



# APSU professor arrested for domestic assault



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## » STAFF REPORT

APSU professor Thomas Buttery was arrested Friday, Jan. 23, on a single charge of domestic assault by Clarksville Police Officer Thomas Biele. According to Buttery's curriculum vitae on the APSU website, he is currently a professor

in the School of Education, but has also taught in the School of Business and School of Nursing. Buttery has worked at APSU since 2004. According to the Montgomery County Booking Log, Buttery was booked at 7:19 a.m. and released at 8:15 a.m. *TAS*

# APSU joins in support of Fort Campbell campus

## White, van der Merwe speak against downsizing

### » By MARINA HEAD Assistant Perspectives Editor

President Alisa White and Athletics Director Derek van der Merwe represented APSU's concerns about military downsizing at the Fort Campbell listening session on Tuesday, Jan. 20. The session was held to address questions about downsizing the military personnel at Fort Campbell and to allow citizens from the surrounding areas to speak to Director of Force Management Brig. Gen. Roger Cloutier in support of retaining the Fort Campbell soldiers.

In her speech, White focused on the support APSU has previously given the soldiers at Fort Campbell. She referenced the Fort Campbell campus where APSU offers eight-week courses to support the soldiers' schedules with 43 full-time personnel. "The Army is not just welcome here, the Army is embraced," White said.

White spoke about awards APSU has been given, saying APSU's ROTC is one of the best in the nation. She also referenced the specialized education soldiers can receive, such as a Bachelor's in criminal justice with a focus on homeland security.

One of the goals of the listening session was for the speakers to show how Fort Campbell is different from the other bases that might suffer from the drawdown.

"The difference here is that Fort Campbell, the surrounding community and APSU are so integrated and interwoven that all would lose, given a drawdown here," White said. "APSU would not be as strong as it is right

now, Clarksville would not be as strong as it is right now, and, frankly, the Army would not be as strong as it is right now if Fort Campbell were to suffer that drawdown." Van der Merwe spoke of how the APSU football team auctioned their camouflage football jerseys and donated \$8,000 in proceeds to Wounded Warrior Project.

More than 1,500 people attended the listening session, with many overflowing from the Family Resource Center into Cole Park Commons and Wilson Theatre. As of 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21, there had been over 1,600 viewers on the Cube, which streamed the event online. Hundreds of attendees were reportedly turned away at the gate.

The Department of Defense has already agreed on a reduction from 570,000 soldiers to 490,000. "Sequestration is the law of the land," Cloutier said. "We have a mission to get to an Army end-strength of 920,000."

As for future cuts, Cloutier said definitive numbers would not be available until late spring or early summer.

"No decisions have been made," Cloutier said. Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Kentucky Lt. Gov. Crit Luallen were also in attendance, with videos from several dignitaries, such as Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY).

The mayors of Montgomery County, Clarksville and Hopkinsville were among various officials, business owners, veterans and other citizens of the area surrounding Fort Campbell who spoke at the event, which lasted late into the night. *TAS*

# Provost search continues



Left: Provost candidate Joseph Bessie. **MEGAN ENDSLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**  
Right: Provost candidate Paul Starkey. **CHRIS MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**



# Open forum meetings allow students to meet potential candidates

### » By CANDICE SNOW Assistant Features Editor

The search for APSU's new Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs continues into the month of February. Joseph Bessie, Paul Starkey, Dwight Watson and Rex Gandy have been selected as the four candidates for review. In an effort to help select the best candidate, APSU has formed a search committee consisting of faculty and staff, including Student Government Association President Zac Gillman. Although the search committee is responsible for recommending a candidate, President Alisa White will make the final decision. "In the absence of the president, the provost is the acting president for the university," said Alexander King, chair of the committee. "Everybody on the academic side of the university — all of the deans, all of the chairs, all

of the faculty — ultimately report to the Provost. So, it is a pretty important position for the university." Standard eligibility requirements include a Ph.D. in their field and eligibility for tenure. "The committee is looking for someone who shows leadership in their vision for where the University should go and an understanding of the big issues in higher education today," King said. Bessie's credentials include previously serving as provost/VPAA at the University of Wisconsin, Starkey served as the Provost/VPAA at the Pennsylvania College of Technology, Gandy was the provost/VPAA for the Texas University in Kingsville and Watson served as dean at the University of Northern Iowa. Open forum meetings for Bessie and Starkey took place last week. During these forums, the

candidates spoke with both students and staff about how they plan to improve APSU by utilizing their unique set of skills and experience. Meetings for Dwight Watson will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 12 p.m. in MUC 308. A meeting at Fort Campbell will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 9:30 a.m. in building 203, room 203. Meetings for Rex Gandy will be held on Monday, Feb. 2, at 12 p.m. in MUC 308. A meeting at Fort Campbell will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 9:30 a.m. in building 203, room 203. The search committee welcomes student feedback on candidate satisfaction. Each edition of "The Gov Says" emails will have a complete description of each open forum event and the unique surveymonkey URL for each candidate. Surveys are due no later than 11 p.m. on the day of the forum. *TAS*



