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#SPRINGDANCECONCERT



‘JUST DANCE!’

Spring Dance Concert comes to Trahern



The sixth annual Spring Dance Concert included a variety of dance styles and choreography from students and faculty from the Dance minor program, as well as the Roy Acuff Chair of Excellence holders Peiling Kao and Keith Fitzpatrick. The concert, directed by Marcus Hayes, associate professor of Theatre and Dance, was held in the Trahern Theater from Thursday, March 22, through Saturday, March 24, and on Sunday, March 25. See more photos from the dance concert in “Features,” page 5. **BRITTANY SPARN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

#SPRINGDANCECONCERT

Degree Compass software gains notoriety, expands

APSU course recommendation software nominated for IMF global award, expands to 3 more Tennessee colleges

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Students need a little help deciding what courses to take, so all students are assigned advisers. However, because advisers are assigned several students, some students may not receive the best help possible concerning the proper courses to take. To assist students who need a little extra help, there is a new system in APSU’s OneStop called Degree Compass, which suggests the courses

that are best fit for students to take in the upcoming semester. This year, Degree Compass has made APSU one of the finalists to receive a Learning Impact recognition award from the IMS Global Learning Consortium. The IMS Global Learning Consortium is a nonprofit organization working with universities, school districts, government organizations, content providers and technology suppliers to open up new areas for academic progress through technology.

Every year they conduct a global meeting to discuss different kinds of higher initiatives for progress. This year the organization is specifically focusing on trying to help students move through degrees efficiently, something APSU has been working to do. Every year they have a set of awards they give for different software products and initiatives that are being put into place, which they feel are making an important impact in academia. The new system helped Tennessee to receive a \$1 million grant from Complete

College America and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation last year. Part of the grant went to help get Degree Compass implemented at three other schools. It has been decided Nashville State, Volunteer State and the University of Memphis will be the first three institutions, aside from APSU, to use Degree Compass. They are expected to be able to use the new system for their students starting in the summer.

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#TRAYVONMARTIN

Memphis rally calls for arrest in Trayvon Martin slaying

» **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Hundreds rallied Monday at the location where Martin Luther King Jr. was slain in Memphis to call for the arrest of a Florida man in the shooting death of an unarmed black teenager. The rally at the National Civil Rights Museum featured speeches from Memphis-area activists and Mayor A C Wharton, who is black. Children joined adults, and whites joined blacks, at the rally. Participants held up signs saying “Why?” and “We are Trayvon.” Most bowed their heads in a three-minute

prayer during a ceremony that also included poetry readings. Trayvon Martin, 17, was killed Sunday, Feb. 26, in a neighborhood in Sanford, Fla. A neighborhood watch volunteer, George Zimmerman, whose father is white and mother Hispanic, has said he shot Martin in self-defense. Police said the teen did not have a gun. Zimmerman has not been arrested. Angela Martin, 45 and no relation to the slain teen, watched the crowd gather from a nearby fire escape. A mother of a 14-year-

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#HEALTHCARE

Supreme Court hears case for, against Obama healthcare plan

» **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

WASHINGTON — As demonstrations swirled outside, Supreme Court justices signaled on Monday they are ready to confront without delay the keep-or-kill questions at the heart of challenges to President Barack Obama’s historic health care overhaul. Virtually every American will be affected by the outcome, due this summer in the heat of the election campaign. On the first of three days of arguments — the longest in decades — none of the justices appeared to embrace the contention that it was too soon for a decision. Outside the packed courtroom, marching

and singing demonstrators on both sides — including doctors in white coats, a Republican presidential candidate and even a brass quartet — voiced their eagerness for the court to either uphold or throw out the largest expansion in the nation’s social safety net since Medicare was enacted in 1965. Tuesday’s arguments will focus on the heart of the case, the provision that aims to extend medical insurance to 30 million more Americans by requiring everyone to carry insurance or pay a penalty. A decision is expected by late June as Obama fights for re-election. All of his

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SLIDESHOW:
See photos from Tuesday’s “Vagina Monologues” performance at TheAllState.org.



SLIDESHOW:
See photos from the Lady Govs three Softball games from last weekend at TheAllState.org.



SLIDESHOW:
See photos from the fourth annual “Jump for Judes” fundraiser for St. Jude Children’s hospital at TheAllState.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA



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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.

