Help an Elf, this is the only way that their children will receive Christmas gifts.

Many times when their families are adopted and they come to pick up their

packages, we have had many who just break down and cry, many who are so thankful for this program. We even have had some who come back and give to the program because they have been so blessed by what someone else did for them."

All the gifts are to be delivered to Student Affairs by Friday, Dec. 11. ◆



MARLON SCOTT |

Help an Elf began in 1992 as a way to help low income families at APSU provide Christmas for their children.

## Roberts awarded fraternity position with Sigma Phi Epsilon



JESS NOBERT | CHIEF COPY EDITOR

Caleb Roberts has accepted a position at Sigma Phi Epsilon headquarters.

Public Relations

Since joining Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity as a freshman in Fall 2006, Caleb Roberts has climbed the ladder of leadership

The APSU senior has served as chapter president and vice president of programming. And as soon as Roberts graduates in May 2010 with a bachelor's degree in corporate communication, he will move to the fraternity's headquarters in Richmond, Va., where he will begin his orientation as one of Sigma Phi Epsilon's regional directors.

According to the fraternity Web site, regional directors are highly trained chapter consultants. They are full-time field representatives who travel from mid-August to mid-April each year, assisting

chapters in effective chapter operations.

"I will live in Richmond until the end of August when I will begin traveling my specific region, visiting each chapter in the region," Roberts said. "I will get my region placement upon arrival in Richmond in June."

He can choose any region in the country except the region of his home chapter, which includes the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

"I would like to be placed in either the southern California, New Mexico and Arizona region or the Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas region," Roberts said.

The regional director position is a one-year commitment. After Roberts completes his service, he has the options

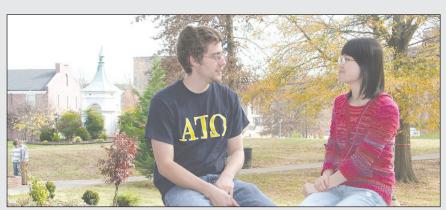
to attend graduate school, extend his regional director appointment for another year or apply to work as a staff member at the fraternity's headquarters, if positions are available. His career goal is to work in student affairs in a higher education institution.

Roberts credits APSU as one of the reasons why he was tapped for a one-year commitment as a regional director.

"My time spent at Austin Peay, both in and out of the classroom, allowed me the necessary skills to excel in the competitive hiring process," he said.

"I had so much support and assistance from much of the faculty and staff while interviewing. I do not think I could have received the same concern had I been attending a different university." •

### **CONVERSATION PARTNERS**



STEVEN ROSE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Coming to college is a difficult change for many students around the world. However, when you add not knowing how to speak English to the list, the task gets much harder. In order to help students make a smoother transition, the International Student Organization and the Department of Extended and Distance Education has asked for student volunteers to participate in a program called "Conversation Partners."

Through this program, students visit with other students that are originally from different countries. Senior Jay Peeler is just one of many students who have volunteered their time to converse.

"My partner is originally from China," Peeler said. "Throughout the semester we have met and hung out all throughout the UC."

"As a result of this experience, I have come to understand just how difficult the English language truly is. Having to explain where to put your tongue in order to pronounce certain

words is difficult," Peeler said.

At the beginning of next semester the program will reopen to students who want to participate in the program. For more information on this program, contact Christina Kelso at

# Good luck on your finals. Have a safe and happy holiday!

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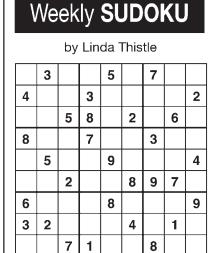
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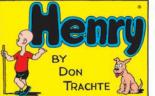


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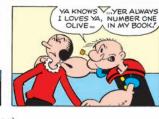
















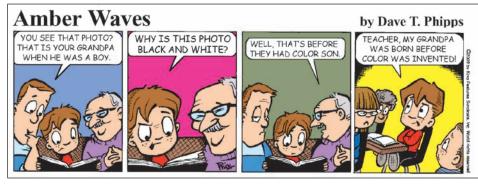


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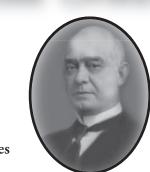






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## Govs maul Panthers, 65-55

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first time since the 2003-04 season, the APSU Lady Govs are 2-0 in conference play. They knocked off the Eastern Illinois Lady Panthers 65-55 at the Dunn Center, Saturday, Dec. 5.