APSU President Alisa White speaks at Fort Campbell listening session on Tuesday, Jan. 20. **MARINA HEAD | ASSISTANT PERSPECTIVES EDITOR**

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# Obama talks change in State of Union Address

» By DAVID HARRIS  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday Jan. 20, President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union Address. During his speech, the president discussed important topics such as education, the economy, national security, foreign policy, climate change, race and unity. Obama discussed America’s improved economic situation, such as over 11 million jobs being created in the past five years and the lowering of gas prices. He also mentioned the fight against ISIS. Obama called on Congress to pass a resolution approving a new Authorization for the Use of Military

Force aimed at ISIS to back the ongoing military campaign against the militant group in Iraq and Syria. Obama said he would send a plan to Congress to lower the cost of community college to zero. He said he believes it is not fair for Americans not to have education because it is too expensive. Obama noted how Tennessee is the leading state in free education. “[Obama’s speech] addressed a lot of the problems that people are having, and he addressed them head on,” said junior English major Sabrina Hamilton. “He’s not afraid of a lot of the controversy that revolved around his political policy, and I’m hoping this means he can get a few more things done before his office ends.” Sophomore political science major Jeffrey Gott said he would like to see change in the next round of congressional meetings. “As for his actual address, I think it was a well made speech, and there was a lot of support for it,” Gott said. “There were a lot of good points, but personally I think he claims some things ... when in reality, they were done by other people. I’m just waiting to see what actually happens. Anybody can talk.” TAS



# Hispanic fraternity to hold interest meeting

» By DAVID HARRIS  
Staff Writer

This semester, a new Hispanic fraternity, La Unidad Latina, is being introduced to APSU. On Saturday, Jan. 31, there will be an informational meeting for La Unidad Latina held in room 312 of the MUC at noon. Those running the meeting will discuss what the fraternity is about, its

purpose and its benefits. The fraternity name means “Latin/Hispanic Unity.” Members will bring together those of Hispanic heritage and share information about Hispanic culture amongst themselves, the university and the Clarksville community. Miguel Ruiz-Avilés, cultural director of the Hispanic Cultural Center, said he hopes Unidad Latina will make students aware of

the rich and long Hispanic heritage in the U.S. “It [will be] a group where students can come together, share or learn about Hispanic culture and help each other navigate college life,” Ruiz said. Hispanic Cultural Center student worker Amber Bowens found out about the fraternity as soon as the semester started, and expressed support of the new fraternity’s start.

“It’s really cool to find out another fraternity had been started,” Bowens said. “I feel good that other cultures are getting their own fraternities.” Criminal justice major Oscar Campuzano explained that the fraternity was just in the process of starting. “We will be talking about the benefits of it at the information meeting,” said Campuzano. “So far, there are 12 men who are interested. We’re going to be doing some community-based service around town. It’s interesting because the closest chapters around here are in Atlanta, Chicago and Indiana. Members of other chapters actually came out of their way to APSU because they were interested in our efforts to expand over here. We will be the first Latino-based fraternity on campus. We’re really excited.” TAS



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## Islam: Can a religion be evil?

» By **MARINA HEAD**  
Assistant Perspectives Editor

Religion is not evil; extremist practitioners of religion are evil.

Recent events around the world have caused people great distress, but some are directing their fear and hate on the wrong thing: Islam.

After the attack on *Charlie Hebdo*, along with the continued appearance of ISIS in the news, people are using the opportunity to place the blame on Muslims as a whole.

Many argue there have not been extremists in their religion willing to commit murder. However, it is important to consider that not everyone sees a religion the same way.

The Ku Klux Klan consider themselves a Christian group but have been involved with bombings and murders, especially during the Civil Rights Movement in the '60s. These practices are considered evil in Christianity, but the KKK viewed the religion in a different way and ignored the actual teachings.

There are several cells of the KKK still in operation today, and though their methods are less extreme, their message of white supremacy remains.

Similarly, a person can be evil without religious justification. For example, Joseph Stalin believed communism could not be fully achieved without removing religion, and his name has become synonymous with oppression in modern society.

There are nonextremist Muslims. Malala Yousafzai is a Muslim woman who, at the age of 17, was the youngest person ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize. She rose to fame as an activist for women's educational rights in Pakistan. The

Taliban attempted to murder her, leaving her in critical condition, but she never gave up on her beliefs.

