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Maynard construction in final days

» By DAVID HARRIS

Guest Writer

New dorms have not been the only buildings in construction this year at APSU. The new Maynard Mathematics and Computer Science Building has been coming together, as well.

Construction crews broke ground August 2012, and new the facility is close to completion.

"The Maynard Building is scheduled to be substantially complete on Oct. 8," said Rufus Johnson from Rufus Johnson Associates, the architecture firm that designed the building. Johnson said that it has been less

Claxton is so old and the computer science department needs their own building."

— Cameron Hopkins, junior healthcare management major

than a year since construction started, and they are ahead of schedule. It is scheduled to start being used January 2014, and an early completion date will allow faculty and staff more time to settle into the new space.

"Both departments who will occupy the building are continuing to grow and now occupy space in the Claxton



The Maynard Mathematics and Computer Science building will house four new classrooms and will be "substantially complete" on Tuesday, Oct. 8, according to architect Rufus Johnson. BRITTANEY ABBOTT | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and Clement buildings," said the chair of the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology,

"Much of that space is needed by [the College of] Education and also by departments in the College of

Behavioral and Health Sciences. The new building will be part of a group of buildings called the 'STEM triangle' that includes Sundquist and Hemlock Semiconductor. Many students majoring in our areas will spend most of their time in these buildings."

The new Maynard Mathematics and Computer Science building will include gathering areas on the first and second floors for students to study, as well as lobby areas with a counter for computers, a student activity area and a view of the courtyard.

Across the courtyard will be handicap accessible sidewalks, benches, grassy areas, a trellis and a fountain. On the south and west exterior walls,

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Joe Pitts spoke at APSU Tuesday, Sept. 17 about education, tuition and healthcare. BRITTANY WARREN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pitts stops by for 'Coffee and Conversation'

» By MYRANDA HARRISON

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, Einstein Bros Bagels hosted "Coffee and Conversation" with Tennessee Representative Joe Pitts.

Students were given the opportunity to go to Einstein Bros Bagels and have cinnamon twists and 50-cent small coffees while listening to and discussing issues with Pitts, such as politics, education and issues affecting APSU.

Pitts began by saying he preferred

the event to be very informal, more dialogue and fewer monologues.

"Every time you turn around, there's always something good coming out of APSU," Pitts said.

Pitts discussed the school, its funding for veteran support and how they recognize military graduates each year.

Pitts also mentioned the tuition issues students are having and said APSU will always have concerns regarding their state funding.

Pitts said he does not believe there should be caps put on tuition for

students.

Another concern Pitts touched on was the need for Medicaid and TennCare.

"We need to expand Medicaid," Pitts said. He said he believes the governor's choice to not increase Medicaid is

On TennCare, Pitts stated his concern for disabled adults and their families, noting the waiting list for TennCare is more than 7,000 and of

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Voting numbers falling

SGA discusses recent voting trend, meets with TBR representative

» By LAUREN COTTLE

Staff Writer

Advice on how to reverse the trend in declining number of votes for Student Government Association elections was offered by current SGA senators at a meeting on Wednesday,

This fall, 579 students voted in the SGA elections. This is 125 less than fall 2012 and 337 less than fall 2011.

SGA President Mike Rainier said he had expected this drop due to SGA

legislation passed before this election. "The legislation regulated how candidates can campaign." Rainier said. "For instance, a student can't walk around with a laptop going up to people saying 'Hey, vote for me."

SGA members were asked to think of three things the SGA could do to promote voting.

Senators proposed ideas like collecting data on what students want, having an SGA-sponsored event with polls and having candidates give brief descriptions of themselves so students can learn more about them.

Another proposal was to have an open forum where candidates may state their goals, for which Rainier advocated, but with a caveat.

"Would we be giving an upper hand to students who don't have class during the time of the open forum?" Rainier said.

He was also concerned that freshmen would skip class to attend the forum.

Newly-elected SGA members agreed the elections "felt too rushed" and asked for extended time between

candidate orientation and elections. Ashley Humphrey from the Tennessee Board of Regents spoke to the SGA.

Humphrey is a graduate student at Tennessee Technological University serving her second year on the TBR as a representative for over 200,000 students in Tennessee.

Humphrey encouraged students who are "looking for something more" than student government to run for the TBR position, though she said, "it can be challenging."

Humphrey said she wanted to learn as much as possible about APSU so she can better represent Tennessee students.

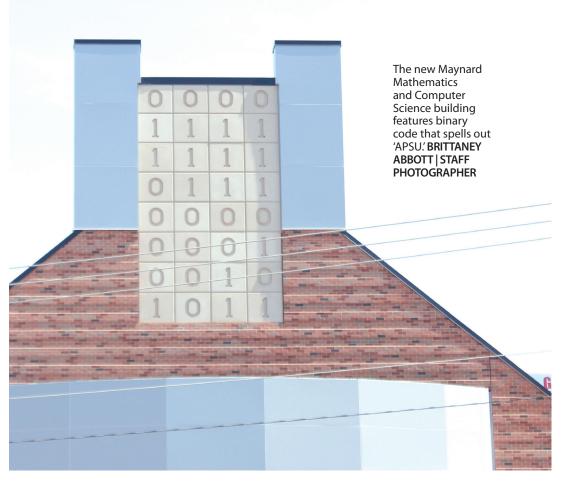
SGA Vice President Jessi Dillingham showed SGA members a quick video on Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, which is an opportunity for students to propose legislation to the Tennessee legislature.

Humphrey said TISL is "a wonderful experience."

New SGA members stated the oath of office led by Chief Justice Kelsey

Dillingham also addressed the new members about parliamentary

The seven new members will be trained in Parliamentary Procedure and will have their pictures taken for the SGA website on Wednesday, Sept. 25. TAS



Maynard

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those people, 100 or more of

them are in "crisis situations."

TennCare, who can't get on

TennCare," he said.

"We have people who need

Pitts concluded the night with

a discussion on public education.

spell 'APSU' in binary code, a coding system used in computer science.

The building's large windows

will reduce its use of artificial lighting and give the building more natural light.

The new math building has four classrooms and three computer labs.

"I think it's needed," said Cameron Hopkins, a junior healthcare management major and former computer science major. "Claxton is so old and the computer science department needs their own building."

