

Library Athenaeum

Speaker series opens banned books

Campus celebrates Banned Book Week in series

By **STEPHANIE WALKER**
Guest Writer

In 2008, the American Library Association (ALA) challenged 420 books according to the association Web site (www.ala.org). The site reported that to challenge a book means to attempt to have it removed or restricted from libraries, and that a majority of challenged books are restricted or removed to protect children from explicit sexual and violent literature.

Banned Books Week was created to celebrate the freedom to read. The event has been observed during the last week in September since 1982, as cited on the ALA Web site. APSU is

observing Banned Book Week as the second of 10 Library Athenaeum presentations to be held throughout the fall semester.

"The purpose of books is to present ideas from a variety of viewpoints," said Joe Weber, director of library services.

APSU library faculty members read excerpts from books that have either been banned or challenged.

Sharon Johnson, instructional librarian and associate professor, read a passage from Lowis Lowry's "The Giver." The book was challenged because it describes suicides and drug usage. The setting is in a futuristic utopian society and the book is about a boy who comes to realize the imperfections of this society.

Christiana Chester-Fangman, instructional librarian and assistant professor, read from "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood. This book was challenged on the basis of offending Christians, sexual descriptions and hopeless overtones.

Nancy Gibson, instructional technology librarian and assistant

professor, read from J.K. Rowling's recent book, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince." Gibson explained the whole Harry Potter series was challenged because parents felt it promoted witchcraft and the Wiccan religion.

Jonathan Bate, circulation and information commons library associate, read from Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn." Bates explained how this book has been challenged many times throughout history for its excessive use of the "N word" and racial stereotyping.

James Moore, librarian at the APSU Center at Fort Campbell, read "My Brother Sam is Dead" by Christopher and James Lincoln Collier. Profanity was counted 25 times in the novel; parents of middle school students challenged the book.

Sean Hogan, resources management coordinator and associate professor, read "The Chocolate War" by Robert Cormier. It was the fifth most recent banned book and second most-challenged book in 2007-

2008 because of profanity and homophobic slurs

Inga Filippio, instructional librarian and professor, read the children's book "And Tango Makes Three" by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell. This book was challenged because of homosexuality, and some felt it was too controversial. The book, which takes place at the New York Zoo, is about two male penguins who are partners, and are given a baby penguin to care for. The book is based on the actual observations of two male penguins.

"It was surprising to see so much quality literature censored," said Zach Spears, a sophomore, English major.

Banned Books Week left its attendees with the message: "Free People Read Freely." According to the ALA Web site, challenging books means restricting access to books that may offend a small group of people, therefore removing the opportunity to learn new ideas and perspectives. ♦

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Student Organizations

Association aspires to spark cultural awareness

By **BRAD KELLY**
Guest Writer

The Latino Student Association (LSA) is looking forward to promoting Latino culture on campus by expanding membership at APSU.

LSA is a new student organization created during the 2008 spring semester. There are approximately 20 members currently in LSA, including President Linda Quijano, Vice President Fernando L. Silva, Secretary Jennifer Bowman, Treasurer Laura Estrada and Historian Ashley Price.

Silva, a sophomore computer science major, said the organization's purpose is "to develop, promote, enrich and increase the awareness of Hispanic cultures throughout the campus lifestyle, community and events."

Quijano, senior criminal justice major, said, "We also want to promote and support Hispanic Culture here on campus though events and activities."

Quijano and Silva said the LSA will be working with the Hispanic Cultral Center at upcoming events such as G.H.O.S.T. and International Night.

The club will also work to initiate fundraisers to promote membership. "We work closely with the Hispanic Culture Center to accomplish this goal," Silva said.

He said LSA will hold more of it's own events next semester.

Price, a freshman Spanish major, said she finds the LSA rewarding. "Being involved [in LSA], you're going to learn more about the culture, and expand your Spanish vocabulary."

Price also said the organization can be a very enjoyable experience for its members of all backgrounds. "It's fun," Price said. "And it's not only for Latino students."

Quijano also stressed the openness of the organization. "We don't discriminate against race. Anyone who is interested in learning more about Hispanic culture is welcomed to join."

LSA meets twice a month. Members are only required to attend one meeting.

Quijano said membership is open, although students should start early if they plan on becoming a member. Membership costs \$6 per semester.

The LSA will hold their next meeting at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10 in UC room 120. Interested students are welcome to attend or can contact the organization at Isaapsu@gmail.com. ♦

Hispanic Heritage Month

Actress recalls success, struggles

Emmy award-winning actress visits APSU, speaks about Latinos on TV

By **JARED COMBS**
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The Hispanic Cultural Center (HCC) sponsored Emmy award-winning writer and actress Sonia Manzano from "Sesame Street" on Thursday, Sept. 25 in Clement Auditorium. Manzano spoke to APSU students and the public about her career and difficulties of being a Latino in America in "1, 2, 3, Who Put Latins on TV."

Manzano recalled her elementary and junior high education in the South Bronx and said that the education system in America was one of the problems she had to rise above in her climb to success. Manzano said elementary school and junior high were easy for her; she made straight As without hard work. She said her acceptance to a high school for the performing arts changed all of that. "There were only one or two other Puerto Rican students at the school and I went from being a straight A student to making C's," Manzano said.

Manzano said her elementary education did not prepare her for high school. "I realized that the world I grew up in had been very small."

Despite her childhood struggles, Manzano earned a scholarship to Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. "I didn't try out to drama schools because I was desperate to be an actress," Manzano said. "I did it because it was the only way I could get in." During her junior year, Manzano went to New York to star in the original off-Broadway production of "Godspell."

In 1973, Manzano began her work with "Sesame Street" as Maria, the shopkeeper. Since 1973, Manzano has won 15 Emmy awards for her work with the "Sesame Street" writing staff and she has been nominated twice for Outstanding Performer in a Children's Series. "I think it's very difficult for people to understand today, but in 1968 you never



SUSAN CHEEK/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sonia Manzano, best known as Maria from "Sesame Street", has won 15 Emmy awards and was nominated twice for Outstanding Performer in a Children's Series for her work with the children's television show.

saw an ethnic person on television," Manzano said.

Manzano attributed her success to her ability to "manipulate the system" and teach herself the things she was not taught in elementary school. She said her unique experiences gave her the ideas that have made her script writing so successful.

"I knew the Sesame Street characters and put them into scenarios that I would have liked to see when I was growing up in the South Bronx watching so much television," Manzano said. She said the education system in America is in need of reform and that she hopes the upcoming presidential election will be the agent of such change.

"Each generation, on some level, hopes and even assumes that the next generation will be better," Manzano said.

"I like to think that the upcoming presidential election will usher in some kind of fabulous new idealism."

Matt Sturdivant, a sophomore marketing major, attended the event not only for his public speaking class but because he is a "Sesame Street" fan. "All and all I thought it was pretty good," Sturdivant said. "But she got into a sensitive subject when she talked about the election."

Lillian Vazquez, a junior education major, said she was glad to hear Manzano address such pressing subjects as education reform and the upcoming election. "I thought she hit on many topics of concern," Vazquez said. "It was an asset to have her here this evening."

The HCC sponsored Manzano as a speaker for Hispanic Heritage Month. For a list of other events visit the HCC homepage at www.apsu.edu/hcc. ♦

Community Calendar

10/01/08

Chi Delta Chi, Red Cross blood drive

Today, Chi Delta Chi will host a Red Cross blood drive. For one pint of donated blood, donors will have the opportunity to register to win Tennessee Titans tickets. Contact Don Ferguston at 221-7331 for more information.

10/03/08

Salsa in the Plaza

As part of the Hispanic Heritage Month, The Hispanic Cultural Center will be hosting Salsa in the Plaza at 8 -11 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3 in the MUC Plaza. If raining, the event will be held at the Foy Fitness Center. A Mocktail bar and light refreshments will be served. A salsa dancing crash course will be held at 7 p.m. Contact Andrea Palomaki at 221-6645 for more information.

10/04/08

Up to four free tickets for Gobs Football

Students can get up to four free Gobs football tickets for the Murray State game at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, as part of Family Weekend. Tickets are available until Friday, Oct. 3 at the UC info desk between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Students must present a valid Gobs ID. Contact Student Affairs at 221-7341 for more information.

10/06/08

Voter Registration nears deadline

Election Day (Nov. 4) isn't far away. The deadline for voter registration is Monday, Oct. 6 at the end of business hours. Visit the Election Commission or submit your voter registration by mail. Forms are available at local post offices, the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library and the Montgomery County Election Commission.