"I want education for the sons and daughters and all the terrorists and extremists," Yousafzai said at a United Nations speech in 2013. "This is the compassion that I have learned from Muhammed, prophet of mercy, and Jesus Christ and Lord Buddha."

Muhammed Ali is also a Muslim and arguably one of the best boxers in history. Since his retirement from the sport, he has been chosen as a UN Messenger of Peace for his work in developing countries and has raised money for many causes, including the Muhammed Ali Parkinson's Center.

Despite these positive examples, there are those who believe all Muslims are evil. There is, in fact, an anti-Muslim movement.

Pamela Gellar, president of the American Freedom Defense Initiative, is one of the first people to pop up when you search for anti-Muslim activists. The AFDI has constantly made the news for their anti-Muslim advertisements placed in mass-transit areas. According to *CBS News*, they have appeared in Chicago, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. One ad called Israel's enemies "savages" and another drew parallels between Hitler and all Muslims' treatment of Jews today.

There have been several terrorist attacks in the news lately, but they are just that: terrorism. Not every Muslim has a connection to every radical terrorist in ISIS. They did not blow up that building or murder that hostage, and they shouldn't be held accountable or blamed for the actions of others.

These actions of terror are both horrible and



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evil, but innocent people should not be blamed for them because of their religion. The terrorists are using their religion to justify murder; instead of following the religion.

"It's hard to believe that anyone would take their beliefs to such an extreme that they'd kill someone over it," said junior computer science major Sean Waters

It is hard to believe, and it should be fought. The important thing is directing frustration appropriately. Intolerance over religion or race is not what the future should hold. Regardless of religion, skin color or political affiliation, we're all human. *TAS*

## Marriage is legal, not emotional

» By **COURTNEY DIGGS**  
Staff Writer

The social issues with gay marriage shouldn't dictate government ruling.

When it comes down to why gay marriage should or should not be legal, are the reasons expressed by our

government's laws really constitutional or just perverse rules enabled by an outdated way of thinking? It makes little to no sense why gay marriage is still illegal in some states. Laws made by our government are put in place to protect the people against violent or harmful situations, not to prevent kindness and love.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, the law constituting a ban on same-sex marriage is due to marriage laws only recognizing the union

between woman and man.

Constitutionally speaking, there is a separation of church and state, but does this really hold true? What legal reason is there that marriage must be between a man and a woman?

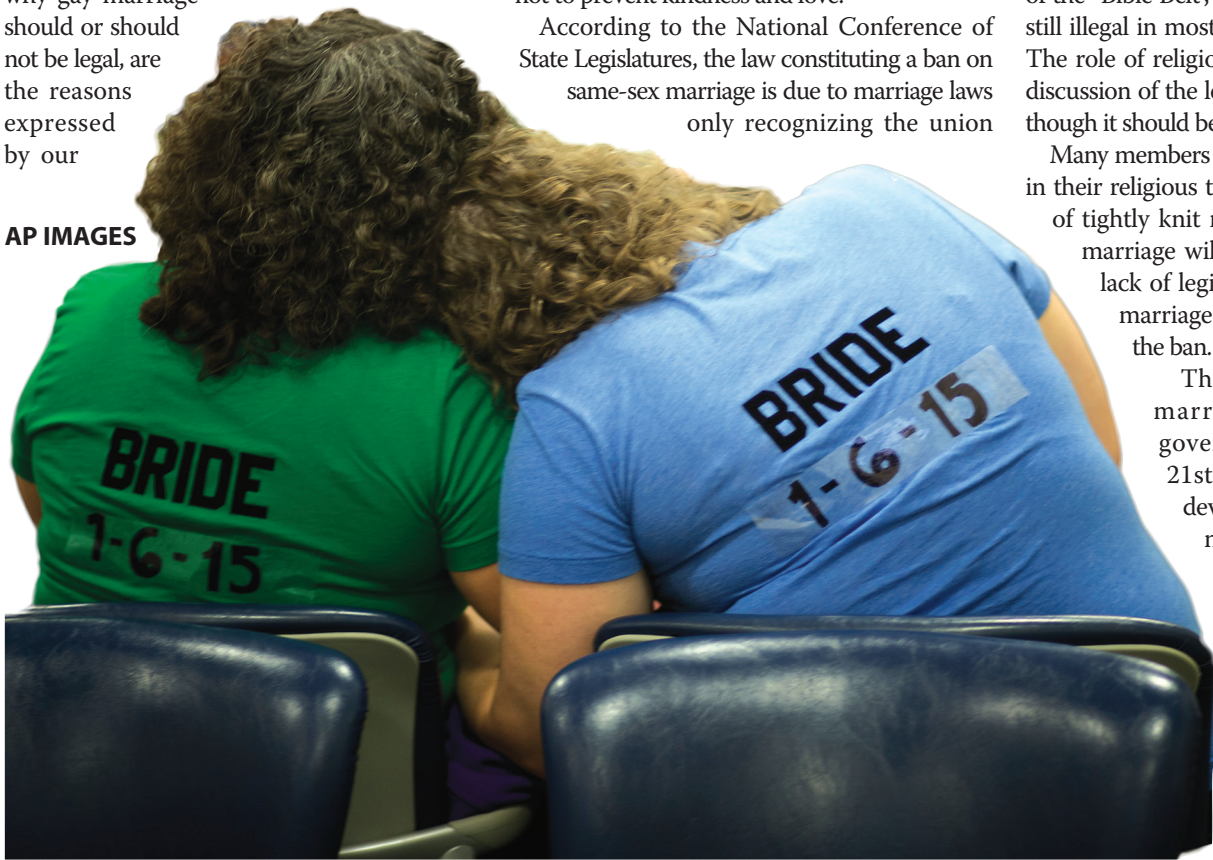
Tennessee and the states around it are part of the "Bible Belt", and same-sex marriages are still illegal in most of the states in this region. The role of religion plays a major part in the discussion of the legality of gay marriage, even though it should be a legal issue.