APSU will hold a ceremony for the opening of the new building soon. The Maynard family, for whom the building is being named, will also be honored. **TAS**

"Public education continues to be a battleground," Pitts said, "and Tennessee promised to provide free education."

Pitts said the pace of reforming education is moving too fast, as standards have already changed four times.

"The school systems have trouble adapting to the change," Pitts said. A particular problem he has with public education is standardized testing. Pitts coined the term "teaching to the test," a teaching style which gears curriculums toward performance on standardized tests rather than focusing on educational value.

Pitts said he thinks there is too much "teaching to the test" being encouraged in Tennessee schools. **TAS**

US edges closer to highlevel talks with Iran

» ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Obama administration edged close to direct, high-level talks with Iran's new government on Monday, with Secretary of State John Kerry slated to meet his Iranian counterpart this week and the White House weighing the risks and rewards of an encounter between President Barack Obama and Iran's president, Hasan Rouhani.

An Obama-Rouhani exchange on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly would mark the first meeting at that high level for the two nations in more than 30 years. Such talks could signal a turning point in U.S.-Iranian relations — but also could be seen as a premature endorsement for a new Iranian government that has yet to answer key questions about the future of its disputed nuclear program.

Obama advisers said no meeting was scheduled. But they added that the U.S. planned to take advantage of diplomatic opportunities while in New York and indicated they were not leaving a possible encounter between Obama and Rouhani to chance.

"I don't think that anything would happen by happenstance on a relationship and an issue that is this important," Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security adviser, told reporters traveling with the president to New York.

The election of Rouhani, a moderate cleric, has led to speculation about possible progress on Iran's nuclear impasse with the U.S. Particularly intriguing to American officials are Rouhani's assertions that his government has "complete authority" in nuclear negotiations. The U.S. and its allies have long suspected that Iran is trying to produce a nuclear weapon, though Tehran insists its nuclear activities are only for producing energy and for medical research

American officials say Rouhani's change in tone is driven by the Iranian public's frustration with crippling economic sanctions levied by the US

But it is still unclear whether Iran is willing to take the steps the U.S. is seeking in order to ease the sanctions, including curbing uranium enrichment and shutting down the underground Fordo nuclear facility.

State Department officials said Kerry would seek to answer that question on Thursday when new Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif joins nuclear talks between the U.S. and five other world powers. **TAS**

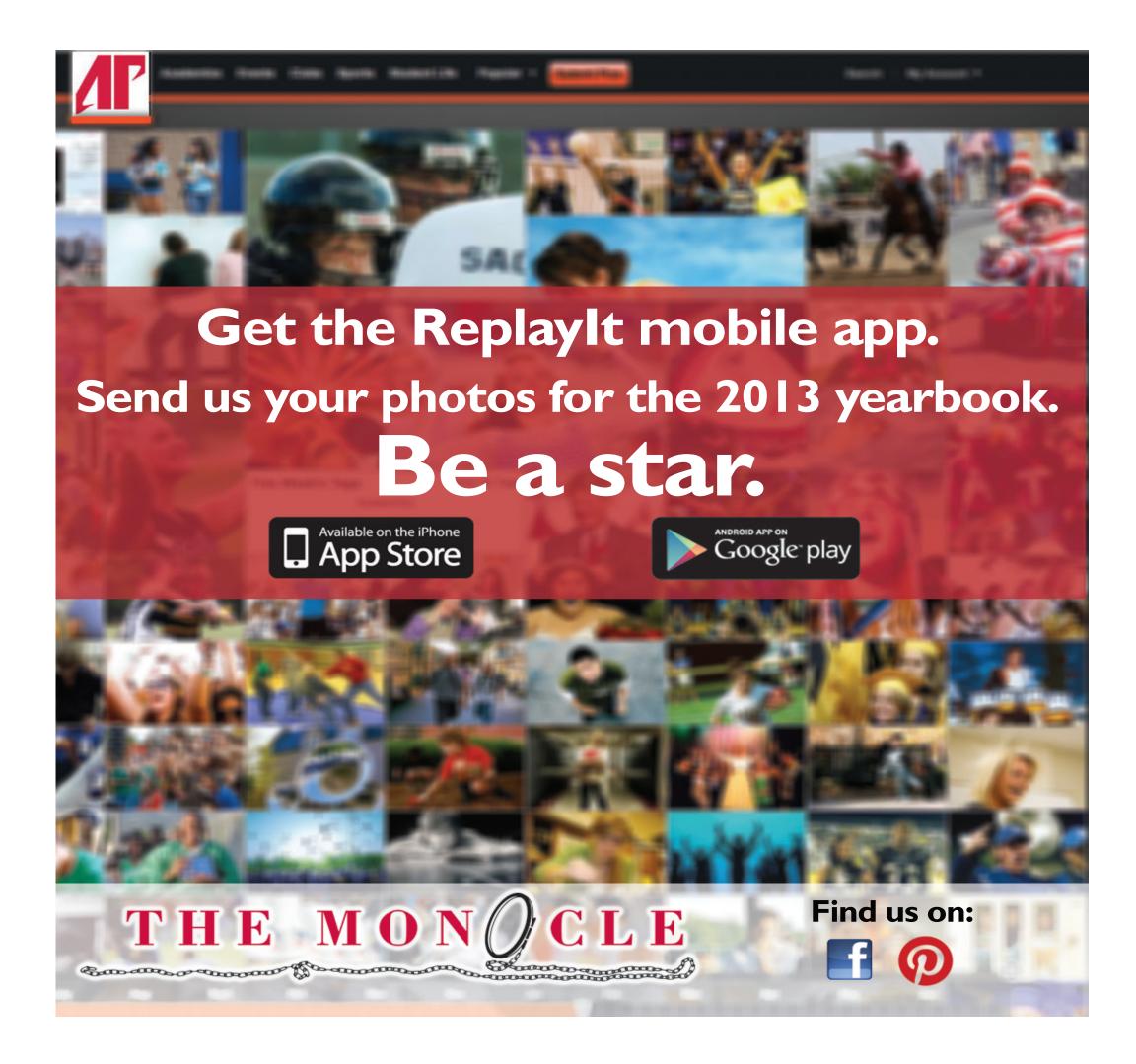
CRIME LOG

The campus crime log includes arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within two business days of an incident and new information to an incident available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

- 2:45 p.m.; Sept. 17; Sevier Hall; theft of property
- 5:25 p.m.; Sept. 17; Foy Fitness Center; theft of property
- 8:36 p.m.; Sept. 17; Blount Hall; simple possession/casual exchange
- 9:54 p.m.; Sept. 17; Blount Hall; unlawful drug paraphernalia
- 8:19; Sept. 15; Foy Fitness Center; theft of property
- underaged possession/consumption

■ 12:56 a.m.; Sept. 14; Blount Hall;

Visit TheAllState.org to see an interactive map of the campus crime log.