- 12:05 p.m.; March 22; Dunn Center/Robb Avenue lot; burglary
- 2:32 p.m.; March 21; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center; theft of property
- 4:10 p.m.; March 20; Trahern lot; aggravated burglary
- 6:20 p.m.; March 19; Castle Heights Hall; vandalism
- 4:43 p.m.; March 19; Drane and Gov's Lane; aggravated robbery
- 5:51 a.m.; March 19; Woodward Library; theft of property
- 6:25 p.m.; March 16; Harvill Hall; aggravated burglary

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

Campus activities planned for **Disability Awareness Month** throughout **April**
Women's, Gender Studies present **'The Vagina Monologues'** March 27 and 28
History department remembers significance of **War of 1812** at local conference

NEWS

Degree Compass course software demystified

» STAFF REPORT

The Degree Compass software, formerly known as the Course Recommendation system, is APSU's newest resource to help students gather information about what classes they should take. Degree Compass is used to help make course selection less of a maze and more of a path to keep students on track. "Degree Compass is used to try to give as much information to help students make the best

decisions," said Tristan Denley, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. The system is meant to simplify advising and to help better educate students on the classes they need or want to take. How the system works is actually pretty straightforward. Currently, the program looks at many variables that are unique to each student. It looks at the students' transcripts, the courses they've taken and what courses they still have to take. Degree Compass takes into account degree evaluation as well as each

student's individual course bulletin requirements. The analytics behind grade predictions are accurate. "If Degree Compass says you will get a C or better, you will actually get a C or better," Denley said. In the future, Denley said the next step in Degree Compass would be to incorporate a way to help students pick majors, as well as including an option to have students register for classes within Degree Compass rather than using the separate registration area within Self-Registration. *TAS*

COURSE SUGGESTION TOOL BREAKDOWN



Austin Peay's course recommendation system known as *Degree Compass* is a new feature that is part of registering for classes. It is still in its first year and new features are still being added and considered. Below is a deconstruction of how the system works to help familiarize you with the program.

PROJECTED GRADE:

The projected grade scale is based off several factors. The first variable is based off the history of grades achieved by all students who have taken the course. Another is that it factors in the your current GPA. The system then uses predictive analytics in order to give an appropriate rating, with five stars being the max. The system is also able to reliably predict grades within half a letter grade.

#	RATING	PROJECTED GRADE	COURSE	TITLE	PROGRAM
1	★★★★★	★★★★★	MKT-3010	Principles of Marketing	Marketing Minor
2	★★★★★	★★★★★	COMM-3100	Desktop Publishing	Corporate Comm Concentration Mass Communications
3	★★★★★	★★★★★	COMM-3910	Media Relations	Corporate Comm Concentration Mass Communications
4	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	COMM-3010	Integrated Corp Comm	Corporate Comm Concentration Mass Communications

RATING:

The complete rating for the class is determined by many variables:

1. The class is ranked on whether or not it is part of your undergraduate bulletin.
2. It takes into account whether or not it is core to the university curriculum.
3. It takes into account your major(s) and minor(s).
4. It also measures if you are expected to succeed academically and factors in your projected grade.

All of these factors combine to give you a rating based on how important the class is. A five-star rating for a course would mean it satisfies all of the above criteria. The classes are then put in numerical order based on the ratings. Classes at the top of the list tend to be the most important classes that are necessary for graduation. Classes at the bottom are more likely to be electives with lower projected grades.

COURSE, TITLE, PROGRAM:

In this section, more detailed information is given to the students in order to educate them on the courses Degree Compass recommends. Not only does it list the course number, but you can click on the course (in blue) and it will take you to a course description page. The system also lists the name of the course as well as the program the course is in so you can determine whether or not the class goes toward your degree or if it is merely a core requirement.

DAVID HOERNLEN | GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Degree Compass

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Degree Compass was first called "The Netflix Project" said Charles Wall, the director of the Information Technologies Department. Tristan Denley, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, who came up with the idea of creating this recommendation system, said this recommendation engine is very much in the spirit of Netflix, Pandora or Amazon. Instead of suggesting the different kinds of movies you might like, Degree Compass suggests the courses that best fit students and their program of studies by looking at their transcript and ranking a list of courses. Denley and the IT Department are continually working together to make improvements. They are welcoming feedback with suggestions and ideas of improvement from students on the site. One improvement they are working on is trying to recommend majors for students who are undecided based on predicted grades. Denley said the grade predictions are actually pretty accurate. These predictions are used to see what kinds of areas students may have a talent for that they may not have realized or thought about. Denley is hoping this improvement will be ready before the end of the semester. "It's been really exciting to put this together. We are happy we're able to have this for students to more effectively move themselves through their degree programs," Denley said. Denley conceived of the idea in the summer of 2010. He spent six months developing the mathematics and algorithms that work behind the system and created a working prototype on his laptop. It was then time to make it available to students. He spent about another six months working with the Information Technologies Department's staff to deploy this new system on OneStop. It took a little less than a year to put it together. *TAS*