Many members of our government are older in their religious traditions. Amongst a group of tightly knit religious conservatives, gay marriage will continue to struggle. The lack of legitimate laws prohibiting gay marriages should be the downfall of the ban.

The social issues with gay marriage shouldn't dictate governmental ruling. In the 21st century, with all of the developments our country has made, people should be more understanding of change and growth.

Just because same-sex marriage is against someone's religion or is sometimes considered "socially unacceptable" does not mean that it should be illegal. *TAS*

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### YOUR TAKE

What is your  
opinion on the gay  
marriage ban?



"I think personally that [banning gay marriage] is ridiculous, because [who] is the government to say whom you can love? It's going overboard"

>> **Kelsey Starbuck**,  
freshman psychology major



"I believe it doesn't really matter whom you love. If you love somebody that is of the same sex as yourself, then I don't see a reason you shouldn't have a piece of paper that says y'all are together."

>> **Shelby Fultz**,  
senior public relations major



"I'm personally not for [gay marriage], but I feel if somebody wants to, they should be able to."

>> **Missouri Johnson**,  
sophomore public relations major



"My opinion [about gay marriage] is based on my beliefs. I am a very strong Christian, so I personally don't believe in it just for that reason."

>> **Landon Ellerd**,  
senior computer science major



"Who are we to judge how somebody lives their life? If we have alcohol accessible and let alcoholics drink as much as they want, then we should let people be married to whomever they want to be married to."

>> **Julia Matthews**,  
freshman sociology major

"Your Take" quotes and photos gathered by SARAH ESKILDSON | GUEST WRITER



EVENTS

**Wednesday, Jan. 28**

Govs Trail to Success, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., Green Govs Trail Head, Wednesdays through the end of the semester

**Thursday, Jan. 29**

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# ‘Sound’ echoes across campus



‘Sound’ is displayed in the bowl between the MUC and the Woodward Library as well as the Trahern Gallery. **DANI HUNTER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

» **By ANDREW WADOVICK**  
Staff Writer

This semester, the Art Department is challenging traditional art forms by exploring a different medium: Sound.

The exhibit, “Sound,” is a collection of pieces around campus that embodies the idea that sound is as a good tool for creating works of art as paint or chalk. Michael Dickens, gallery director at APSU and co-curator of the exhibits, said the idea was “not something you see every day. We’re exposing students to new possibilities.”

One of the displays is a set of stands in the grassy area between the MUC and the Woodward Library. “Circumpliance,” as the display is called, was created out of piano pieces, through which speakers play 88 unique stereo tracks on a continuous loop.

According to a sign by the display, “Circumpliance” is designed to fall prey to the elements. “Wind and weather warp the wood, rust the metal and split the keys,” the

sign states. “Because of the exceedingly high number of permutations possible, the resulting music will almost assuredly be unique with each visit to the exhibit site.”

Dickens said the display was only one of many featured on campus. The main gallery is in the Trahern Building, where the gallery itself contains two

lines of headset speakers, each playing different sounds and music,” from the ambience heard while going to an Ohio State fair to the sound

of playing all nine songs in a particular music album at once. The resulting sounds are vastly different and “provide unique experiences,” said Dickens.

He said the exhibit was designed in response to the growing number of artists exploring sound as a new medium.

“Why does a painter choose red over yellow?” Dickens said. “Should I swing the note? What pitch should it be? Artists are thinking of sound

in the same way.”

Another exhibit is data-oriented. Wave data taken from a buoy off the coast of Cape Canaveral processed and transferred into sound waves, which are then used to vibrate a large bowl of water, creating a unique pattern.