Students should become more active on campus

» By DANIELLE BOOKER

Guest Writer

There are many ways to get involved on campus. From intramural sports to student government, as well as sorority and fraternity avenues, the school provides many ways to be involved and make friends that you may have for the rest of your life.

Attending college is an opportunity that not everyone has the means to take part in, and we are very fortunate.

"College gives people a chance to work toward a better life," said freshman education major, Nikki Carson

Take a moment to think about those less fortunate who may not be able to pay for college, or anything else for that matter; consider those who desperately need your help but might not have the means to help you back.

Volunteering is a way to get involved in your community, and get to know people.

It's no different than any of the other social avenues students take, except it is helping other people. Students don't volunteer enough; we feel we don't have enough time.

Homework and papers tend to make students feel as if they are too busy. Social media takes up more of our time than helping each other.

In light of the current economy, we should all be very considerate and helpful from one human being to another. Face it: All we have is each other. You may ask, "so how can I help? Get involved.

Currently, at APSU there is the charity event, Pies For George, and you can participate

The affair is being held for APSU alumnus, George Harris, who works as an adjunct professor at APSU. He is diagnosed with a digestive disorder called diverticulitis.

This is a condition where sacs or pouches are formed in the colon and makes it very hard and often times painful to go to the restroom.

This condition has caused his diet to change considerably, and many times, he can not eat at all. This disorder is treatable, though it can be fatal and is not curable.

Doctors and surgeons have informed him that he will need surgery to improve his health and to gain weight. It will allow him to eat more meals and make foods more easily digestible.

The cost of the surgery to cut and repair his colon will cost more than what he can afford.

This surgery is vital to his well-being and will make a huge difference in his every day life.

For every \$50 raised, a select few professors will



A poster explaining the event Pies For George. Participants can donate money or sign up to have pies thrown in their faces. The event will be held on Friday, Oct. 25. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

take a pie in the face.

It's a great way to provide for someone in need, as well as to get back at some of your professors for some of the harder quizzes

you might have been given. It is a win-win situation.

The Pies For George event will be hosted by the Health and Human Performance Club, and will be held Friday, Oct. 25. from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the Library Bowl.

Oct. 25. from 12 to 1:30 p.m. and get to know people." in the Library Bowl.

A pie will be "served" for every \$50 raised on behalf of each individual who a sense of community and

"We are looking for volunteers to support the event, especially those willing to take a whipped

cream pie in the face.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact 221-6316," said health and human

performance professor, Donna Dey. Being

Volunteering is a way to get involved in your community and aware of those around you and their needs builds

a sense of community and makes others more willing to help you. In a world where social media and selfishness is the norm, a sense of community is a much-needed variable. Getting involved in your community does not always mean giving your money.

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Most of the time, people only need your time and willingness to make a difference in the lives of others.

A little time can go a long way. Letting people know you care makes them more willing to help you, if you are ever in need.

In the words of an old song "we all need somebody to lean on."

Helping a friend succeed might give another the courage to try to do something they never thought they could.

If you have not been encouraged by anything else, volunteering can give you sense of confidence and encouragement in what an impact you can have, as well as build your character. **TAS**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

» TANYA WADKINS

I am a student at APSU, I graduated with honors as an undergraduate, and I am currently a graduate student with a 4.0. I receive accommodations for learning and physical disabilities. I take many classes online with APSU and have done so for a long time. It has come to my attention that APSU is using a company called Ivy Software, which they use for their masters of business management 5010 class. This company does not accommodate students with disabilities at all. When my professor contacted Ivy Software about accommodations granted to me by APSU, they would not extend testing time for an individual or allow answers to be reviewed, because their software and testing is completely

When I contacted them, they said, "oh well" and, "too bad" because their testing doesn't work that way.

It's a shame that APSU is using a company that doesn't care about students, or follow the law, in my opinion. I hope to bring awareness to this situation, because it is something I believe needs to be changed. TAS

APSU should make campus more appealing to students

» RAVEN BROWN

Guest Writer

volunteers.

How many students around campus have you heard say that they are going to transfer once they get their prerequisites out of the way?

This is not an uncommon occurrence among smaller universities like APSU, but what factors contribute to the substantial percentage of students who decide to continue their post-secondary education elsewhere?

Another trend on our campus is the number of students who live off-campus, who make up the majority.

There are a lot of benefits to living on campus, including proximity to classes and on-campus activities, experiencing real college life, and having better study habits and grades on average, so why aren't more students persuaded to live on campus? Let's start with some background on who

exactly makes up our student population.

The average student at APSU is 25 years old, and the majority of the students are freshmen.

Approximately 60 percent of the students are females. About 66 percent of students are white. Around 53 percent of scholars are from Montgomery County.

As of 2011, APSU's retention rate was 66.9 percent.

Now, let's examine how some of these factors indicate why people leave APSU and do not live on campus.

A major factor that contributes to students

deciding to live off campus is finances.

Housing is \$2,000 or more, on top of tuition, books and fees. It's honestly a lot cheaper to live at home with your parents, for those of us that could tolerate four more years.

Living on campus improves grades, but my experience was the exact opposite."

Plus, as someone who has tried living with her parents, living in the dorms and just finding roommates who are a good distance from both, living on your own definitely allows for more freedom.

The dorm rules are definitely a turn-off when deciding where a person wants to spend the next few years of their life.

Considering the average age of a student at APSU, it's not really surprising that most students commute to school.

By the age of 25, a lot of people already have families they have to think about, so the dorm setting isn't always a feasible option.

Ways to attract more students to campus

housing would be to create an environment that's less juvenile.

Housing should be geared more toward older adults, such as having more apartment complexes instead of dorms.

These are more appealing to older students as, demonstrated by the residents at The Grove and University Landing.