Greek Life

Campus organizations expose dangers of hazing



STEPHANIE MARTIN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"Blaze the Haze" was Kappa Sigma Fraternity's theme for the banner contest held from Sept. 22 - 26 in honor of National Hazing Prevention Week.

By NICOLE JUNE
Senior Staff Writer

APSU helped students learn about the hazards of hazing and methods of prevention during National Hazing Prevention Week, Sept. 22-26.

Events

Among the week's events was a photo contest in which students could submit a photo along with a short story describing a hazing incident depicted in the photo and its impact. This year's theme was "Bystander's Responsibility." The top three photos with stories were awarded bookstore gift cards, and photos are submitted to www.hazingprevention.org.

APSU also held a banner contest for student organizations. The banners were to be based on hazing prevention. Kappa Sigma Fraternity won the contest and was awarded a Chartwells gift card.

Also featured was guest speaker Erle Morring, who discussed his personal experiences with hazing during his speech, "Hazed and Confused," Monday, Sept. 22. Morring admitted to making bad decisions with his peers and even recalled the deaths of two men due to a hazing experience.

What is hazing?

"Hazing, to me, is any physical act that

degrades a person or forces them to do something they would not normally do," said Ben Torres, president of the Interfraternity Council. "I also believe mental hazing can take place. This occurs when a person or group plays any mind games or makes a person feel degraded and lowers their self worth."

Jessica Monfries, president of the PanHellenic Council at APSU, holds a similar view. "I consider hazing to be any activity or behavior that can cause emotional or physical harm to another individual. When fear or intimidation is used to 'earn' respect of others, it is inappropriate and uncalled-for," Monfries said.

Fear and Prevention

Suraya Midani, a freshman, undecided major, said she feels safe from hazing at APSU. "I've never heard any rumors or stories about any kind of bad hazing here," she said. "I would personally not be afraid to join any APSU organizations because of hazing. I really don't think it's a problem. If I did witness or experience it, I would make sure to let the proper authorities know."

"I believe that some groups on campus are better informed on what hazing is and the dangers of hazing," Monfries said. "However, I do believe that there are subgroups of students on this campus that still do things that are inappropriate. I believe that hazing

should not be portrayed as a Greek issue. Hazing has the opportunity to exist in athletic teams, military organizations, special interest groups, professional organizations and honor societies. It should be the responsibility of society to educate all individuals on the dangers of hazing."

"I do believe that a fear [of hazing] exists," Torres said. "Many people have the view of fraternities that they see on TV, and that usually is not anything close to the truth."

Hazing can go beyond the scope of a university. "Students need to be aware that hazing is a felony in the state of Tennessee," Monfries said. "Not only can organizations and their members be brought up on APSU judicial charges, they can be brought up on criminal charges."

"I believe that the media has portrayed society as full of hazing situations. This is definitely not the case. APSU has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to hazing. All reports of hazing are taken seriously and are investigated by the Dean of Students, Greg Singleton. Also, all student organizations registered on campus sign an anti-hazing pledge every fall semester," Monfries said.

"[Organizations] should realize that hazing doesn't help a group," Torres said. "You asked that individual to join your organization because of who they were. There is no reason to try and break them down or take away the things you saw in them from the beginning." ♦

Student Government Association

Senate reviews committees, colleges

By JESSICA WALTON
Guest Writer

The Student Government Association discussed the upcoming Mudbowl and tabled Senate Resolution No. 1 during the Wednesday, Sept. 24 Senate meeting.

EC reports

Secretary Hykeem Craft announced the Public Relations Committee created fliers for Mudbowl to be put around campus to inform students about the basics of the SGA-sponsored event.

President Chris Drew advised senators to participate in assisting Mudbowl activities. Drew also announced this year's Mudbowl teams will consist of women, men and co-ed teams. Packets are available online on the SGA Web site (www.apsu.edu/sga).

PR Committee also proposed to make SGA more student-friendly. Sen. Josh Taylor proposed to design T-shirts for members to wear every Wednesday.

Drew said 850 students attended the last home football game, which was a decrease from attendance of the first home game.

Drew said he hopes all SGA members attend the next Governors home game against Murray State University on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Drew also stated the smoking policy was requested for review.

Committee reports

The Dining Committee is responsible for the Trayless Tuesdays program created to save time and money.

The committee is working to make trayless dining a permanent policy. The committee said this would help save labor and water. The Sustainable Fee Committee will be acquiring more recycling bins to be placed in Harned Hall and the Music/Mass Communication buildings.

New, old business

Drew discussed the name changes of the colleges. He said any change to college structure pertains to and affects SGA.

SGA will need to create a bill to readjust Senate representation of the colleges. Each college will be represented by a different department while some will be combined with others. Drew said new secretaries and department chairs would be created which could have an impact on the budget.

Drew also announced that administrators and faculty want input from students on this matter and students can contact him for more information.

The Senate voted to table discussion on Senate Resolution No. 1 until the next Senate meeting. SGA Senate meetings are held at 12:20 p.m. every Wednesday in UC room 307. ♦

APSU ROTC



MATEEN SIDIQ/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Logan City High School cadets test their teamwork and physical conditioning skill to overcome the Humvee Pull, part of a series of events in the Raider Challenge, hosted by the APSU ROTC. Challenge results and more on this story can be found online at www.theallstate.com.

GRAD FINALE FOR DECEMBER GRADUATES:

**October 7th 2-6pm or October 8th
10-2pm in UC Ballroom**

The Grad Finale event is designed to be a one-stop shop for APSU students who will be graduating in December 2008 to make sure all preparations have been made for graduation. Graduates may participate on either day. Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be given away.

The following offices will provide information at Grad Finale:

- Enrollment Management and Academic Support – answer questions about Commencement scheduled for December 12 in the Dunn Center
- Alumni Office – welcome you as an APSU alumnus.
- Office of the Registrar – answer questions regarding completion of degree requirements, honors, diplomas, and transcripts.
- Business Office – can provide account balance information and collect the graduation fee: \$25 for Associate's, \$30 for Bachelor's and \$35 for Master's.
- Financial Aid – answer questions regarding student loan repayment, etc.
- Graduate Studies – provide info about graduate programs and how to enroll
- Career Services – answer questions about job search assistance including resume referrals and interview opportunities
- Communication Dept – will accept orders for the December graduation video
- Governor's Club – answer questions in regards to membership
- Senior Exit Exam – registration will be available
- Bookstore – cap and gowns will be available for pickup and other popular graduation items will be on display
- Jostens – will have commencement items for purchase including announcement, invitations, and class rings.

If you have any questions contact Stephanie Wilson at 221-6540 or wilsons@apsu.edu.

OUR TAKE

Pump prices cause students pain in the gas

Gas prices: They're a problem. As we at *The All State* recall, nearly 10 years ago a gallon of gas cost around a dollar. Now a person is lucky (and happy) to find a gallon for just under four dollars. Over the past few years, prices at the pump have steadily risen.

Will this trend be reversed? We don't know, but our current economic situation doesn't indicate any foreseeable positive change. Bailouts for financial institutions such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have our government's hands tied. In addition, hurricane season isn't

helping any drivers either. Hurricanes Ike and Gustav recently swept through the Gulf of Mexico, causing the area's oil refineries to close for safety precautions.

Last week, many Middle Tennessee area gas stations, including some in Clarksville, felt the effects of this complicated problem. Some gas station pumps ran dry, and others charged an arm and a leg. *TAS* does not foresee any quick fix to this problem, so students should prepare.

It's difficult to avoid the rising cost of gas prices when America

essentially operates on a fuel-driven economy. The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the places we go and all the other things we buy would not be available to us without gasoline-fueled transportation. High gas prices have a trickle-down effect.

High gas prices don't end at the pump. When it costs more to get items to their final destination, then these items absorb the cost of gas. Being students, most of us don't have deep pockets.

For some of us at *TAS*, paying at the pump means cutting back in other areas. We drive less, we buy

off-brands and we stay home more. You might be able to call some of us hermits. Never leaving home has caused some of us to forget what Clarksville looks like.

The ultimate predicament we at *TAS* see is being forced to choose between gas and food. Luckily, many college students avoid such a situation, but not everyone is as privileged. Some people can't afford food, let alone gas. If prices continue to rise, problems will grow worse.