The game was a rematch of the 2009 OVC Women's Conference Championship game. The Lady Govs won that game in double overtime, 69-65.

But unlike the Championship game in March, the Lady Govs (3-5 overall, 2-0 OVC) controlled the tempo of this season's game and did not trail.

"I believe tonight we played a more complete game. We still have things that we need to work on, but the overall performance of the team was better, especially coming out in the second half. I told them to do whatever they had to do to find some fire and we did that," said Lady Govs head coach Carrie Daniels. "Every time they made a run we countered that run and we did some good things."

The Lady Govs led 30-27 at halftime. Brooke Faulkner scored 11 first half points. After EIU (4-4, 1-1 OVC) opened the second stanza to cut the lead to one, 32-31 with 17:13 left in the second half, the Lady Govs went on an 8-2 run to push the lead to 41-32. Whitney Hanley capped off the run with a three-pointer at the 14:56

The Lady Govs had a 12 point lead, 65-53, with 1:40 left to play. They kept it for to the win.

"Starting 2-0 is a good thing, but we still have a long time before we step back into conference and there are going to be different



LOIS JONES | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior Ashley Herring uses the crossover to get past the Chattanooga defender, Sunday, Nov. 15.

teams after the break. But starting 2-0 is a big step for this team," Daniels said.

The inside game, limited to only 14 points, the guards stepped up and carried the load. Brooke Faulkner led the team with a career-high 20 points Whitney Hanley scored 15 points. The two combined for six, three-pointers.

Jasmine Rayner and

Nicole Jamen combined offensively for 19 points. Jamen finished with her season's third doubledouble. She also grabbed a career-high 17 rebounds..

Ashley Herring score nine points, her lowest point total this season.

"We finally hit some shots. Our post players did a good job tonight, and our guards did a good job of moving the ball around."

The win was Daniel's 100th game at APSU. Her record is 37-64 since 2006, when she took over the team.

The Lady Govs will travel to Troy on Saturday, Dec.
12. Afterwards, they will return home to face the nationally ranked Pittsburgh Panthers Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. ◆

#### **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**



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Kentucky's John Wall readies a reverse dunk during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against North Carolina-Asheville in Louisville, Ky., Monday, Nov. 30, 2009.

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## Reality Versus Perception

Of the APSU Students who reported drinking alcohol, over **75%** of these students had four or less drinks per occasion.

#### Binge drinking is a high risk behavior.

Binge drinking is:
Five or more drinks for men, per occasion.
Four or more drinks for women, per occasion.

Risks may include, but are not limited to: Unintentional injuries (e.g. car crashes, falls, burns, drowning, etc.), intentional injuries (e.g., firearm injuries, sexual assault, domestic violence, etc.), alcohol poisoning, sexually transmitted diseases, unintended pregnancy, children born with fetal alcohol disorders, high blood pressure, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases, liver disease, neurological damage, sexual dysfunction, poor control of diabetes, and embarrassment.

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### Normal Drinking Rule:

Zero alcohol if:
Less than 21 years of age,
Driving,
Pregnant,
Taking Medications, or
History of Alcoholism / Addiction

No more than, One drink per hour

No more than, Three drinks per occasion

#### One standard alcohol drink is:

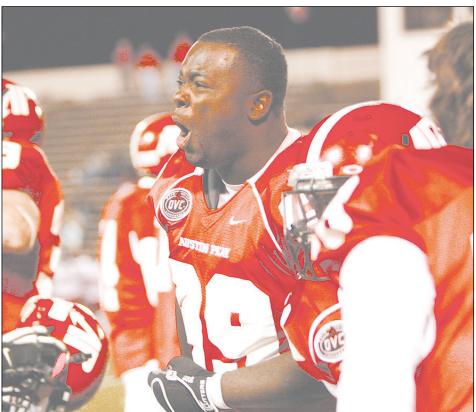
8 to 12 ounces of beer, or 4 or 5 ounces of wine, or 1 1/2 ounces of 80 proof alcohol, or 1 ounce of 100 proof alcohol.