Another con to living in the dorms is all the drama, which feels disconcertingly like high school. Personally, there wasn't enough solitude to just enjoy my own company.

It has been said that living on campus improves grades, but my experience was the exact opposite, because there is a such thing as too many distractions, and a person can focus a little bit too much on the "having fun" part of college and not enough on the learning.

I think, one reason so many students transfer from APSU after they get their core requirements complete is because APSU does not offer their desired majors, but it does have relatively inexpensive tuition compared to other institutions.

If APSU expanded the number of degrees of higher appeal and greater demand, more students might finish their educations where they began.

Another reason why some transfer out is because there are a lot of people who came here out of necessity and not desire, so when they get another opportunity, they take it.

But while there are students who leave, many stay because of the convenience and proximity to their family. 745

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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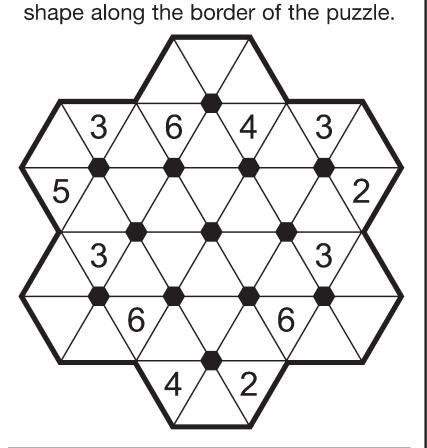
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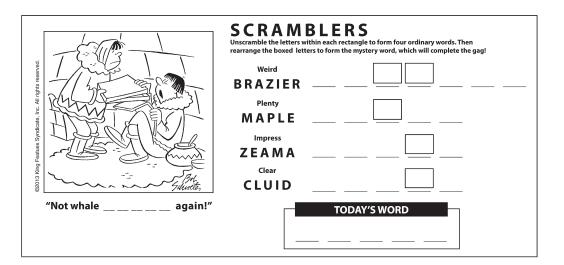
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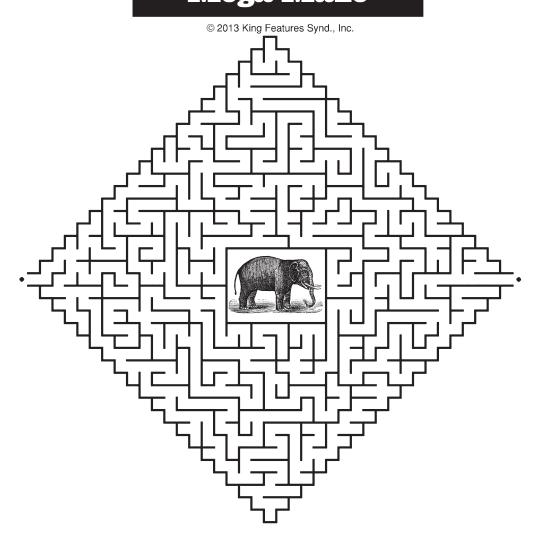
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Field trip to APSU beekeeping farm

Honeybees get tucked in for winter at APSU's Farm

» By JULIE COLE HULSEY Staff Writer

Honeybees are tucked-in for Winter at APSU's AgFarm

The APSU Agriculture Department operates an extensive APSU Farm and Environmental Education Center located Dunbar Cave Road. The farm boasts solar panels, a wind-turbine and an astronomic observatory, as well as crops, livestock and agricultural equipment.

This is also where the APSU Victory Gardens and beehives are located. Agriculture Department Head Donald Sudbrink and student Darlene Adams recently performed a six-month maintenance and 'winterizing' of these beehives.

"APSU has been eager to allow Chuck Cook, of the Montgomery County Beekeeper's Association, to keep some of his bees at this farm for an experimental teaching program to test diverse strains of honeybees -Russian, wolf-creek, and others for their adaptability to our region," Sudbrink said.

"Our Economic Entomology class is looking at many different ways to manage insects, the most diverse group of organisms on Earth. Because they are so very numerous, we mostly deal with management of insect populations, because eradication is almost always too costly, both to our economy and to our environment."

Some of the many ways insects are managed include integrated pest management, using a scientific approach to control insect pests without overuse of insecticidal sprays; cultivation of insects for making usable products, such as honey, waxes and dyes; preservation of tropical or native species by scientists, collectors, and insect hobbyists; and management of insect-related diseases, such as mosquito-vectored malaria and West Nile Virus. Honeybees fall into the usable products area, which made for a much more enjoyable outing than one involving mosquitoes.

The APSU Victory Gardens grow many vegetables, such as pumpkins, squash, cucumbers, okra, tomatoes and peppers. This summer, some of these fruits and vegetables were distributed to the hungry in the Clarksville area through The Food Initiative and areawide food pantries. Sudbrink said the gardens' bees are a big factor in the plants' pollination.

"Many of our most important fruit and vegetable crops are ultimately dependent upon bee pollination," Sudbrink said, "so the recent decline of honeybee colonies across the U.S. is a worrying trend. There are a number of diseases and pests, as well as environmental factors, reducing bee populations today. Beekeepers have their work cut out for them with maintaining their colonies."

Adams was wearing her beekeeping outfit, a jumpsuit made of a triple-



Darlene Adams, agriculture student, works on one of the beehives located on the APSU farm. JULIE COLE HULSEY | STAFF WRITER

layered synthetic material impervious to bee stings, and wore a veiled helmet and gloves. She ignited a hive smoker for blowing smoke on the bees. To keep the smoke at a manageable smoldering level, Adams used peat to burn as fuel, with a small twig of pine for scent.

"Smoke helps to sedate the bees," Adams said, "so that they become less concerned with stinging and fighting off predators, and more upon gathering together." She loosened side latches and removed the heavy top rack of bee frames stacked on a bench. Bees immediately emerged from the frames. "These bees have been disturbed, but they are not very excited," Adams said. "I have had them chase me for an entire city block before. But ... the bees are quite calm in this hive."

Sudbrink said if a queen bee's pheromone begins dissipating, the hive will start feeding royal jelly to larva to turn them into queens. There may be one to 10 queens produced, but the first hatchling will kill the rest and become a queen to the entire hive, including the female worker bees and drones. The drones' main duty is to breed with the queen, and they will be ejected from the hive later in fall.