To reduce pain in the gas, students need to look to alternatives

that will absorb the problem. A temporary fix would be to drive across the state line to purchase gas. It's considerably less in Kentucky, sometimes about 50 cents per gallon cheaper. Also, public transit has been made available to APSU students at no additional costs. Take advantage of this gift APSU has offered.

Students are in this problem together, so together we will have to solve this problem. Try carpooling. Gas split between three or four people is better than everyone paying for gas for separate cars. And for those

who live nearby school, think about riding a bike or walking. APSU is in a central location and with restaurants, banks, entertainment and shopping all nearby, students could save money by simply avoiding the use of a car completely.

Gas prices aren't going to get cheaper and the oil crisis isn't going to go away. The situation isn't going to change so it is time to adapt. Until alternative fuel sources save the day, it is our responsibility as students to find creative ways to wean ourselves from the gasoline addiction. ♦

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Nelson gives approval

I, along with thousands of voters, watched the first presidential debate on Friday, Sept. 26, and it was amazing — that is, after I got past the fact that Sen. John McCain has apparently been everywhere, and Sen. Barack Obama must have the ability to see the future.

The first part of the debate centered on the current economic crisis, and before



you get your hopes up, McCain and Obama both said they would support the bill to end the crisis, though McCain was by no means as direct about it as Obama.

But the subject of the debate was foreign policy, and it was in this area Obama shined. This was surprising to me, because McCain has been widely considered the candidate with the most expertise in national security (not just in the sense of experience but in knowledge as well). For one, McCain continued to harp on how Obama's desire to pull out of Iraq would be a catastrophe, when in fact both CNN and the BBC have reported the Bush administration is in agreement with a deal going through the Iraqi parliament that would have all U.S. troops out by 2011 — not to mention that Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki is in agreement with the plan. It seems McCain's stance on the war hasn't changed even when everyone else's has. This is a theme that has carried throughout McCain's message.

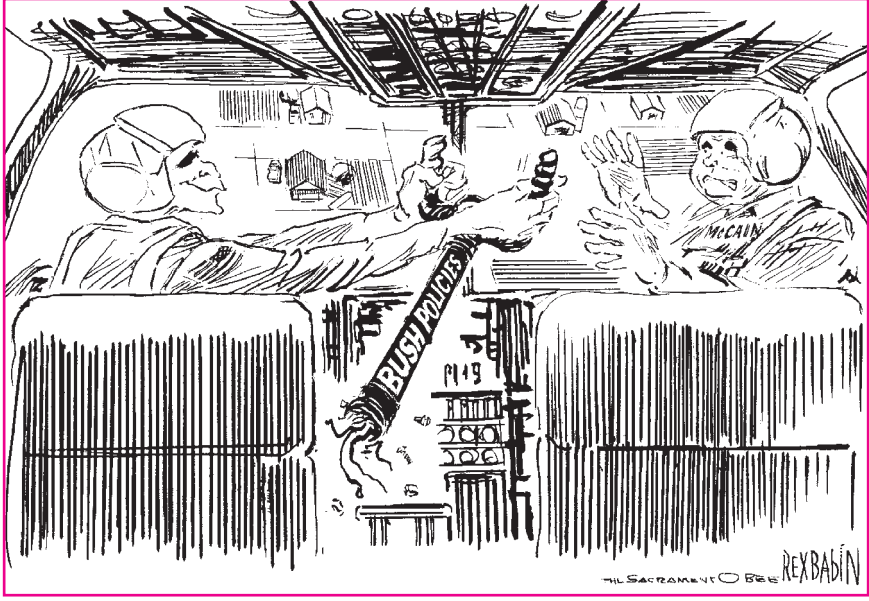
Before I continue, I do want to state that I really like John McCain, and I'm glad that now I can say there are two candidates I like, but what I'm about to say may make it seem the opposite. So here it goes.

McCain was a man who served honorably in the Vietnam War, and is the son of two U.S. Navy admirals who served with dignity in the two world wars as well as in Korea and Vietnam. He has also served in Congress since 1982, and in his early career he put himself at odds with the very popular Ronald Reagan and the Republican Party as a whole. But even with this remarkable fact, McCain is a product of the Cold War and its politics. Obama did a very smart thing in the debate that made

me come to this realization; he verbally separated how a country goes about dealing with foreign countries as being either a "20th century" way or a "21st century" way.

This may sound like splitting hairs, but the 20th century was marked by wars caused by people simply strong-arming themselves into a position of power like Nazi Germany, communist Russia, China, etc. Obama illustrated this by citing Russia's invasion of Georgia and the U.S. unwillingness to deal with North Korea and Iran until they decide to speak to us on our terms (which is saying we won't talk to them until they admit their wrong). This is a very important distinction. This is not politics as usual. For hundreds of years, leaders at the highest levels have used the Machiavellian principle of "the ends justify the means" to do many things that both saved and destroyed their nations. The U.S. used this as the axiom of Cold War foreign policy.

It didn't matter who was fighting the Russians or what they stood for; as long as they were slinging lead at the "Commies", we were there to back them up — that is, until the fighting was over or their regime was overthrown. For instance, it's easy to say the two chief foreign policy issues we're going to have to deal with are Afghanistan and Iran. The Taliban and al-Qaida were spawned by their war with Russia. In this war we trained Osama bin Laden, who already didn't like us too much anyways. Then, after the war's over, we leave good ole Osama will the bill. If he hadn't hated us by that point, he did thereafter. Also, the Shah of Iran, the guy that was popularly ousted in 1979 by Ayatollah Khomeini who then established the current government of Iran, was a tyrant in the truest sense. And instead of trying to promote democracy, we prop up his regime by training his secret police group SAVAK, according to the History Channel and the Iran Chamber Society. And it is this, the fact that America has not been standing up for what we believe in for so long, we have been compromising to save our own skins, that has caused the failures of the Bush administration (that's right, it's not all his fault). Politics as usual won't cut it. ♦



Candidates say very little

It was appropriate the presidential debates were held in the University of Mississippi's performance arts theatre. The candidates made it into a true example of theatre of the absurd.

I can't remember the last time I spent so much time listening to two people talk so much without really saying anything. The debate between John McCain and Barak Obama that happened on Friday, Sept. 26, was a disappointment to me. In fact I haven't been this disappointed since, well, the last presidential election. For those of you who missed it, you really didn't miss much, at least in the first 45 minutes.

Some people that I have talked to had an issue with Jim Lehrer's job as the moderator of the event. In my opinion, he did a decent job. It was easy to see the frustration he was trying to hide with the candidates. Several times he had to repeat the questions he was asking in order to get an answer. He asked both men three times what they would have to give up because of the bail out of our financial system. Obama, every time, just talked about things that he was going to do; he didn't mention specifically what he would change about his plan.

Then, when talking about policy, McCain spent the better part of three responses talking about earmarks. While I admit earmark spending is out of hand, Obama said it only accounts for \$18 billion of the annual budget for this country. To be honest we have bigger fish to fry. This portion of the debate was a waste of time and left me wanting to stuff my ears with pencils and watch it like Sarah Palin watches Saturday Night Live, without the sound.

When the discussion moved on to what the debate was meant to address

in the first place, foreign policy, things got a bit better, but only a bit. In this area the candidates again spent most of their time talking around answers instead of directly discussing the issues. When asked if there were any lessons to be learned from Iraq, McCain kept going back to the fact Obama still doesn't admit th at the surge worked. The fact of the matter is that in the statement before Obama had admitted violence in the country was reduced.

One of the few moments of tension came when Iran was brought up as a subject of debate, and this was the area Obama, in my opinion, won. When asked how the candidates would handle the situation, McCain went on the attack. He accused Obama of being willing to talk to the leader of Iran without preconditions. He stated that this would be a dangerous act that would legitimize Iran's statements and desires to attack Israel. He then went on to go through examples from the 20th century like Reagan's unwillingness to talk to the Soviet Union, or Nixon's visit to China. There are several problems with these comparisons. First they are examples that are 20 and 30 years old respectively. It is an extreme mistake to look at the world today through the same eyes we did in those times. It is also just ignorant.

Obama, to his credit, explained his point. He stated that he would first use lower level envoys to scout out the possibility of higher level talks. He didn't say he as president would just go to Iran and start talking. In these times this is the way to handle possible rouge governments. The fact of the matter is that we can no longer punish countries we don't agree with by not talking to them. This tactic has backfired on us in the last ten years. When we cut talks with North Korea in 2000 they stepped up their efforts to gain access to nuclear weapons, and succeeded. Now we are on the same ground with Iran, can we afford to make the same mistakes? I don't think so. ♦

APSU makes improvements to campus recycling policies and practices

By JESSICA CAMERON
Guest Columnist

I know I am not the only one pumped about our new recycling bins in the UC. OK, maybe I am, but aren't they awesome and red like our school?