As the waves roll by and the high and low tides set in, the patterns fade away and new ones appear.

“This is all in real time,” Dickens said. “The data is coming in directly from the buoy.”

One exhibit involves the windows in the main lobby of the Trahern Building, where speakers have been attached onto six window panels.

Each speaker plays a particular sound at random, and the window itself becomes the speaker, causing the sound to echo through the building. “You can even hear it outside,” Dickens said.

Dickens said the exhibits will be around through Friday, Feb. 6.

“Sound” is open in the Trahern Building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **TAS**



# Chartwells employee talks nautical pasttime



Chartwells employee Mary Alice working in the Peay Pod. MEGAN ULRICK | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» By ELENA SPRADLIN  
Staff Writer

Mary Alice, a Chartwells employee recently featured in #PeayPix, has had a vibrant past before coming to Clarksville, Tenn. and working at APSU’s Peay Pod.

She and her husband moved to Clarksville after her stepson, who was in the 101st Airborne, was deployed, leaving his wife at home with two young children to provide and care for.

Prior to living in Clarksville, Alice was a Rotary Exchange student in Western Australia, earned a degree in archeology and built a boat with her husband and sailed around the Bay Area.

Alice met her husband, a boat builder by trade, in 1987, at which point he was already building what would become their boat.

For the next 15 years, they worked on building it together at a stop-and-go pace, Alice said. They lived in Carson City, Nev., but moved to northern California to live in a boatyard after the boat, a two-person catamaran, was complete. Alice and her husband lived together on their boat for about three years. “[Living on the boat] was cramped, damp but we were prepared for it because we

lived in a 21-foot travel trailer,” Alice said.

She and her husband had plans to sail away, she said, in July 2001 after the boat was finished.

Two months later, they reconsidered. “We didn’t want to go where people didn’t want us to be,” Alice said. Shortly after, they relocated to Clarksville and discovered the Gulf Coast.

Alice said in California, she would have never bought a home, and now in Clarksville, they own a two-story home and don’t use the second floor.

“I could build a little house and live on the Gulf.”

— Mary Alice, Chartwells employee

Living in a two-story home has been a little different for Alice and her husband.

“When ‘Tiny House Nation’ comes on, I think, ‘I could build a little house and live on the Gulf,’” Alice said. *TAS*

# In case you missed it: Academy Award nominations

» By LYRIC MAXWELL  
Guest Writer

It’s that time again; awards season is here. From the recently aired Golden Globes to the Oscars, Screen Actor Guild Awards and many more.

Watching the stars walk the red carpet is one of the highlights of the evening for many.

Up and coming are the Oscars, which will be hosted by Neil Patrick Harris. Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Lupita Nyong’o, Julianne Moore, Reese Witherspoon and Benedict Cumberbatch are just a few who will walk the red carpet.

Here are some of the nominees for the top Academy Awards:

Nominees for Best Picture include “American Sniper,” “Boyhood,” “Selma,” “Whiplash,” “The Theory of Everything,” “The Imitation Game,” “The Grand Budapest Hotel” and “Birdman.”

Nominees for Best Actor include Steve Carell for “Foxcatcher,” Bradley Cooper for “American Sniper,” Michael Keaton for “Birdman” and Eddie Redmayne for “The Theory of

Everything.”  
Nominees for Best Actress are Marion Cotillard for “Two Days, One Night,” Felicity Jones for “The Theory of Everything,” Julianne Moore for “Still Alice,” Rosamund Pike for “Gone Girl” and Reese Witherspoon for “Wild.”

Nominees for Best Supporting Actor are Robert Duvall for “The Judge,” Ethan Hawke for “Boyhood,” Edward Norton for “Birdman,” Mark Ruffalo for “Foxcatcher” and J.K. Simmons for “Whiplash.”

Nominees for Best Supporting Actress include Patricia Arquette for “Boyhood,” Laura Dern for “Wild,” Keira Knightley for “The Imitation Game,” Emma Stone for “Birdman” and Meryl Streep for “Into the Woods.”

Nominees for Best Director include Alejandro G. Inarritu for “Birdman,” Richard Linklater for “Boyhood,”

Bennett Miller for “Foxcatcher,” Wes Anderson for “The Grand Budapest Hotel” and Morten Tyldum for “The Imitation Game.”