Adams removed the top cover of the rack and a telescoping top-board, which behaves like an attic, allowing air circulation. She also removed a shallow "super" located beneath the top-board. Adams was searching first for honey-fill, then for the status of hive beetles and wax moths, insect pests of unhealthy bee hives that can destroy colonies.

The next box layer down was a "deep," in which Adams searched for larvae. She pulled a layer out of the frame, and

situated it on the bench for inspection.

Pointing out the numbers of honeyfilled and healthy cells, Adams also surveyed any cells appearing of the ordinary. "I was looking for brood, and I found it," Adams said. "Hive beetles are only on the outskirts of the frames, which means the hive is still protected and OK."

Seeing scattered empty cells within the pattern of the hive, Adams saw no evidence of wax moth infestation and said the hive seemed healthy.

Darlene only went down two boxes deep in our survey of the stacks. "The deeper you go down in the stacks, the more danger there is of injuring the queen," she said, "and we definitely do not want to do that."

Adams then cinched bungee cords tightly around all layers of the stacks. "Wrapping the layers up tight helps to keep raccoons and other wild animals from toppling the stacks, and prying them apart to get to the honey," Sudbrink said.

Adams and Sudbrink were also concerned with extracting honey. "In the past, hobbyists used a long knife dipped in warm water to slice off the top layer of wax caps," Adams said. "The honeycomb would be crushed or allowed to drain. Due to the thick consistency of honey, this was a lengthy and sticky process."

Darlene used an extractor, a large aluminum hand-cranked centrifuge with a lid and handle. It can efficiently extract honey in about three minutes, with three 'frames' centrifuged in the extractor at once.

A second empty hive was in another area that had succumbed to wax moths,

where Darlene also found mud daubers and wasps. "These insects will use an unhealthy hive to build their own casing nests inside. Actually, this hive would be referred to as a 'dead hive," Adams said.

Sudbrink pointed out where a tiny wasp had parasitized some wax moth larvae, planting its own eggs inside to feed. Tiny white wasp cocoons, appearing similar to short-grain rice, were visible throughout the hive. The "dead hive" was removed.

"To renovate old dead hives, they can be placed in a freezer for several weeks. Very cold temperatures destroy wax moths, larvae, spores, or any other destructive agent to a hive," Sudbrink

Adams has been a beekeeper hobbyist for four years. As an APSU student, she took a honeybee biology and beekeeping course in the Agriculture Department. Adams is majoring in agricultural science and said she enjoys keeping track of bees on the APSU farm.

"I'm in it for the honey," she said. "I love to cook with it." Adams has made honey mead, among other honey-based treats, for her family and friends.

According to Sudbrink, there will be more opportunities for students to explore insect activity in coming weeks.

"All manner of bugs will be out, and flying, for a while yet until frost. By the holidays, I hope to feature some of these beneficial creatures in edible insect recipes," Sudbrink said.

Students interested in the Agriculture Department and its course offerings, including honeybee biology and beekeeping, can receive more information at apsu.edu/agriculture. TAS

APSU College Republicans celebrate 'Constitution Day'

» By LINDA SAPP

Staff Writer

Guest speaker Lee Douglas began his presentation with an apology to young people as he discussed the relationship between government affairs and the growing debt in this country during Constution Day on Tuesday, Sept. 17. The College Republicans gathered to discuss goals and celebrate Consitution

"Many people believe we are a Democracy, but we are a Republic." Douglas said. "Democracy determines morals, but a Republic allows for us to do and say what we want as long as we don't hurt other people." He gave the group a brief history of America's political structure and discussed the

relationship between church and state.

President of College Republicans, Jacob Winters, reviewed the past successes of the organization. "Our goal is to create statesmen who are loyal servants to the community. We need to be more active on campus and have a larger presence on social media," Winters stated. He also said there has been a 70 percent increase in membership for College Republicans, though some of the group questioned that, due to fewer attendees at meetings. "I'm glad to see several new faces; I would like to see more," said student, Remington Sloan. Sloan suggested the group have a rally to engage and inform APSU students about the meaning and purpose of College Republicans.

"This year we need to have fun, and

we will have activities like bowling nights, days at the Capitol and meetings dedicated to a worthy cause," Winters

"We really need more people, and we need to break the stereotype of Republicans," student Adrianna Hensley said. "Pop culture has an impact on young people, and we need to get out there because we are not the cool ones."

Hensley challenged the concept of prayer at meetings, but Winters said "There is always prayer in every form of government."

Members were able to discuss and challenge each other, as well as reach common ground on varying opinions about the group.

Winters said there are open positions for a secretary and political director, as

well as open board positions.

There will be an election in a few weeks, but there is a requirement that students attend two meetings prior to the election to be eligible for these

Winters said his focus will remain on service work. He wants to help students document their work in the community so they will be eligible for service awards.

Winters also wants to focus on internships in government "to provide students leadership opportunities which will enhance their resumes." On Tuesday, Oct. 8, there will be a meeting featuring a prominent talk-radio host. College Republicans welcomes all students to join them for an evening of well-informed discussion. TAS

Students white water raft down the Ocoee River

» By LINDA SAPP

Staff Writer

Early Saturday morning, Sept 21, with moderately heavy rain all day, 12 students headed toward Chattanooga to the Ocoee River. "If I can just embrace the rain, I will be ready for this," said student, Alexander Keith.

No one except Assistant Director of Programs, Jason Wills and Assistant Recreational Coordinator, Jefferson Defago, knew if the group could stay in the rafts throughout the five-mile trip down the river.

The Ocoee River "offers one of the best natural stretches of white water in the country, ranked one of America's top 10 rivers," according to the Outdoor Adventure Rafting Company's website. The staff at OAR said the river is open to white water rafting 136 days per year. The APSU group chose the Level III and Level IV River in hopes to encounter

The Ocoee offers Level I through Level VI experiences. A group can either casually float down the river or engage in fast rapids. APSU students and staff went "middle of the road." No APSU students or staff fell into the water. though there were many people on the river that did fall out of their rafts to be rescued by

Each raft held six people, with a guide in the

back. The guides knew each turn and rapid in the river by name, and used hand signals to communicate with each other.

While rafting at a fast pace down the river, the guides told the APSU groups what was upcoming and what to expect next on the river.

They told the group when to row forward or backward, when to move close to each other and any other command needed to manage the

Prior to going onto the river, one guide taught everyone how to manage different kinds of situations if they did fall into the water.