Something else super cool is that APSU is going to create an all-encompassing policy for us to recycle. Right now there are four different ways to take out recyclables on campus, and the whole situation is more than slightly

confusing.

Let's say you have four large blue paper bins located in every academic and administrative building. Here you can recycle magazines, white paper, colored paper and computer paper, but don't leave any cardboard here — it will just be thrown away, even though all the recycled material goes to the same place.

Who exactly picks up all these containers? Employees

from Montgomery Bi-County Solid Waste Management, the government agency in charge of our landfill and local collection of recyclables, pick them up on a regular basis.

The red bins and the blue plastic bins require a work order to the physical plant to be emptied. Who's in charge of calling in those work orders when the containers are full? It's you — you just didn't know it. But on the work order there is no place to

check recycling, and, oh, by the way, the locations of the bins are unknown.

Housing deserves a "Good job," because they utilize student workers on a regular basis to take out their containers.

Habitat for Humanity also deserves praise, because they collect cans in the Sundquist Science Complex and donate the proceeds to build homes for people.

Chartwells Dining Services gets also deserves kudos, because they recycle as much of

their waste as they can, including cardboard, plastic, metals and grease.

Student Life and Leadership and the Felix G. Woodward Library get a thumbs up for their Recycle Awareness Month, in which they worked to educate students and give out cool things made of recycled items.

The school is doing OK, but there is always room for improvement. Through the sustainable fee committee, we have created subcommittees

to explore solutions for recycling on APSU.

This is by no means meant to be a harsh judgment, just the facts. Higher education frequently is pinched tight in the wallet, especially when priorities have to be academic.

I have no doubt that APSU will step up to the plate, create a solution and deal with this, because soda cans are not renewable and plastic bottles are made from the same oil that is hard to find in this town. ♦

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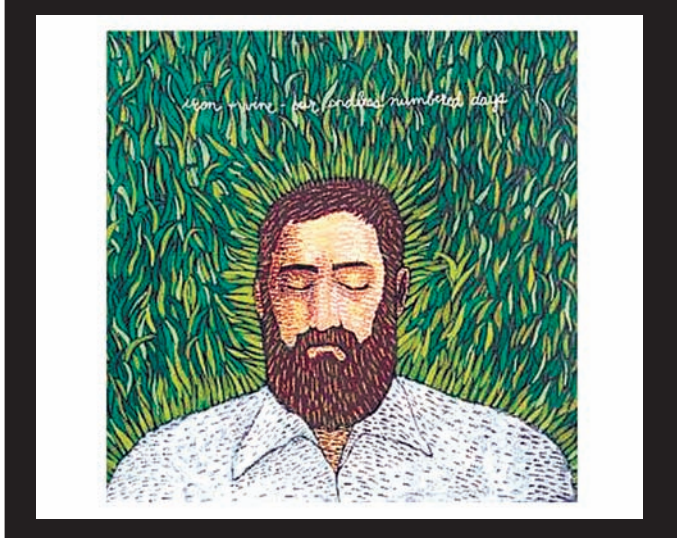
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‘Iron & Wine’ easy on the ears



GRAPHICS BY PATRICK ARMSTRONG/PHOTO EDITOR
“The Shepherd’s Dog” (above) and “Our Endless Numbered Days” (below) are two of Samuel Beam’s best selling CDs.



By **JOSEPH WOJTKIEWICZ**
Staff Writer

Welcome back to the music snob’s corner. I am going to keep with my singer-songwriter theme this week with a look at an artist who will be coming to the area in the near future, Iron & Wine. The name can be somewhat of a misnomer: Iron & Wine is the stage name for singer-songwriter Samuel Beam.

According to Beam’s website, this one-time film professor got his break while teaching film at the University of Miami when a friend loaned him a four-track recorder so he could put together a demo of songs he had been writing for seven years. This demo just happened to find its way to Sub Pop Records, the company that signed him.

His first release on Sub Pop was “The Creek Drank the Cradle,” which he recorded in his home in 2002. The lush melodies he provides seem to be enhanced by the low fidelity that can only be achieved on a four track in

a living room. The songs draw listeners in with vivid images and stories and have an easy and likable sound. Standouts from the album include, “Promising Light,” “Lion’s Mane” and “Southern Anthem.” The album gained some critical success, but as with most of the artists I discuss, not much commercially.

Over the next few years he released several EPs (extended play records) that garnered him more attention among indie rock snobs like me.

In 2004, he released his second full-length album, “Our Endless Numbered Days.” This album was his first true studio effort with a band backing him. Even with a band and better quality sound, this album still focused on an intimate acoustic sound. He allows a wider variety of influences to seep into the songs, such as southern rock and blues on songs like “Free Until They Cut Me Down,” a haunting song that stands out as one of the strongest on the album.

Yet Beam still holds true to his acoustic roots with

songs such as the stirring love song “Fever Dream,” where he sings, “I want your flowers like babies want God’s love.”

Beam got another break in 2004 when he was included on the soundtracks of two movies, the first with the song “Trapeze Swinger” which played during the closing credits of “In Good Company.” This song is one of my favorites, and at over nine minutes it’s a little long, but the rambling poetry paints a vivid picture of longing and desire. Beam begs listeners to remember him in their best and worst moments.

The biggest break he had that year came with a cover of The Postal Service’s “Such Great Heights,” which was featured in an M&Ms commercial and on the popular “Garden State” soundtrack.

Last year Beam released the most ambitious and developed album of his career, “The Shepherd’s Dog.” Beam expanded his musical experimentation to rhythms that

dominated some of the best songs on the album.

“Boy with a Coin” features handclaps and a dominant bass line that drives the listener through three scenes of despair. In these scenes, Beam questions the role God plays as he moves in and out of our lives.

Beam also uses the same tools on the title track: “Wolves (Song of the Shepherd’s Dog).” This song has suggestions of the war in Iraq without being overtly political, and raises questions without telling you what to think.

Yet, even with the increased musical layering, Beam’s haunting and melodic voice still comes through as one that holds and captivates the listener on songs like “Resurrection Fern” and “House by the Sea.”

If you enjoy talented singer-songwriters, I strongly suggest downloading any of Beam’s songs. If you like what you hear, Iron & Wine will be performing in Nashville at the Ryman Auditorium on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. ♦

Alumni create non-traditional family

By **MARSEL GRAY**
Online Editor

October conjures up many images: pumpkins, candy, costumes and colors. Perhaps the most metaphoric image is the multicolored leaves. These diverse colors serve as a reminder of the many diverse people.

Two such people are Michael Higley, 31, and Jason Vance, 26, of Clarksville.

During their years at APSU, Higley and Vance became good friends and from this friendship grew a devoted couple.

Check-ins are the initial set toward on campus residency. Higley worked as the Cross Hall director during the fall of 2000 when he and Vance first met.

“We were in the lobby, and I heard someone come in and say ‘Do you need to get checked in?’” said Higley. “I turned around to see who it was, and the first person I saw was Jason.” Higley checked Vance into his room, not realizing what fate had in store for the two strangers.

As a hall director, Higley would often check up on other students and welcome new residents.

“I definitely made it a point to visit [Vance’s] room often and always had an excuse,” said Higley. “I don’t know what it was, but I just knew there was something about him that I wanted to know more about.”

The more Higley and Vance hung out with friends, often until 3 a.m., and spent time together watching television shows, such as “The Golden Girls,” the more their friendship solidified.

“As I got to know him more and more, I started to realize that I was really falling for him,” said Higley.

Toward the end of their first year, Higley wanted to advance their relationship. “We always seemed to have a connection, as best friends,” said Higley.

There came a time, however, when it seemed Higley and Vance would lose their friendship. With no funds to pay for school, Vance thought about dropping out. Higley was

not going to let that happen.

“He was always there,” said Vance. Using his reimbursement money, Higley paid for whatever fees Vance’s money didn’t cover.

“I was crazy about him and I would have done anything,” said Michael.

After a year and a half of friendship and dating, Higley and Vance decided to make the relationship official.