All of the above are equivalent to approximately 1/2 ounce of pure ethanol.

Moderate Drinking Is: (if you're over 21)
No more than one drink a day for women.
No more than two drinks a day for men.



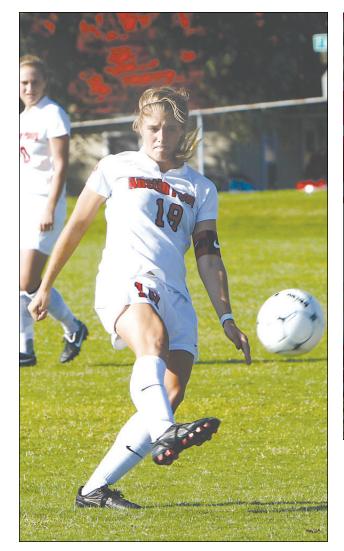
# FALL SPORTS



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Above left: Junior Taylor Skinner goes up for the kill against the Tennessee State defender Sept. 18. Skinner and her teammates had a successful season finishing second in the OVC regular season and 22-9 overall record.

Above right: Senior defensive tackle Dee Peeler celebrates after a defensive stop against Jacksonville State Oct. 31. Peeler was named All-OVC second team and was credited 30 tackles this season.





Left: Senior Captain Hannah Jones attempts to make a play during the game against Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 27. The Lady Govs struggled all season and remained winless in the OVC. Their one win was against Cumberland University, Sept. 1.

Right: Sophomore Ryan White breaks through the hole for postive yardage against Jacksonville State on, Oct. 31. White was a huge part of the Govs' offensive rush strategy, gaining 1,081 yards during the season with an average of 4.7 yards per carry. White was named to the First Team All-OVC and helped the Govs to a 4-7 record.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL** 

## Govs put away EIU, 73-60

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With the win Thursday, Dec. 3 against Southeast Missouri, head coach Dave Loos coached his 400th victory.

In addition, Loos made history with the Govs' second win of the week on Saturday, Dec. 5. Loos tied former Murray State and UT Martin coach Cal Luther as the all-time winningest coach in OVC history with 319 wins.

Loos has a 319-265 record in his 20 seasons at APSU. His record is 401-318 all-time. Loos has coached 24 years at both Christian Brothers University and APSU.

"I'm proud of the record, ready to get one more so we don't have to talk about it any more," said head coach Dave Loos. "It's not just one person. It's a lot of assistant coaches, it's a lot of players and fans and several people across campus. One person doesn't get that many wins by themselves. It takes a

whole lot of people."

With the 73-60 EIU win, the Govs improve to 5-4 overall, and 2-0 in the OVC. The Panthers (4-3 overall and 1-1 OVC) have dropped the last 10 meetings against the Govs.

The Govs led 34-24 at halftime. It was the first time all season the Govs did not trail by double digits in the first half against a Division I opponent.

Wesley Channels scored 20 points in the game. It was his third straight game scoring at least 20 points. He gave the Govs a 16-point lead, their largest of the game, with a three-pointer at the 12:23 mark in the second half. The Panthers clawed back to within six, 48-54. They made three free throws after a Govs' foul behind the three-point line with 6:15 remaining. But the Govs extended the lead back to 10 on two free throws from Tyrone Caldwell with 18

ticks remaining.
"It's hard to figure out how one night you can't

make any free throws and the next night you don't do anything different and you make them all," Loos said. "What is significant in my mind is that this was a veteran team we played tonight. They played some pretty good basketball and to get a win against a veteran team is pretty good. As we develop roles and get spots, we will continue to get better."

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John Fraley secured
his second career doubledouble with 13 points and
11 rebounds. Anthony
Campbell contributed 11
points and a career-high
nine rebounds. Campbell
has scored in double figures
in nine consecutive games,
dating back to last season.

"This was close to one of our best efforts," Loos said. "We took care of the ball and it was probably one of our best defensive moments."

The Govs will return to the Dunn Center Saturday, Dec. 12, to take on Marian College of Indiana with a 7 p.m. tip off. ◆



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Sophomore John Fraley breaks way for a lay up against SEMO defenders, Thursday, Dec. 3.