The groups' first task was to pass through a rapid called "Grumpy," named for how it would feel if one was dumped into the water so early

into the trip. This was followed by a boulder standing out of the river called the "Good Luck Stone." One guide wanted the group to tap their paddles on it for good luck, APSU rafters sailed

Down the river, more tests to brave were "Broken Nose," "Slice'n Dice," "Power House" and "Hell Hole." The rain continued throughout the trip, though participants were completely soaked by the high rapids on the river anyway.

"I'd do it again, tomorrow; of course I won't be able to walk tomorrow," said student, Susan

Trips down the Ocoee are offered by APSU in the spring and fall every year. This trip comes highly recommended by the participants. **745**

GPC hosts Comic of the Year, Adam Grabowski for students



Adam Grabowski performed for students on Wednesday, Sept. 18. The event was sponsored by the Govs Programming Council. **BRITTANEY ABBOTT | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

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Features Editor

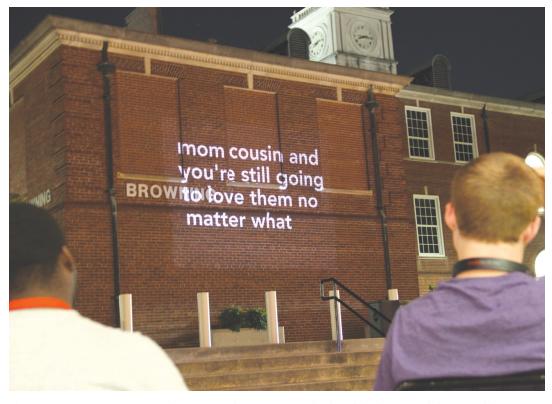
On Wednesday, Sept. 18, the Govs Programming Council held an event for students at APSU. The event featured comedian Adam Grabowski, named 2013 Comic of the Year, 2012 Fastest Rising Star and Campus Activities Magazine's Highest-Rated Comedian for the past three consecutive years.

"I like how he makes jokes on the spot. He was funnier when he improvised," said student Rachel Huttinger of the performance. APSU even received a shoutout from the comedian, who tweeted, "S/O to APSU! What a #ratchet group of #sassholes. You guys were the best!!! Wolfman, you're my dawg...or wolf, whichever you prefer."

According to their website, GPC is "a student organization whose purpose is to plan, promote and execute extra-curricular activities that offer the APSU community opportunities for personal, cultural, intellectual, social and spiritual growth, not to mention a fun environment to meet people and blow off steam from the stresses of class and work." GPC sponsors many other events for APSU throughout the school year, including the Family Weekend Carnival, Homecoming Concert, Open Mic Night and Dinner and a Movie Nights.

For more information on GPC, visit their website http://www. apsu.edu/student-life/gpc or attend their weekly meetings every Monday at 5 p.m. in MUC 307. **TAS**

Common Hope project displays Clarksville resident's hopes, dreams



The Common Hope Project, a video art piece by Barry Jones displayed the hopes and dreams told to Jones by Clarksville residents. BRITTANY WARREN STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» By ANDREW THOMPSON

Guest Writer

APSU's campus was greeted by the Common Hope Project on Thursday, Sept. 19, which is a video projection art piece created by the art department's Barry Jones.

The projections were the result of Jones traveling around Clarksville and asking everyday people about their hopes.

The project had Jones traveling to various community centers around Clarksville, asking people: What are your hopes and dreams? What is the most important thing in your life? What does it mean to live a good life? And what are our responsibilities to each other?

The presentation took place outdoors as the words of the surveyed parties played over speakers, and their transcribed thoughts were displayed across the Browning building.

"It seems that if you watch the news, everybody is saying how divided and polarized our society is, and I had trouble buying that," Jones said.

"My theory was that deep down we all share similar kinds of hopes and dreams. What's

important to us all is the same. We may disagree on how to go about things, but the most important things are the same."

To support his theory, Jones asked people of all ages and backgrounds those four questions.

He said most of the responses were, notsurprisingly, identical.

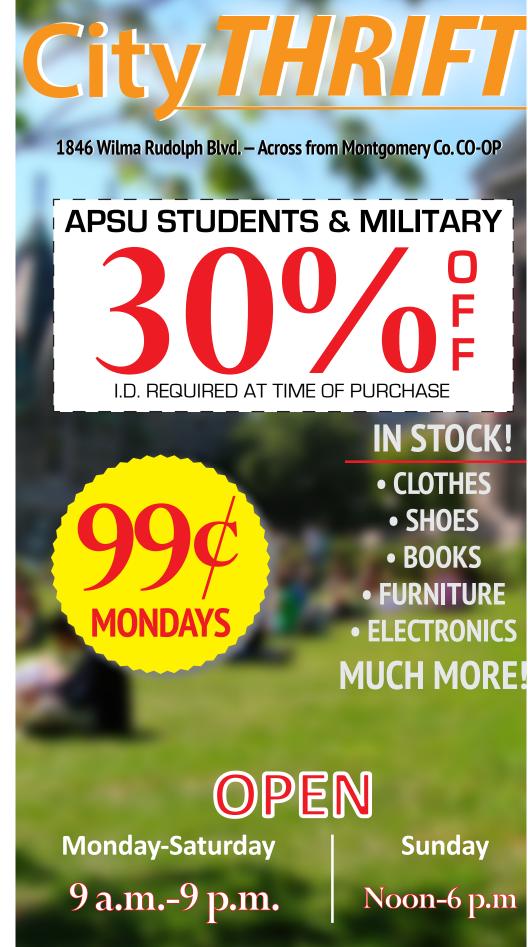
Common answers covered topics such as the importance of family, love for religion and desire for education.

Many people surveyed also commented on how we need to leave the world a better place, judge less and pursue a bright career.

Whether it was a small child hoping to one day "drive an airplane on wheels" or a grown adult wishing for financial security, many of their desires were universal: Hope for a better future.

This convergence of hope was seen by students and faculty passing by the Browning building, and it affected them as well, especially the hopes shared by the younger participants.

"It was interesting to see that kids that young think that way. It brings me hope," said junior Lizzy Durrett after hearing several children wish we could just treat each other better. **TAS**



Implications from Week 3 in fantasy football

»COREY ADAMS Staff Writer

Three weeks of football have quickly passed as we move into Week 4 of the season. There have been many surprises and disappointments for teams and players thus far, which makes us fantasy owners either happy or left shaking our heads.