“We went up to Vermont in the summer,” said Vance, “and stayed at this really cool bed and breakfast.” As soon as the courthouse opened, Higley and Vance left to get a civil union.

“I’m shaking, and we went upstairs to this room, and we were together,” said Vance. They exchanged their vows and rings.

“That was one of the few times I cried, ‘cause I was actually happy,” Vance said. “It was so surreal.”

On July 17, 2001 Higley and Vance were unionized, “And we’ve been together ever since,” said Higley.

After graduating from college, Higley took a job as a social studies teacher.

They moved into their first apartment. After a year they bought a house.

“Jason convinced me that buying a home would be financially beneficial,” said Higley. Almost five years have passed, and they still live in the same charming home.

“I’m still learning,” said Vance. “Everyday is something different.”

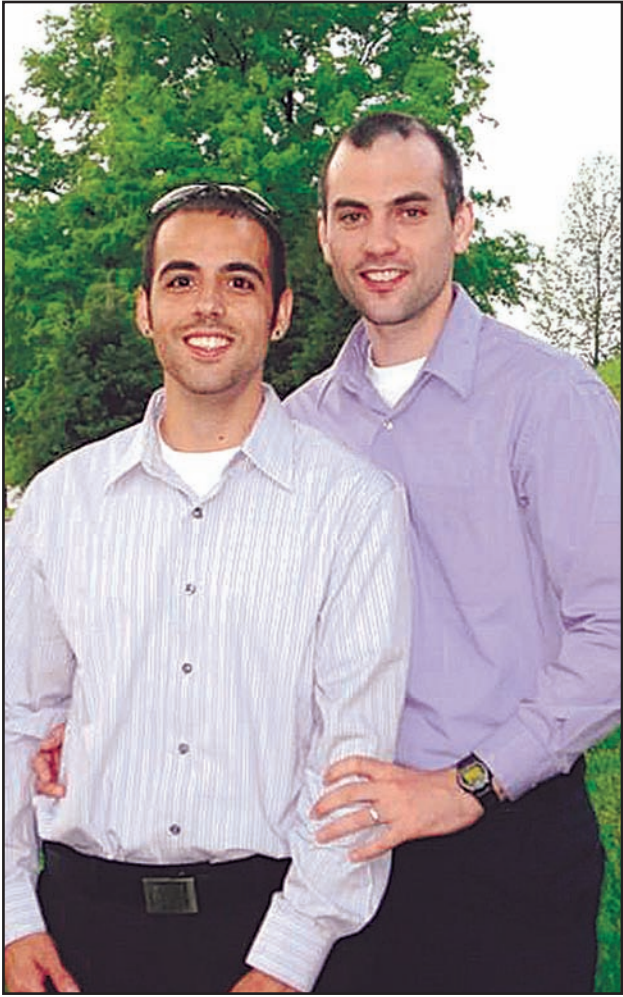
From the time they met to present day, their eight-year relationship has transformed from a simple college friendship to a lifelong, devoted couple.

“Up until Jason, I never felt like I wanted to be with someone for the rest of my life,” Higley said.

Today Higley is a teacher at Kenwood Middle School and Vance works for the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office.

Recently, Higley and Vance decided to apply to be foster parents. Their application was approved and they hope to adopt two children.

“This is what my life is about,” said Vance, “I always wanted a family.” ♦



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APSU alumni and Clarksville residents Michael Higley, 31, and Jason Vance, 26, were unionized on July 17, 2001.

Save student wallets from depression

By **TANGELIA CANNON**
Staff Writer

With gas prices on the rise, and the economy sinking into a depression, it is becoming more and more important to save a dollar whenever possible. Yet most students don’t always know the best way to do this.

According to Factmonster.com, the average college student spends more than \$10,000 on school per academic year.

However, it is possible to save money in a variety of ways. From eating out to hanging out with friends, there are places all around town that allow students to save their hard-earned money.

When their lives are busy, students tend to eat conveniently, stopping at the many fast food places around town. Unfortunately, students tend not to think about the

money they spend and how fast it adds up. However, because Clarksville is a college town, there are several businesses that support APSU students.

“If you stop and think about it, college students tend to put money into Clarksville’s economy, so why not take advantage of the places that are willing to give money back,” said Anthony Qualkinbush, a freshman graphic art design major. Some local places that offer student discounts are Subway, Cheeseburger Charley’s, Arby’s, O’Charley’s and many Chinese restaurants.

Occasionally, students get to take a break from classes, papers and work. During these breaks, besides catching up on sleep, there are a variety of activities in Clarksville that students can take part in. According to www.collegescholarships.org, college students spend

\$5.5 billion per year on alcohol. This is another cost that quickly adds up. If you chose to indulge in buying beverages, be responsible and watch prices.

Clothes, groceries and electronics are some of the items students spend most of their money on when shopping. This is another place students can take advantage of their student ID. Places like Goodwill offer student discounts on items.

“College students are not always aware of the different businesses that give student discounts,” said Elizabeth Kuhn, a political science major. “As a college student, every little bit helps, so you should always ask if a place offers student discounts.”

Other cheap places to shop are Aldi’s, Save-A-Lot, The Bakery Thrift Store, Big Lots, Freds and The Dollar General Market. These places are great alternatives

to Wal-Mart and Krogers, as they offer off-brands that are just as good but at lower prices.

Clarksville offers a wide variety of activities that are cheap or even free. For example, while it is still warm outside, the Riverwalk on Riverside Drive offers beautiful views and is a great way to spend the afternoon.

Retros Arcade on University Avenue is another fun and inexpensive way to spend the afternoon. For only \$6, you can play as many games as you want all day.

In historic downtown Clarksville, you can find art museums and specialty shops to stroll through.

For military personnel and dependents, all Clarksville movie theaters offer discounts at matinee prices. Lastly, APSU’s organizations offer a wide variety of activities that are free for students. ♦

Other ways to save:

- Go in with a couple of friends and get a Sam’s Club card. Use it to buy frequently-used items in bulk.
- Carpool as much as possible.
- Cook instead of going out.
- Clip coupons. It might take awhile, but it’s worth it.
- Turn off appliances and lightbulbs to keep electrical costs down.
- Create a budget and stick to it.
- Open a high-interest savings account and deposit money at regular intervals.

Musicians cross over

By RACHAEL HERRON
Staff Writer

Crossing over has been a music trend throughout the years. Country artists Eddie Arnold, Kenny Rogers, Shania Twain and Faith Hill have successfully crossed to the pop charts. Though it's easy for country artists to go pop, it's tricky for pop/rock artists to go country.

"It has been going on for decades," said Beverly Keel, celebrity columnist for *The Tennessean* and professor of recording industry at Middle Tennessee State University.

A crossover happens when a musician or artist in one genre finds success in another genre.

In the past, we have seen many country artists find success on the pop charts and radio. In the 90s, Shania Twain crossed over with her song "From This Moment," and Faith Hill with her song "Breathe."

Today, we have seen Taylor Swift cross over with "Our Song" and "Should Have Said No." Because of their well-established fan base, country musicians are more successful at crossing over.

Though it's more common to see a successful crossover from country to pop, recently music has seen more pop to country crossovers.

Jessica Simpson, Jewel and Darius Rucker from '90s rock band Hootie and the Blowfish are the most recent crossovers mainstream country has seen.

Although when asked they would tell you something cheesy like "their heart was always country" but the truth is obvious.

"[They had] a lack of success in other genres," Keel said. "Clearly [if they] had huge success in pop [they] would have stayed."

Keel said that people at the peak of their career are not going to cross over. "Justin Timberlake and the Jonas Brothers are not going to cross over," Keel said.

"Part of the reason labels sign them is name recognition," Keel said. "Some fans will buy all the albums."

Name recognition helps sell albums. Today, album sales are down. "It's difficult to sell albums. [The labels] are up for anything," Keel said.

In the early 90s, country crossovers were huge because the country scene was hot. Artists who cross over have been called carpetbaggers by many country artists and industry people.

The song "Gone Country" by Alan Jackson pokes fun of pop singers "pretending to be country," Keel said.

On the other hand, Kid Rock and Sheryl Crow entered the country scene without even officially crossing over. "They have success in country and rock," Keel said, "They didn't leave rock for country — country embraced them."

Though albums from crossing-over artists oftentimes debut at number one, Keel questions their long-term success.