The Oscars are set to air Sunday, Feb. 22, on ABC. *TAS*

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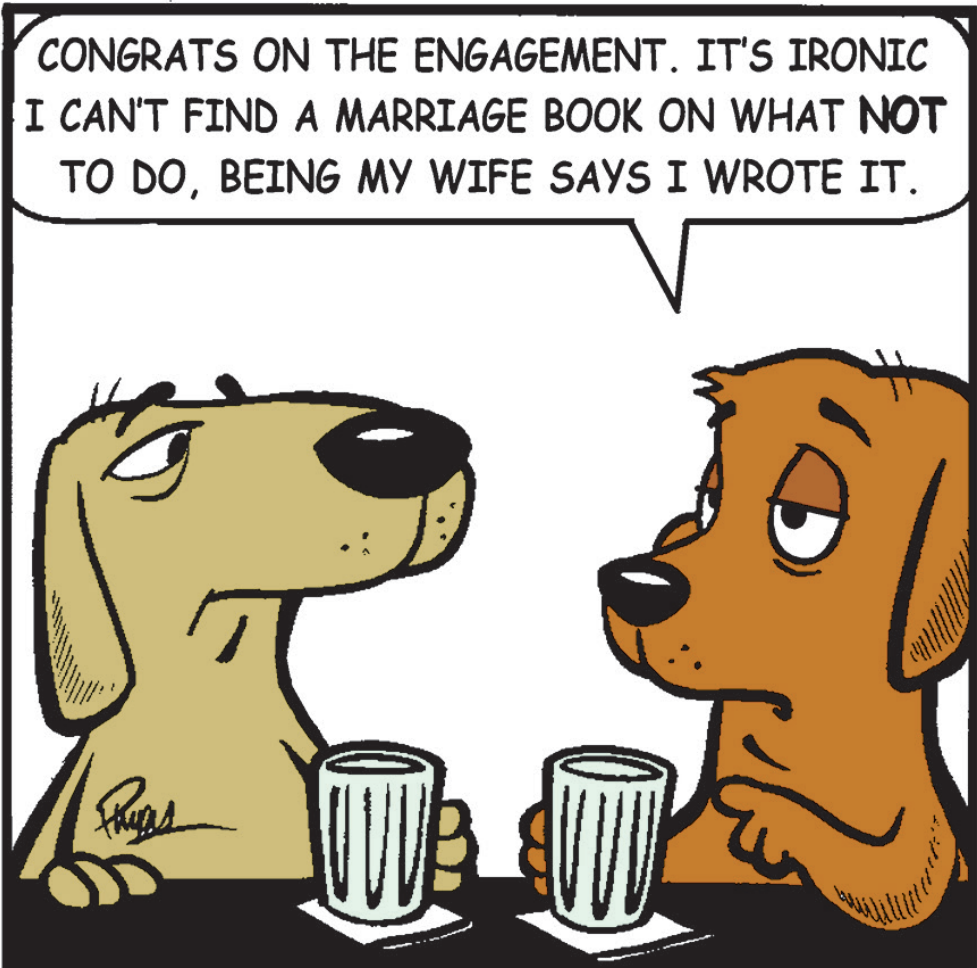
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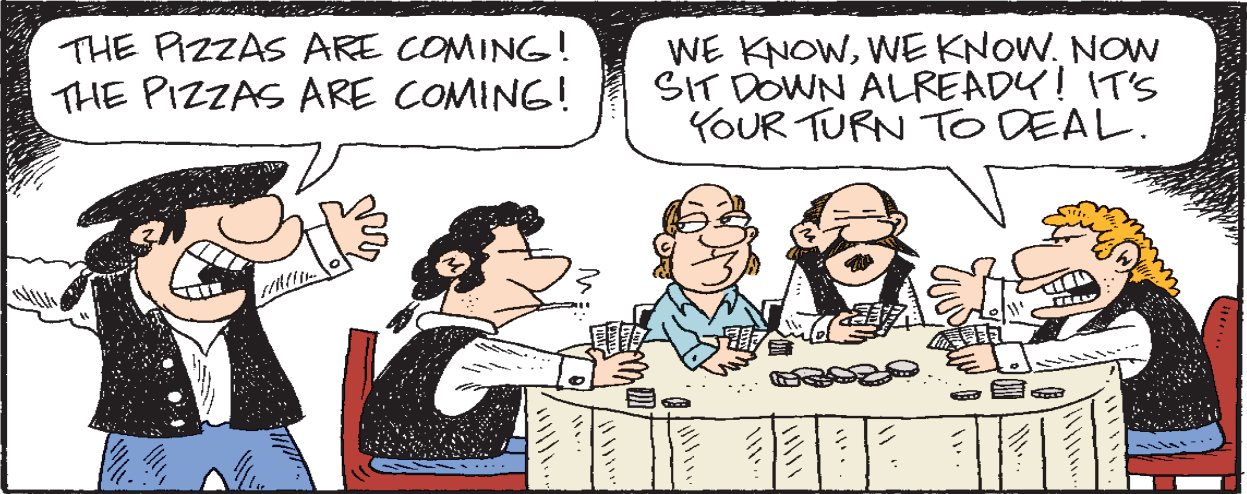
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3. Green Bay Packers
4. Dallas Cowboys
5. Pittsburgh Steelers
6. Seattle Seahawks
7. San Francisco 49ers
8. New England Patriots
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# Closing arguments begin in ex-Vanderbilt players’ rape trial

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A prosecutor trying the rape case against two former Vanderbilt University football players says the video and photo evidence taken during the alleged crime would be enough to convict the men on most of the charges they face.