Hopefully, you're not one shaking your head, but if you are, hang in there. In fantasy football leagues, things can change as the weeks roll on.

To begin this week's column, I'm going to stress one thing: bye weeks.

For Week 4, the Green Bay Packers and Carolina Panthers will have the weekend off. This means do not start any of your Packers or Panthers players.

If you have the likes of Aaron Rodgers or Cam Newton, be prepared to take them out and insert other players into these positions. If you are playing against someone who has either Rodgers or Newton you're in luck, since your opponent won't be at full strength and will have to put in back-ups.

I'm going to stress this every week until the bye weeks end: Please pay attention to your

Injuries to Watch

In Week 2, there were many injuries to key players, and there continues to be a heap of them. Pay attention to these names throughout the week.

C.J. Spiller (knee), Ray Rice (hip), Rob Gronkowski (back/forearm), Reggie Bush (knee), Vincent Jackson (ribs), Andre Johnson (shin), Danny Amendola (groin), James Starks (knee), Miles Austin (hamstring), Eddie Lacy (concussion), Vernon Davis (hamstring), Jermichael Finley (concussion), Daryl Richardson (foot).

Breakout Players to Add

If you need help, check out the waiver wire for these players who are worth grabbing.

TE Jordan Cameron: I continue to tell you about this guy, and he still isn't owned in all

If you see his name, grab him.

There were three touchdowns from him in the third week.

WR Josh Gordon: If you put Gordon on your bench when his suspension cleared, it was a smart move. It's unlikely he's in your free agency pool, but if so, add him.

The receiver had 146 yards and a touchdown on Sunday.

WR Santonio Holmes: Holmes has some baggage, with his history with injuries, but he is the Jets leading receiver.

He totaled 154 yards and a score, racking up 21 points.

RB Jason Snelling: With Steven Jackson injured, Snelling has been the lead back for

After two consecutive double-digit weeks, he's a solid addition.

WR Kenbrell Thompkins: One of New England's weapons is Thompkins, who had by far his best game in Week 3, catching two touchdown passes from Tom Brady.

WR Nate Washington: As Kenny Britt continues to struggle, Washington has stepped up to be Tennessee's top receiver with 227 yards

this season.

Defenses to Get

Chiefs D/ST: You may not know this, but the Kansas City Chiefs have the top fantasy defense. In Week 4, they will play the Giants, who failed to score against the Panthers. Without a doubt, pick them up.

Colts D/ST: The Colts are playing the Jaguars. Need I say more? Indy's defense shut down San Francisco to just seven points in Week 3, as well.

Awards of the Week

Best Performances: Drew Brees (31 points), Antonio Brown (31 points), Cam Newton (28 points) Biggest Surprise: Jake Locker (27 points) Biggest Letdown: C.J. Spiller (zero points), Dwayne Bowe (zero points), Hakeem Nicks (zero points), Eli Manning (3 points) Defense of the Week: Ravens (22 points) Kicker of the Week: Stephen Gostkowski and Justin Tucker (14 points)

Note: Written for publication before Monday Night Football game. **TAS**

Lady Govs volleyball

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in the conference this year. Some of the teams that struggled last year are going to be better, so it is hard to say. I think it is going to be very competitive top to bottom."

The Lady Govs are excited for their home opener and hope to be playing in front of a big crowd of fans in the Dunn.

"I think that success brings fans, no doubt. I think if people give it a chance, they would realize it is a pretty cool sport," Mott said.

"You want to have fans in the stands, and it's frustrating if they're not. I think with us reaching out to the community and doing a lot of things on campus, hopefully people will come and watch us play." TAS



Lady Govs huddle during a home volleyball match. FILE PHOTO

Dunn center makeover

be done with the scoreboard and LED tables so it is a great

touch," Loos said. "I feel that this was the missing piece here in the Dunn, and

it helps bring in recruits for sure. It has an arena feel rather than a gym, and that definitely helps in recruiting." The growth by the sports broadcasting department has been

a steady one alongside the athletic programs, and steps have been taken to make sure this continues in the future. "When we were designing the camera locations in the Dunn

Center, we thought about how we would shoot volleyball, basketball and graduation, and we have tried to be very proactive in how we will address those situations," Gotcher said.

'We have the now have the infrastructure in place to grow with our technology, so if you look at what we have and how we have it set up, anyone across the country would be happy to work in our facility." TAS

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Dunn Center is transformed



New scoreboard, along with new scores table, give the Dunn Center a new look for the upcoming basketball season. The Dunn Center renovations are just one of many that APSU is conducting or planning for the campus. SARAH SOPHOCLES | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New broadcast equipment gives new opportunities

This makes it a state-of-the-art

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opportunities to help them

- Mike Gotcher, chair of communication department

when they leave APSU."

»JOSHUA STEPHENSON Sports Editor

The state of APSU athletics has been shifting in a different direction over the past 12 months, with a new athletic director, new football coach and plans for a renovation of Governors

A shift has also taken place for the coverage and presentation of APSU athletics. APSU and the communications department worked together to make plans to completely revamp the way

student broadcasts cover sporting events. These plans came to fruition this summer as the Dunn center received a technological makeover.

"We have taken down the two big screens on either end and have replaced them with a center-hung scoreboard, which is four-sided," said Mike Gotcher, chair of APSU's communication department.

"Plus we have all-new HD equipment in the Dunn Center, and we are very excited about this, because this makes it a state-of-the-art facility and probably one of the best, if not the best, in the country."

APSU's broadcast department has long been bringing student productions of sporting events to the Clarksville area, but few people have known the kind of facility they have used over the years, according to Gotcher.

"We have moved from a women's bathroom, where we have been functioning for the last 10 years or so, to, now, a real control room," Gotcher said. "In this control room, one side of it is for television production, while the other side is completely for big-screen production."

This new equipment and technology gives students a chance to gain experience in professional sports broadcasting. "We have incorporated slow-motion replay, so we now have four channels of slow motion replay that we can put on the big screens in the Dunn, as well as television," Gotcher said, "Which gets our department right up there with the likes of ESPN, Fox and CBS. So it is very exciting, what our students are going to be able to do in that room."