"How is it selling three to six months out?" she said. ♦

Week in review



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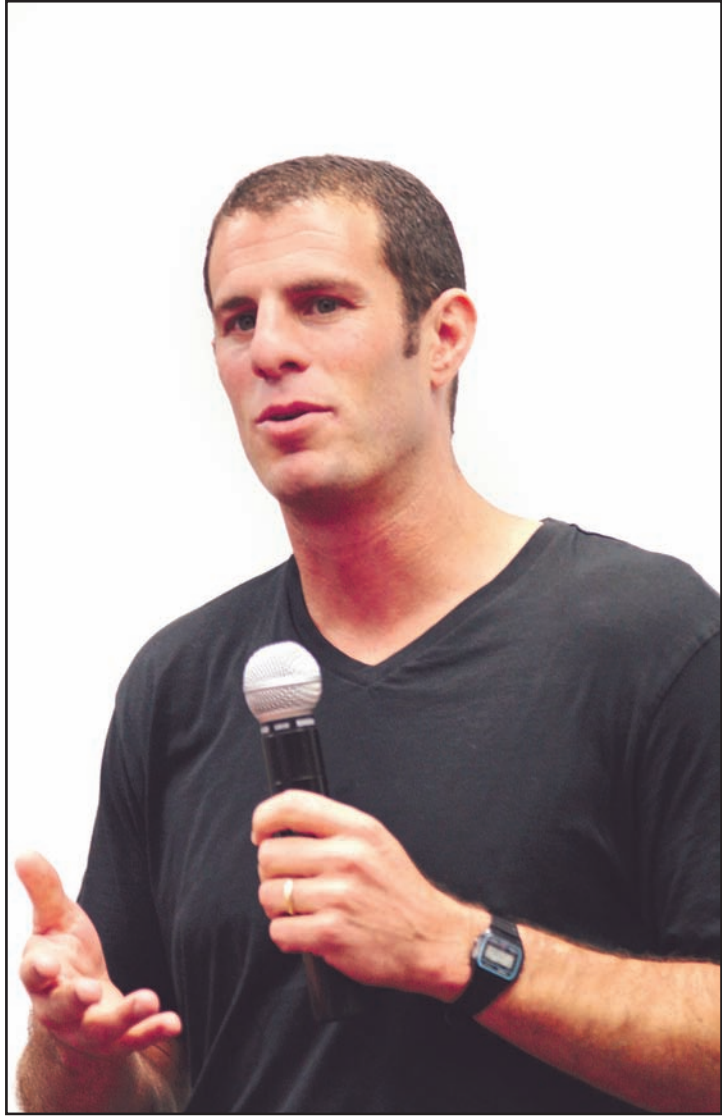
Left: Visiting artist Mike LaLone holds one of the bowls that he brought with him in front of his other pieces as examples of his work. LaLone gave a two day ceramics demonstration showing the various methods he uses to create his work. LaLone also demonstrated sculpture techniques using the human form as inspiration.

Left center: Ken Shipley, assistant professor of art, trims one of the bowls he threw for Project Empty Bowls. Approximately 250 bowls have been made for this project. Bowls will be filled with soup and auctioned in order to raise funds.

Below: LaLone's pieces of pottery were available for purchase. His teapots are the most popular of his work.



Left: Doug Lansky, writer and photographer for National Geographic magazine, spoke to a large audience during his presentation titled "Get Lost" on Friday, Sept. 26. Lansky spoke on how to travel on a budget. He also suggested students choose the location of their trip based on the interests or activities they like to do. Lansky's sense of humor kept students laughing during his presentation. Lunch was provided free of charge for the first 100 students.



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ELSEWHERE, UNKNOWN TO GARAKAHN...

DALE! STAND BACK! THE PORTAL'S GROWN UNSTABLE!

CAROV, WHAT HAPPENED?

THERE WAS SOME KIND OF DISTURBANCE INSIDE THE VOID!

IF FLASH WASN'T ABLE TO ESCAPE BEFORE THE IMPLOSION...

...HE'S TRAPPED INSIDE THE DARK DIMENSION FOREVER!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT GARAKAHN'S FORTRESS...

WHAT MADNESS IS THIS?!

THE CREATURE FROM INSIDE THE VOID...

...IT'S CHANGING!?

BY TAO...

IT'S SAID THAT NATURE ABHORS A VACUUM...

...AND IN THE DARKNESS OF AN ETERNAL NIGHT, THE SCREAMS OF A NEW CREATURE ECHO THROUGHOUT THE ENDLESS VOID.

RRAAAH!

NEXT: DARK DESTINY!



POPEYE

HY CHAMAN

YA MUST'VE HAD SOME AMBITION WHEN YA WUZ YOUNGER...

...SINCE YER LOADED WIT' ALL THEM DEGREES!

WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE, RECRUITERS WOULD COME TO THE SCHOOL TO INTERVIEW PROSPECTS

A GIANT CONGLOMERATE REVIEWED MY ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND SAW I WAS COMPUTER-LITERATE...

...AN UNUSUAL SKILL AT THE TIME

THEY WERE VERY IMPRESSED AND WANTED ME TO IMMEDIATELY START...

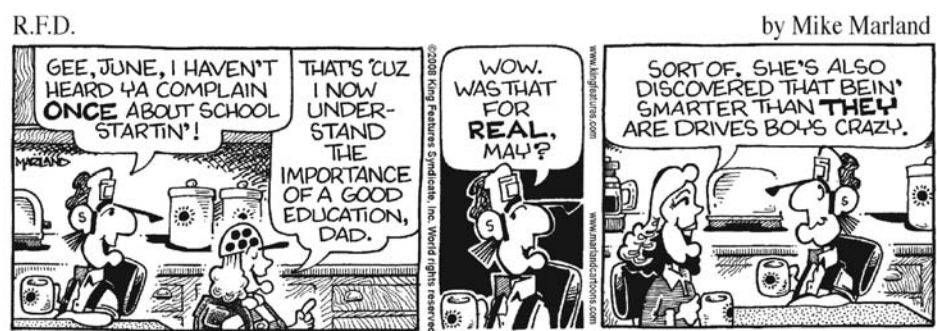
...ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY!

I WAS VERY FLATTERED BUT I HAD TO TURN THEM DOWN!

WHY WUZ THAT?

I'M NOT AWAKE TILL TUESDAY!

R.F.D. by Mike Marland



GEE, JUNE, I HAVEN'T HEARD YA COMPLAIN ONCE ABOUT SCHOOL STARTIN'!

THAT'S 'CUZ I NOW UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD EDUCATION, DAD.

WOW, WAS THAT FOR REAL, MAU'?

SORT OF. SHE'S ALSO DISCOVERED THAT BEIN' SMARTER THAN THEY ARE DRIVES BOYS CRAZY.

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I BET YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BE CAMPING OUT ON THE STREET WITH YOUR MOM?

BUT WHEN THOSE DOORS OPEN IN THE MORNING, I WANT YOU TO BE FIRST IN LINE?

WELL THAT WOULD BE GREAT, MOM... IF THESE WEREN'T THE DOORS TO OUR SCHOOL?

ONLY 12 MORE HOURS TIL SUMMER VACATION ENDS?

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



BECAUSE OF CHESTNUT'S UNCONTROLLABLE SWEET TOOTH AND HIS SUGAR-INDUCED RAMPADES, PEOPLE LEARNED TO NEVER PUT THE DESSERT CART BEFORE THE HORSE.

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps



OH, I'M THE BEST, BETTER THAN THE REST

A SUPER GUY, WE ALL KNOW WHY!

I WIN ONCE MORE, LOOK AT THE SCORE!

ENOUGH ALREADY! BEST 4 OUT OF 7.

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20 Imported cheese

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22 DIRECTOR PICKS KAPLAN TO PLAY LINCOLN!

25 Author Le Guin

26 Prepare to propose

27 Valueless

28 Hum bug?

30 ABA member

31 Fix a fight

33 "WHEEL" RATINGS PLUNGE!

39 More meager

44 "Graf—"

45 Navigation hazard

46 Film, for short

47 Castilian custard

49 Commoner

51 Arm bones

55 CARNEY IN NEW FILM!

59 Vaudeville staple

62 Disdain

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64 "—Ca-Dabra" ("74 song)

65 JFK Library architect

66 Beethoven symphony

69 Velvety plant

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73 Little helper?

74 SANDLER GOES ON TOUR!

78 Ever's partner

81 Slugger's stat

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83 Sulky

86 Moon crawler

87 "—a Song Go..."