Slaying

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old boy and a 21-year-old college student, the nurse practitioner said either one of her children could have been Martin "at the wrong moment." "When I heard about this, my heart just broke," said Martin, who is black. The museum is located at the site of the former Lorraine Motel where King was shot on a balcony on April 4, 1968. King was in Memphis to support a sanitation

workers' strike. The hotel is considered hallowed ground by black Memphis residents and civil rights activists alike. "He died fighting for our civil rights," Martin said of King. "And Trayvon's civil rights were just violated." Wharton said people across the mid-South should set aside their differences and stand in support of the slain teen. He also denounced attempts to portray the teen in a negative light after it was revealed he had been suspended from school for marijuana. "Even if he had been a bad boy, he deserved to live," Wharton said. *TAS*

Healthcare

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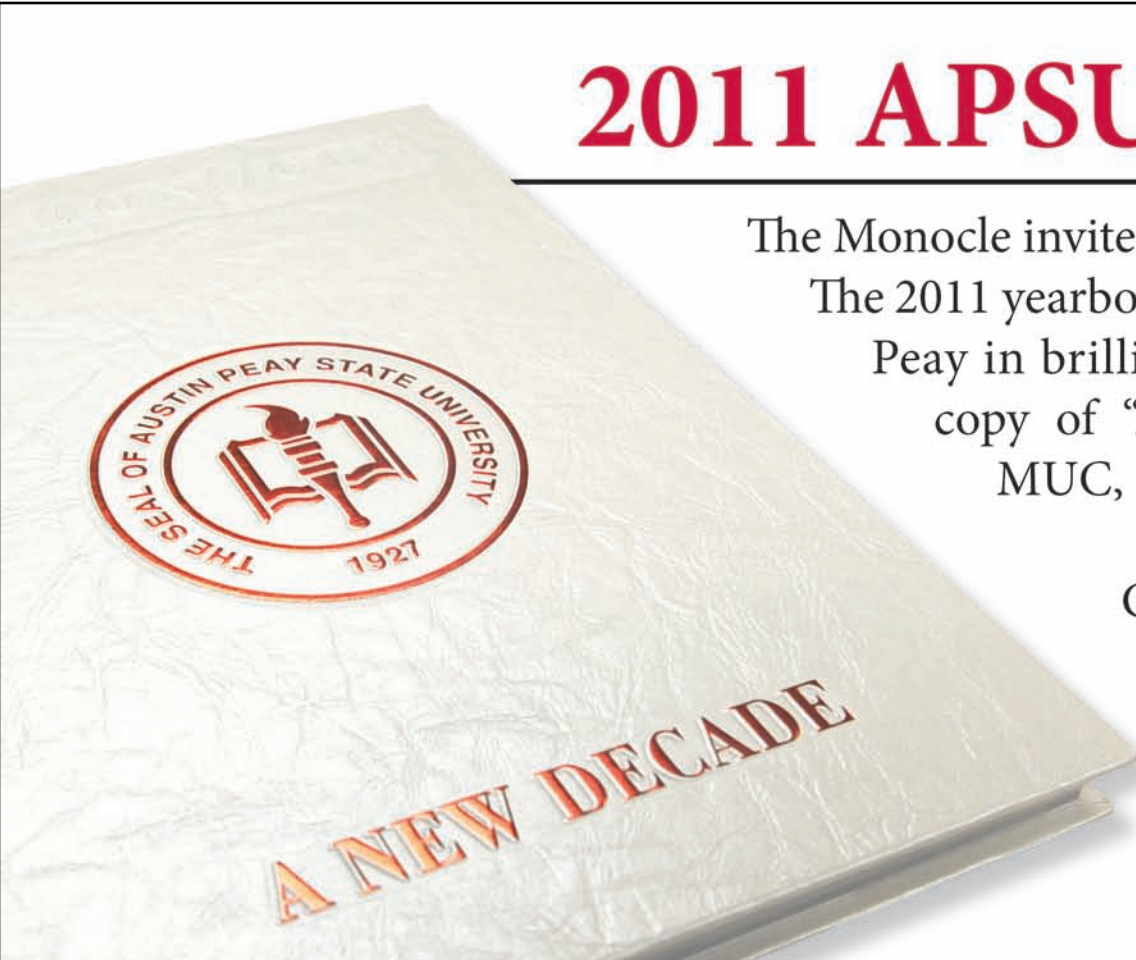
Republican challengers oppose the law and promise its repeal if the high court hasn't struck it down in the meantime. On Monday, the justices took on the question of whether an obscure tax law could derail the case. The 19th century law bars tax disputes from being heard in the courts before the taxes have been paid. Under the new health care law, Americans who don't purchase health insurance would have to report that omission on their tax returns for 2014 and would pay a penalty along with federal income tax on returns due by April 2015. Among the issues facing the court is whether that penalty is a tax. The justices also will take up whether the rest of the law can remain in place if the insurance mandate falls and,