This new equipment will be utilized this upcoming men and women's basketball season and can be seen on the APSU TV channel or at the games.

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Plans are in the works to broaden the coverage capabilities

with the new equipment and use the new production room as a command center for improved sports coverage.

"What we hope for in the future is when the renovation for the new football stadium is complete, we want to be able to connect the control room in the Dunn Center to the football field, and use the control room to run the production that will take place in football," Gotcher said.

Football will not be the only sport covered that takes place outside the Dunn.

Gotcher plans to cover other sports, with the potential to cover

multiple sports at the same time.

"We also want to be able to run fiber optics to softball, soccer and baseball so we will be able to do those productions as well," he said. "This will first showcase our athletics, but also will give our students more hands-on opportunities to help them vocationally and professionally when they leave APSU."

This new technology gives the communications department a recruiting tool and the upgrades give the sports teams here at APSU a new chip to use in their recruiting of student-athletes,

according to Govs Head Basketball Coach Dave Loos.

"The new equipment is terrific and I feel that so much can

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Titans win on last minute heroics

»ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nashville — The Tennessee Titans finally have a quarterback who can beat the San Diego Chargers, and Jake Locker outplayed Philip Rivers to end a skid that had covered nine games, two states and two decades.

Locker hit rookie Justin Hunter for a 34-yard touchdown with 15 seconds left as the Titans rallied and beat San Diego 20-17 on Sunday.

The Titans (2-1) now have two more games at home before having to hit the road again and a chance to build on a good start for coach Mike Munchak after owner Bud Adams spent more than \$100 million on free agents this offseason.

The Chargers (1-2) lost for the second time this season when leading under new coach Mike McCoy.

Here are five reasons how the Titans ended the skid.

1. LOCKER'S COMING-OUT: Locker has been lost in all the young quarterbacks as the eighth overall draft selection in 2011. He was hurt all of his first season as a starter. The Titans hadn't asked him to do much through the first two games, but he used both his legs and his arm against San Diego. Locker had his biggest play this season when he scrambled for a 31-yard gain in the first half and finished with five carries for 68 yards and a touchdown.

The big drive came at the end as Locker was 7 of 10 for 94 yards completing passes to six different receivers.

"I hope it leads to a lot of great things obviously," Munchak said of Locker. "I think it just gives our whole team confidence when you can take the ball 94 yards with no timeouts and 1:50."

The quarterback topped his run with his TD pass to Hunter, and Locker finished 23 of 37 for 299 yards and a 96.6 passer rating. Better yet, Locker has yet to turn the ball over this season.

2. HURTING CHAR-GERS: The Chargers knew they would be without receiver Malcolm Floyd after he hurt his neck in last week's win at Philadelphia. But right tackle D.J. Fluker also was out against Tennessee after suffering a concussion in practice, cornerback Shareece Wright was scratched. Then McCoy

had some confusion when linebacker Donald Butler thought he could play, scratching linebacker Tourek Williams.

Butler was limited, and the offensive line took some more hits as left guard Chad Rinehart hurt a foot in the first half and left tackle King Dunlap was hurt in the fourth quarter.

Cornerback Johnny Patrick, who started for Wright, came out of the game with cramps. That left Crezdon Butler defending Hunter on the winning TD.

3. PAINFUL MISTAKES: The Chargers were flagged only five times for 45 yards, but the penalties came at the worst times. Rivers connected with Eddie Royal on a 5-yard TD in the second quarter that was erased by offensive pass interference on Keenan Allen, starting with Floyd out. Rivers argued the call a bit too much, drawing his own flag for unsportsmanlike conduct. That put the Chargers back to the Titans 30 after having first-and-goal at the 5, and they wound up settling for a 44-yard field goal by Nick Novak.

"It took a touchdown off the board there," Rivers said. "Obviously, I have not seen the replay, I'm not sure if it was the right call or not. Obviously, that's what I was so upset about. That was a big play."

4. PROMISING ROOKIE: The Titans traded up to draft Justin Hunter at No. 34 overall out of the University of Tennessee. He let Eric Weddle get an arm in early breaking up a would-be touchdown in the first half, but the rookie made sure Butler didn't interfere as he went up to catch Locker's 34-yard TD pass to win the game for his first NFL catch.

5. KENNY BRITT: The Titans expect so much from Britt, their top draft in 2009, now that he's finally healthy. But he dropped the ball on the first play, failed to pull in a long ball from Locker down the sideline and also was flagged for an illegal block in the back where he barely touched a defender. He was booed early and often.

Britt finished without a catch and was not on the field for Tennessee on the game-winning drive. TAS

Volleyball looks forward to first home game after many games on the road

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Sports Editor

APSU football isn't the only fall sport that is patiently awaiting a opportunity to compete on their home turf.

The Lady Govs volleyball team played their first 15 matches on the road.

The team will open up conference play Friday, Sept. 27 at Jacksonville State, followed by Tennessee Tech on Saturday, Sept. 28 before their first match at home on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

"We don't have any control, really, over our schedule; we can only get as many teams to come play here as we can," said Head Coach Taylor Mott. "I think playing on the road is difficult, but I believe the more you do it, the better you get at it. We want to play good competition so we had to go out and find it."

The Lady Govs have done just that in the first part of the season, playing Miami, Virginia Tech, Tennessee and Memphis.

This stiff competition has put the Lady Govs

record at 3-12 heading into conference play.

"My philosophy is we would rather play the best competition we can before we start our conference

schedule and then see where we stand when we get into conference play," Mott said. "I am not too concerned with wins and losses before conference play because our conference isn't strong enough to get any at large bids so the only one going on is the one that wins, so our goal is to do what we need to do to win the conference."

The team has struggled on defense so far this year, giving up 100 kills more than they have gotten on the season.

It is hard to tell if that is a product of the level of competition they were playing in their nonconference schedule or a problem that will carry over into OVC play.

Calyn Hull and Lauren Henderson are the two seniors and unquestioned leaders of this team and are also leading one and two on the team in kills currently.

They will need to continue their strong play if the Lady Govs want to contend in the OVC.

"I think last year we surprised some teams because of our year before that didn't go so well. I don't think we are going to surprise anyone this year," Mott said. "I feel like there is a lot more parity



Lady Govs celebrate at a home volleyball match. FILE PHOTO