88 TV s "The — Patrol"

90 Prelim

92 Plumbing tool

95 AFFLECK WINS SECOND OSCAR!

98 Ho hi

99 — Kong

101 Roof part

102 "Holy cow!"

103 "Casablanca" character

106 Crucifix

108 Agitated room

111 HAGMAN PLANS NUPTIALS!

115 Piggy

116 Khan opener?

117 Castilian cry

118 Head set?

122 Croc's kin

126 Mideastern mall?

129 PAQUIN GETS STARRING ROLE!

134 In public

135 Row

136 General Bradley

137 Final

138 Alarm button

139 Raucous noise

140 — Hari

141 Actress Merrill

9 "Of course!"

10 Harlem room

11 Apply gently

12 Petite parasite

13 Mongrel

14 Owns

15 Nothing special

16 Mediter-ranean island

17 Brooklyn school

21 Suppress

23 Skirt feature

24 Skiers' mecca

29 Wee one

32 Present

34 Datebook abbr.

35 — Aviv

36 Charges

37 "The March King"

38 Fedora fabric

39 Mineral springs

40 She brought out the beast in men

41 Part owner?

42 Urban transport

43 Absorbed

48 Ruth's mother-in-law

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52 Puppy bites

53 Fighter pilots

54 "SNL" bit

56 Haunted-house sound

57 Oklahoma city

58 Alex Haley book

60 Pianist

61 Bandleader

67 Bergonzi or Pont

68 "Waves of grain" color

70 Fast flier

71 Bright

73 Between three

75 Bum a ride

76 Humble

77 Soprano's showcase

78 Jessica of "Dark Angel"

79 Comic Carter

80 Melville novel

84 Play ground?

85 Great Lake natives

87 Po land

89 It'll give you a lift

91 Change for a five

93 Helicopter sound

94 Circle dance

95 Sikorsky or Stravinsky

96 First offender

97 Jay's house

100 Negative correlative

104 It may be tall

105 Internet acronym

107 Colors

109 Demetrius' duds

110 Inclined

111 Sweat and slave

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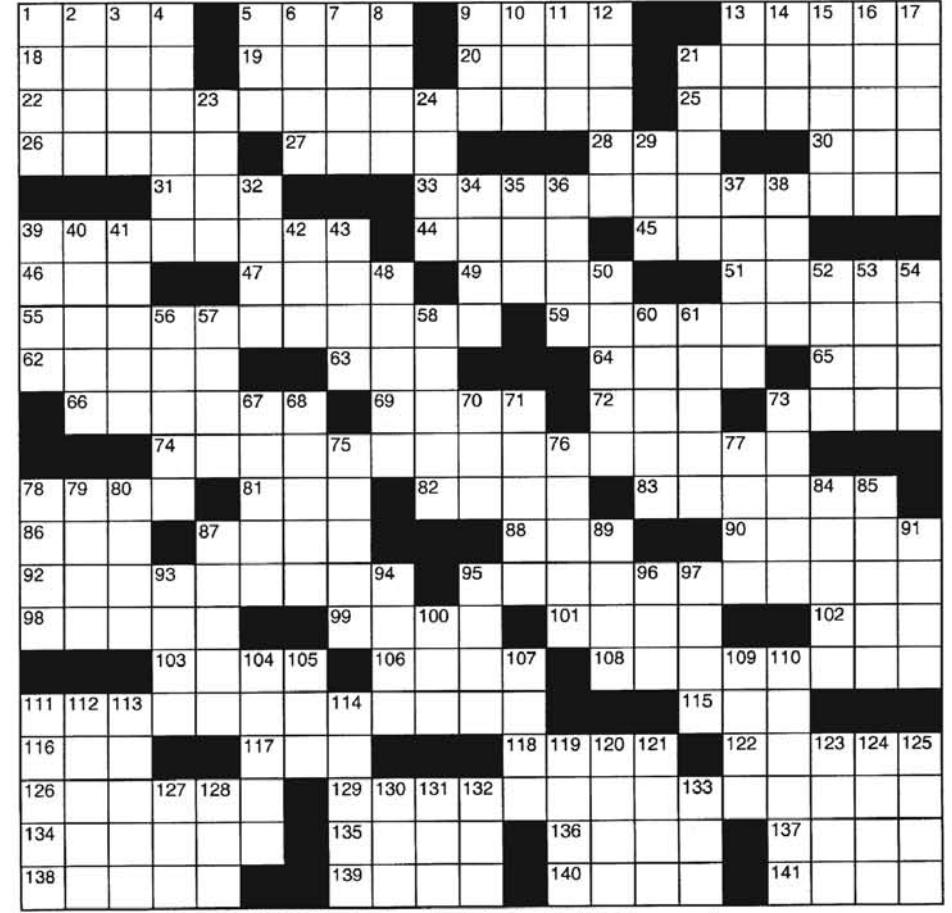
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Football

Govs take Colonels into OT, lose 13-10



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Several members of the Govs defense bury a UT-Martin player. Against EKU on Saturday, Sept. 27, the Govs continued to smother, holding the Colonels to only 77 rushing yards. However, it wasn't enough, and the Govs lost 13-10 in their second OVC game, falling to 0-5 this season.

Govs remain winless, lose second OVC game

By **JERRY CHERRY**
Guest Writer

With a strong defense to back them up, the APSU football team fell short in overtime to the defending Ohio Valley Conference champs, the Eastern Kentucky Colonels, 13-10, on Saturday, Sept. 27 in Richmond, Ky. Both defenses played excellently, but the Govs couldn't produce enough offense to win and fell to 0-2 in the OVC.

Receiving the initial kickoff, the Colonels took advantage of their first possession with a 62-yard

return by Jeremy Caldwell, followed by a first-play 29-yard pass from Cody Watts to Shannon Davis.

After falling behind 7-0, the Govs got to see what starting quarterback T.C. Jennings could produce. Jennings was replacing an injured Gary Orr, who will have season-ending thumb surgery. Jennings threw for 90 yards with one touchdown, and also produced 51 yards on the ground.

However, the Colonels produced three more points with a successful 27-yard field goal kick by Taylor Long, with 3:52 left in the first quarter. The Govs were unable to answer, and fell behind 10-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Govs defense stepped up, and an interception by Tremayne Townsend left the Colonels scoreless in the second quarter. The Govs left the field at half time down 10-0.

The Govs turned things

around on their first drive in the third quarter. With nine plays, they went 77 yards to score. Jennings threw a touchdown pass to Lani Frederick. The score was the Govs' first, but they were still down 10-7.

An interception by Govs junior Kevis Buckley with 2:08 left in the third quarter, left the Colonels scoreless on a six play, 54-yard drive. The score remained 10-7, with the Colonels on top, at the end of the third quarter.

Most of the fourth quarter consisted of short drives by both teams, until the Govs, on their final drive with only one second left on the clock, obtained three points with a successful 43-yard field goal by Isaac Ziolkowski. The teams went into overtime to tie the game 10-10.

The Govs won the toss, in overtime, and selected to receive first. However, they were unable to score on a 36-yard missed field goal attempt by Ziolkowski.



LOIS JONES/SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Govs quarterback, T. C. Jennings evades UT-Martin defense. He passed for 90 yards against EKU.

The Colonels followed with a four play, 15-yard drive, that led to a game-winning 27-yard field goal by Long. Defense was not

enough for the Govs, and they go home 0-5 on the season.

The Govs next game will be at home against OVC

rivals the Murray State Racers Saturday, Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. The Govs defeated the Racers last season in a close battle, 23-17. ♦

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Soccer

Barger scores winner against Gamecocks



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Lady Govs forward, Rian Barger gains possession for the Lady Govs. Barger scored the only goal of the game. The Lady Govs won 1-0.