Assistant District Attorney Jan Norman told jurors Monday, Jan. 26, during closing arguments that beyond the video footage and photographs, testimony from several

athletes shows the players are guilty.

Former players Brandon Vandenburg and Cory Batey are standing trial on five counts of aggravated rape and two counts of aggravated sexual battery. Two other former players are facing the same charges.

Worrick Robinson, a defense attorney for Batey, told the jury the testimony indicated his client was drunk and didn’t know what he was doing.

Vandenburg’s defense is to make a closing argument Tuesday, Jan. 27. *TAS*

## OVC Standings

Rank	Women’s basketball	Men’s basketball
1	UT Martin	East
2	Southern Il.	1 Belmont
3	Tenn. St.	2 Morehead St.
4	Morehead St.	3 Eastern Ky.
5	<i>APSU</i>	4 Tenn. Tech
6	Jacksonville St.	5 Jacksonville St.
7	Belmont	6 Tenn. St.
8	Eastern Il.	West
9	Eastern Ky.	1 Murray St.
10	Tenn. Tech	2 Eastern Il.
11	SEMO	3 UT Martin
12	Murray St.	4 Southern Il.
		5 SEMO
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# Predators eager to build on their best start without Rinne

» By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Nashville Predators are back at work ready to prove the best start in franchise history is no fluke, even with goaltender Pekka Rinne still sidelined, and they want a fast start coming off the All-Star break.

“It’s very critical,” said forward James Neal Monday, Jan. 26. “I think everyone’s got the same mindset coming back from the break. We want to gain ground, and you want to make up as many points as you can. ... We’ve got to be ready here, and ... I think everyone just kind of recharged, really got their energy back and ready to go.”

Not everyone got to rest over the long All-Star weekend.

Coach Peter Laviolette and his assistants worked the game and got the win with Team Toews in Columbus, Ohio along with defenseman Shea Weber, who won the hardest shot competition with a 108.5 mph blast, and Filip Forsberg who scored the first goals by a Predator in an All-Star game.

At the All-Star break, the Predators led the NHL with a .722 winning percentage. Anaheim has a league-best 68 points — three ahead of Nashville, which has two games in hand on the Ducks.

Nashville (30-10-5) has gotten at least a point in 11 of the last 12 games going into the break and also lead the Central Division at 12-3-2, matching the wins they got in the division all last season.

Laviolette tried to help his Predators get back up to speed Monday, Jan. 26, by pushing them through practice and drills quickly.

“It gets harder and harder,” Laviolette said.

“The more is at stake as the season winds on here. The teams always will be fighting for something now. The playoffs, once you get through January and reach the halfway point of February, it starts to really narrow in on the playoff picture and what’s happening around the league. So it doesn’t get any easier than that.”

Rinne skated Monday, but the league’s top winning goalie’s return from an injured knee remains unchanged. He hurt his knee Tuesday, Jan. 13, and still is expected to miss between three and five weeks. The Predators managed three points in three games without him before the break.

Carter Hutton at least got his first win in net for Nashville this season with a 4-3 victory over Washington on Friday, Jan. 16, and just missed a second in a 2-1 overtime loss at Montreal last week.

Laviolette said Hutton has given the Predators a chance to win and thinks they will play hard in front of the goaltender.

The Predators also recalled Marek Mazanec from Milwaukee in the AHL on Monday. Hutton is 1-4-3 this season.

“He definitely deserves better,” said center Mike Fisher. “He’s played some good games where we couldn’t score in front of him. We know he’s a good goaltender. We’ll focus on what we need to do as a team no matter who’s back there.”

Fisher said the Predators just have to keep focusing on themselves and trying to play better.

“We’ve managed to be consistent throughout,” Fisher said. “We got to keep that going.” *TAS*



Left: Dimitar Ristovski. Right: Aleksas Tverijonas. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

# Men’s and women’s tennis take to road with mixed results

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Men’s doubles:

Over the weekend, APSU men’s tennis team traveled to Chattanooga to play the University of Tennessee Chattanooga Mocs at Hixson Racquet Club. Although they couldn’t gain a point in the doubles category, the Govs came back, winning four of six singles to win the match 4-3. In doubles play, No. 1 Dimitar Ristovski/Iago Seffrin lost 6-1. No. 2 Ristovski/Aaron Jumonville lost 6-1, and No. 3 Evan Borowski/Manuel Montenegro lost 6-4.