separately, whether Congress lacked the power to expand the Medicaid program to cover 15 million low-income people who currently earn too much to qualify. If upheld, the law will force dramatic changes in the way insurance companies do business, including forbidding them from denying coverage due to pre-existing medical conditions and limiting how much they can charge older people. The law envisions that insurers will be able to accommodate older and sicker people without facing financial ruin because of its most disputed element, the requirement that Americans have insurance or pay a penalty. By 2019, about 95 percent of the country will have health insurance if the law is allowed to take full effect, the Congressional Budget Office estimates. Polls have consistently shown the public is at best ambivalent about the benefits of the health care law, and that a majority of Americans believe the insurance requirement is unconstitutional. *TAS*

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PERSPECTIVES

Weapon policy leaves students ‘declawed’

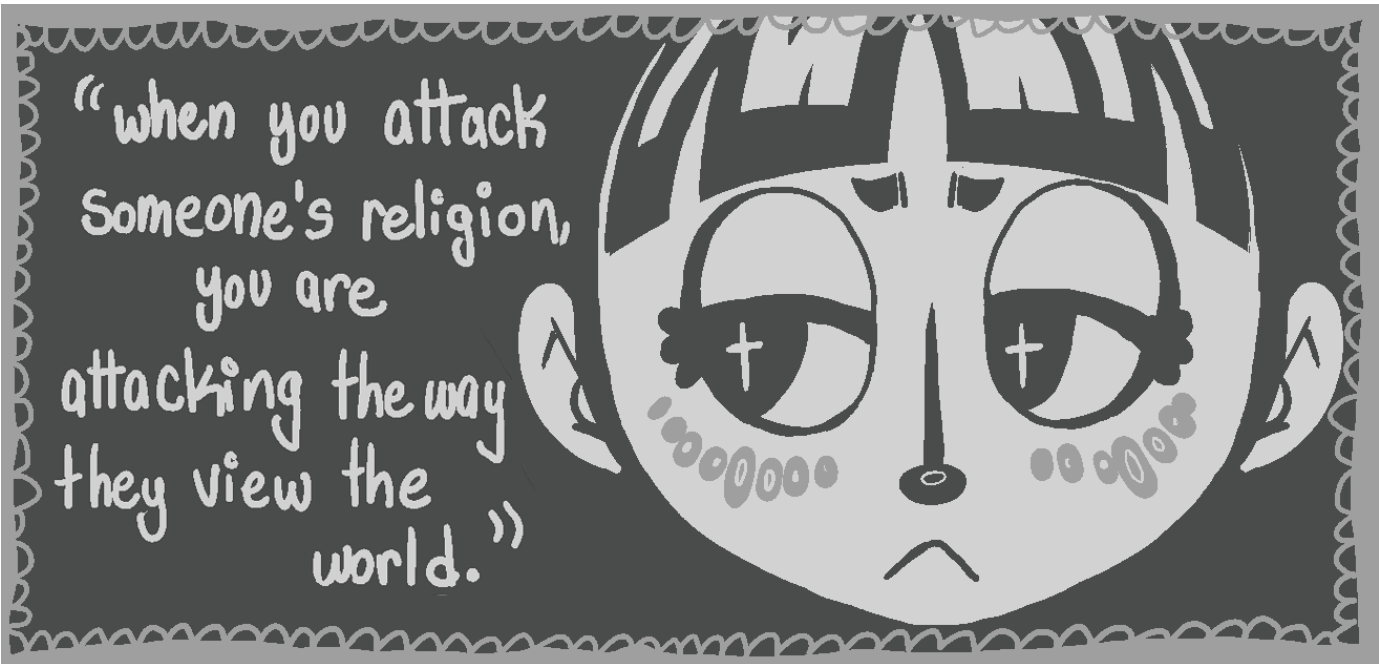


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Here comes the cavalry — too little, too late. In light of recent violent crimes committed on campus and the surrounding area, an interesting question has continually been raised: “Where were the police?” As both a friend of law enforcement and an aspiring police officer, I am in no way belittling the efforts of our campus and city police departments. I’m just saying they can’t be everywhere at once. So where does that leave you, the student? Declawed, I’m afraid.

Not too long ago, a friend of mine was getting a part time job at a local bar. Her job required her to walk downtown late at night and return early in the morning. Feeling the odds were against her, I took her to the local gun store and bought her a can of pepper spray. After instructing her on how to properly deploy the spray and when and where it is appropriate to do so, I sent her back to campus. Not 24 hours had passed when I was informed she was told she could not possess it and it was classified as a “weapon.” According to a resolution passed in April 2011 by the rather naive Student Government Association against a bill allowing students to be armed for the purpose of self defense claimed with the presence of APSU campus police, “there is no need for weapons of any kind to be on campus owned by faculty and/or staff.” Tell that to the individual who was allegedly held at knife point near the Memorial Health building last Monday. As someone whose business was and may again be the protection of valued personnel in dangerous places, I tend to see things a little differently than the average person. By and large, most college-aged students are oblivious to their surroundings. Honestly, most students would be easy targets for someone who means to do them harm. I’m not going to go into a big rant about my belief that responsible, competently trained students with state-approved conceal carry permits should be allowed to possess a handgun on campus. That desire does exist, however, as shown by the Facebook group “Students For Concealed Carry at Austin Peay State University.” Nor am I going to openly encourage those who do not follow policy and carry knives and spray to continue doing so. I am simply pointing to a gap in personal security left unaddressed for too long. Our law enforcement officers