Lady Govs win OVC opener against Lady Gamecocks

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Guest Writer

The Lady Govs soccer team opened Ohio Valley Conference play with a 1-0 victory over Jacksonville State on Friday, Sept. 26, at Morgan Bros. Soccer Field. The Lady Govs improved to 3-9 overall with a 1-0 OVC record, while the Lady Gamecocks fell to 3-5-2

overall with a 0-1 conference record. Freshman forward Rian Barger came through for the Lady Govs, scoring her team-leading fourth goal of the season in the 66th minute, which turned out to be the game-winner. Sophomore Hannah Jones did the job of a defender and had Jacksonville State driving into the APSU defensive third; she cleared a ball down the right sideline that was taken by sophomore Kellie Cannon. Cannon possessed the ball into an attacking opportunity and fired a hard shot inside the box that was stopped by Jacksonville State goalie Kate Kelly. The ball was deflected into a host of Governors; Barger touched the ball and fired the shot

into the back of the net. “It feels great to get a conference win,” Barger said. “Coming into this program as a freshman, I worked hard to get into the game and then to get into the starting line-up. To score some goals makes it even better.” The match was an evenly fought battle throughout, with the Lady Govs outshooting Jacksonville State, 16-13. Sophomore Carley Newman started for the Govs in goal and earned her second career shut out, making six saves in the victory. “I thought we did a lot better today on creating attacking opportunities than we have all season,” Guth said. “We’ve spent a lot of

time in the past few weeks working on combination play and getting numbers forward on the attack.” “I thought today we created a lot of quality opportunities and that’s really what we’re building toward. We played solid defensively and got things done on the offense.” In the program’s history, the Lady Govs have opened OVC play with a win for the third time, the first coming in 2005 with a 3-1 win over Murray State, and the second against Jacksonville State in 2006. The Lady Govs will travel to Morehead, KY on Friday, Oct. 3, to take on the Eagles in an OVC contest scheduled to kick off at 6 p.m. ♦

Volleyball

Lady Govs improve to 3-0 in OVC



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Lady Gov sophomore Jessica Mollman spikes the ball for a kill. Mollman had 17 kills to lead the Lady Govs into victory over the Tennessee State Lady Tigers.

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The Lady Govs volleyball team played their first home game in more than three weeks on Friday, Sept. 27 at the Dunn Center. The team ended up earning an exciting win over the Tennessee State University Lady Tigers. It was an important Ohio Valley Conference game for the Lady Govs and they got some much-needed revenge against the Lady Tigers, who won the two games they played against the Lady Govs last year. The Lady Govs defeated the Lady Tigers, 3-1. In the first two sets, the Lady Govs jumped up to early leads. The team was led by Stephanie Champine, who holds the Owens Community College record for most kills in a match, and Kayla Grantham. Grantham made an excellent block on

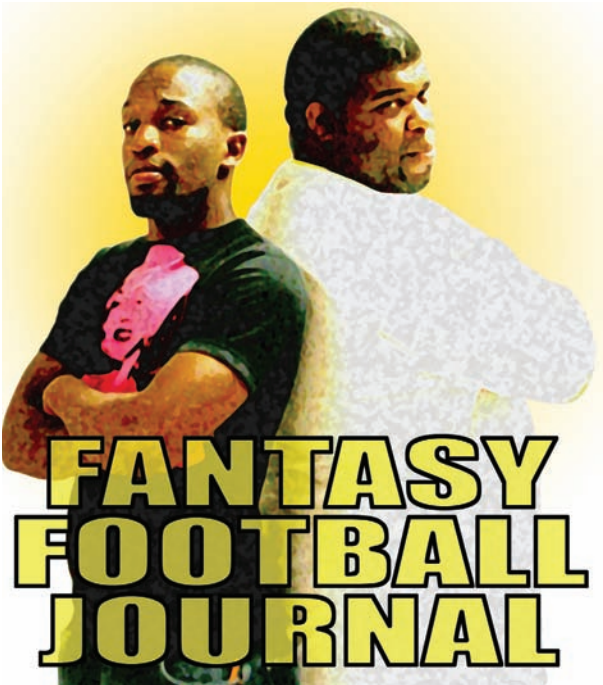
Lady Tiger Christian Lowe in the first set. She also had an ace in the second set. Champine had a total of seven kills in the first two sets while Grantham had five. Jessica Mollman also had a good second set, totaling six kills. A big reason for the Lady Govs success was their blocking. They had seven blocks in the first two sets, compared to just one by the Lady Tigers. The Lady Govs timed the ball perfectly and made the blocks look easy. The Lady Govs took a two-set lead and outscored their opponent by a total of 19 points. In the third set, the Lady Tigers clawed back. With a 17-15 point lead, they had to make sure not to make the mistakes that cost them earlier. The Lady Tigers managed to take the third set 25-23. It was the Lady Govs

who made the mistakes in this set, converting only 16 kills on 38 chances. The Lady Govs did a much better job in the fourth set, limiting their errors to only one. It was the exact opposite situation for the Lady Tigers, who had eight errors in the last set. The Lady Govs capitalized on these mistakes and won the set 25-15. Champine, Grantham, Mollman, Kirstin Distler and Taylor Skinner all had kills in the set. Lady Govs head coach Jenny Hazelwood was pleased with the victory. “We did a good job executing plays,” Hazelwood said. “We had to take care of the ball over on our side and we did.” The next match for the Lady Govs will be at home against Ohio Valley Conference rivals Murray State on Friday, Oct. 3.



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Lady Govs junior, Stephanie Champine goes for the kill.



Season two, week six

Robinson, Scott prepare for battle

Dear Diary,

I hear you’re a fan of college football. If you are, then you understand how madness could have rolled over into professional football’s weekend. Seriously, I honestly felt like there was full moon out for the past three nights. Well, if you must know, my team is losing at this moment. Before Monday night’s game between the Baltimore Ravens and Pittsburgh Steelers, I am losing 73-54. Alas, Negative Nancy, there is hope. I have two players left that could pull me ahead at least by a little bit. Hines Ward and Mark Clayton have restored my faith in this bye week. Two of my consistently high scorers, Reggie Wayne and Calvin Johnson, are probably sitting at their mansions watching as the world crumbles without their presence. Willie Parker is out this week with a sprained left knee, and he usually gets me at least 10-15 points a week. Obviously, my opponent, Ballzdeep, had a much better week than I. His running backs and quarterback, whether they won or lost their teams games, gained more than 13 points each. With a few notable changes, this possible loss could have been a lot worse. His bench quarterback, Jason Campbell, had a fairly decent game leading the Cowboys into victory with 17 fantasy points. One of his wide receivers, Laveranues Coles, was a part of the Brett Favre extravaganza. Of the six touchdowns Favre laser shot to the end zone, Coles caught three of those bullets of death and gained 28 points sitting on Ballzdeep’s bench. Right, the game wouldn’t even be close if these players were involved in anyway, shape or form. I’m sure Marlon will say something about that. Though, I don’t think Scott can really speak much this week. The GridIronGovs gained an astonishing 42 points with no players left to play Monday. How does that happen? Well, it’s easy, buddy. All you need is Brian Griese as your quarterback, and watch him throw the football to the opposite team, three times. In Scott’s defense, both of his Mannings were gone this week, though, I don’t think even Peyton can stop the wrath that is to come next week, when, you guessed it, Scott and Robinson go head to head in a battle of pride and dignity.

Writing my victory blog already,

Devon

Dear Diary,

Pass me a guitar and sit me on the stage of a smoke-filled bar, because I have the blues. It is not because my girlfriend left me, or because I lost all my money and the dog. Specifically, I am suffering from the “Bye Week Blues.” Just when I thought I had a clue what players were contenders and who were the pretenders, the first bye week of the season arrived and I had to scramble to fill empty slots. What key players did I lose this week? Both of the Manning brothers had byes this week. I had to go shopping for a quarterback and ended up with Tampa Bay’s Brian Griese. Last week Griese lit up the stat board with 407 yards passing and two touchdowns. This week he threw for less than 150 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions. Ouch. My pain continued, because I played Packers’ running back Ryan Grant. Honestly, I didn’t have much choice. He was my only feature back who was healthy this week. But since he earned zero fantasy points this week, I could have left the slot open. While my opponent’s team, Tip Drill, racked up touchdowns all day, no one on my team came close to the end zone. Even my go-to-guy, Matt Forte, failed to score a touchdown this week. Double-ouch. By Sunday night I was behind 91-42. If my opponent had played Brett Favre this week instead of leaving him on the bench, my beat down would have been even worse. As I accepted the fact I was about to become 2-2 while plucking a guitar and trying to find a word that rhymes with loser, I suddenly remembered Devon. When I checked in on Devon’s game this week, I actually felt a brief moment of sympathy because the first bye week had been cruel to him too. He had to play without wide receivers Calvin Johnson and Reggie Wayne. My sympathy turned to laughter when I saw he was playing two Buffalo Bills players who were also sitting out this weekend. I continued giggling when I saw he was losing to the team I beat last week. Next week, Devon and I will face each other head-to-head. I can’t wait. Rubbing his hands together in anticipation,

Marlon

For Marlon and Devon’s weekly results check out www.theallstate.com.