Singles:

The singles games were more promising for the Govs. No. 1 Ristovski won his match 6-0, 7-5. No 2. Aleksas Tverijonas defeated his opponent in a nail-biter 7-5, 7-6. No. 3 kept up the win 6-4. No. 4 Seffrin and No. 5 Montenegro couldn’t continue the streak, both losing their matches. However No. 6 James Mitchell was able to come in at the end with a 6-3, 2-1 win over John Peacey.

The Govs (1-0) will be at home for the first time this season Thursday, Jan. 29, at 3 p.m. where they will host Abilene Christian University at the APSU Tennis Center.

Women’s tennis:

The Lady Govs tennis team has made a slow start with two away losses over the week, falling 0-7 to the UTC Lady Mocs and the MTSU Blue Raiders. They were unable to force a third set in any match. The Lady Govs (0-2) hope to gain their first win of the season when they travel to Evansville, Ind. and the Tri-State Athletic Club, where they take on Abilene Christian at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30. *TAS*

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# Record-setting performance

## Lady Govs track and field competes in Gladstein Invitational



Left: Breigh Jones, sprints/relay runner. Right: Kymmalett Ross, middle distance runner. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

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On Friday, Jan. 23, and Saturday, Jan 24, the APSU track and field team went to Bloomington Ind., to take part in the Gladstein Invitational.

The first day of the event came with some struggles but also successes.

APSU’s Kymmalett Ross got a spot in the finals in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.74. In the triple jump, Kaylnn Pitts won fourth place with an 11.85-meter jump, and not too far behind her, in sixth, was Keyondria Ross with an 11.48-meter jump. Amia Butler placed second in both the 60-meter hurdles and the long jump.

On the second and final day of the invitational, freshman Sonja White had a fourth-place showing in a 21-runner field.

In the 60-meter dash final, Kymmalett Ross placed fifth with a time of 7.81. In the 4x400 meter relay, Ross was joined by Jessica Gray, Breigh Jones, and Terri Morris.

This group posted a season best 3:49.47, which earned them fourth place overall. Jones also competed in the 600 meter and broke the school record with a time of 1:32.69, winning third place. *TAS*



Seattle Seahawks’ Jermaine Kearse catches the game-winning touchdown in overtime of the NFC Championship game. AP IMAGES

# Super Bowl XLIX preview

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We finally know who will be going to Super Bowl XLIX in Glendale, Ariz. It was decided on Sunday, Jan. 18, that the Seattle Seahawks will take on the New England Patriots on Sunday, Feb. 1.

The Seahawks played this season as Super Bowl champs with last year’s victory against the Denver Broncos. Since then, they have been favorites all year to repeat.

The Patriots have also been favorites to win the AFC since the Broncos got knocked out a week earlier by the Colts.

The last time these two teams met was on Sunday, Oct. 14, in Seattle with the Seahawks taking it by one point, 24-23.

These teams may not have the same players and coaches they had before, but the Patriots and Seahawks do still have one thing: A chance to win the biggest game of their lives.

The Seahawks overcame a 16-point deficit at halftime to win in overtime 28-22 against the Green Bay Packers. Seattle’s Russell Wilson threw four interceptions that were aimed at receiver Jermaine Kearse.

Ironically, the game-winning touchdown was to Kearse, that being the only catch Kearse had in the game.

As the final minutes of the game were ticking down, the Packers were leading. Russell Wilson scored a one-yard touchdown to narrow the score to 19-14 with two minutes left.

The Seahawks kicked an onside kick that initially was recovered by Brian Bostick for the Packers, who mishandled the ball, which bounced off him right into a Seahawks

player’s arms.

The onside kick by the Seahawks gave them enough momentum to score and take the lead with a minute for the Packers to tie the game and send it to overtime.

The Patriots scored first and never looked back on their route to the Super Bowl beating the Indianapolis Colts 45-7.

There has been controversy on the Patriots this week because the NFL footballs were deflated in the first half of their game against the Colts on Sunday, Jan. 18.


Many rumors have begun to fly concerning what will happen to the Patriots in regards to these allegations.

Will the five-time Super Bowl Coach Bill Belichick be able to coach for another ring, or will fate just run its course?

With both teams coming into the Super Bowl with the same regular season record of 12-4, this game is a toss-up. On paper, both teams are fairly well stacked at majority of the important positions.

The big questions will be: Can the No. 1 defense in the NFL, Seattle, stop Tom Brady and the Patriots? Will the Patriots be able to focus on what matters, or will the Seahawks be able to take advantage on the big stage?

We’ll see it go down on Sunday, Feb. 1, in Glendale, Ariz., for Super Bowl XLIX. *TAS*

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