work hard. They are all academy-trained and state certified. All in all they do a great job and make great efforts to maintain a good rapport with the students they are both sworn and paid to protect. The Clarksville Police Department and Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department have some great guys who I can vouch for first-hand. But it is not their sole job to protect you. You also need to be aware of your surroundings and able to protect yourself. No weapons? No problem. While I do feel we have been placed at a disadvantage by flawed policy, I can only encourage you to contact SGA and complain until changes are made. In the meantime, it would behoove you to remain aware of your surroundings and maintain a sense of vigilance. Travel in groups, don’t place yourself in bad neighborhoods and use common sense. After all, if there is anything I have learned hopping from one hotspot to the next, it is the greatest weapon you could ever possess is behind your eyes and between your ears. *TAS*



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Religious diversity, freedom necessary for brighter future



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“Why aren’t you a Christian? What made you think the way you do?” As an atheist, I am often faced with these questions when I confess my lack of religious affiliation. I say “confess” because that’s what it feels like: a confession to a tremendous wrongdoing. Many times, I have felt the need to go on the defensive, or to sacrifice integrity and pretend to be someone I can never be and think in a way that is unnatural to me. With these questions come the implication there has to be a reason for someone not to choose the “normal,” standard road of dogma. There is an assumption something must have damaged or changed me to make me lose sight of the light. Well, this isn’t an article to condemn religion or postulate about the evils of Christianity, nor is it a defense for atheism. Atheism doesn’t need to be defended, because there’s nothing wrong with it. It is a perfectly valid belief the American Constitution allows us to carry, just as it

allows for the development of Christian minds, Buddhist minds, Muslim minds, Hindu minds, Wiccan minds — and hey, if one chooses to take Greek mythology as truth, one has the perfect right. The facts are this: There are happy and sad people of every creed, people who feel fulfilled from their God or gods and those who feel equally validated without needing that faith. There are good and bad people in every group, and all of us, each and every one, has made mistakes at some point. The issue isn’t which group has come to the “right” conclusion, but rather the fact each school of thought has a right to exist. Didn’t Jesus teach in the book of John only “he that is without sin” should judge another human being? A passage in the Quran instructs fervent Muslims not to say to one who gives them a greeting of peace, “you are not a believer.” A basic Buddhist tenet is “Before judging others, pause for a moment and ask — how perfect am I?” And while atheists do not follow one specific creed, the general belief amongst those without religion is to live and let live, something they themselves want the right to do. It’s important to remember, despite popular belief, America is not an exclusively Christian nation. Major reasons the Pilgrims fled England include attaining religious freedom, and

becoming free from an official, government-controlled style of worship and avoiding persecution for dissension. Questions like “What made you turn Christian?” and “Why aren’t you an atheist?” would probably be seen as offensive and harmful. I just think it’s essential to consider the other side of this too; consider every belief system, regardless of how one might disagree with it or see it as senseless, is a valid way to think. When you attack someone’s religion or lack thereof, you are attacking the very way they view the world, the way their mind works. Rather than tear each other down, we should strive to coexist peacefully. Besides, life would be boring without diversity. Maybe if more people could see atheists aren’t amoral troublemakers, and Christians aren’t Bible-thumping extremists; if we could just see people as people and make opinions of each person we meet individually, we could start to tear down the walls erected between us largely because of ignorance. And maybe, just maybe, people would stop asking why an atheist is an atheist with the intention of implying his abnormality and ask out of genuine desire for information about a mind different from theirs. It’s limitless how much we could learn from each other if we were more open-minded about views we didn’t share. *TAS*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

» **RYAN WHIPKEY**

The Gay Straight Alliance would like to thank *The All State* and APSU for their work toward creating a diverse, safe and welcoming campus for all students. We also appreciate the opportunity to respond to Joseph Johnson’s letter in an issue of *The All State*. Jess and I understand the concerns stated, and we feel we should offer answers to his concerns. The GSA at APSU is not anti-Christian. In fact, many of our members and supporters identify themselves as Christian, regularly attend church services and practice Christ-like behaviors in their day-to-day lives. In January, we held an event, “Fish Out of Water,” to educate the APSU community about how supporters of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights are not anti-religious and the bible does not teach

LGBT people are viewed any differently by God. Additionally, the GSA petition against Chick-fil-A is not about our opposition to the Ten Commandments; the GSA simply believes hate and prejudice are wrong, regardless of the spiritual background of the person or organization. Although we believe Chick-Fil-A has a right to support whatever organizations it deems worthy, many of these organizations work actively to discriminate against and harm large groups of people. Johnson is correct when he says “some” of these organizations have done good things. However, these deeds do not excuse the harm they do. These organizations use “Christianity” to justify removing women’s rights, promoting racism and one organization even uses shock-therapy experiments to “cure” LGBT youth — practices similar to those of Adolf Hitler’s concentration camps. Johnson also asked about the work the GSA does outside of serving ourselves. We are a small organization with limited resources, but we do find time and money to put toward worthy causes. Last summer and this fall, GSA was instrumental in bringing “Safe Zone” to campus, which is a program that taught faculty and staff how to make their offices safe places for LGBT students who are seeking advice. Last November, the GSA held a very successful fundraiser that gave more than \$600 to the Oasis Center, which provides support for at-risk youth in our community. We have also been involved in regional HIV/AIDS awareness and bullying prevention events. In addition, the GSA co-sponsored Condom Day, which promoted safe sex for all

students. If given more funding, GSA would hold many more programs to increase our outreach and to do more good for all people. To say we only serve ourselves is simply not true. Johnson’s letter also mentions Manna Café, a local charitable organization. Part of the campaign initiated by concerned APSU students is focused on encouraging students and faculty to do business at Starbucks instead of Chick-fil-A. We support Starbucks because they are pro-equality and support many organizations that actively help the community, including Manna Café right here in Clarksville. If people have questions about what we do, feel free to contact any of us in the GSA at gsa.apsu@gmail.com. We’re happy to clear up any misunderstandings. *TAS*

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EVENT CALENDAR

Wednesday,
March 28

- 5 p.m.;
**Wellness
Class:
Cycling;**
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- 6-8 p.m.;
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Thursday,
March 29

- 11 a.m.-
2 p.m.;
**Purses and
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tion;** MUC
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3 p.m.;
**Wings for
Wishes;**
MUC Plaza

Tuesday,
April 3

- 12:15 p.m.;
**Wellness
Class:
Healthy
Eating
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Etch-A-Sketch gaffe gives company lift
Girl, 6, trumps reporter in spelling competition
Cat plunges 19 stories from high-rise, walks away

FEATURES

#HOUNDS2HEROES



Jim Smith spends time with his Hounds 2 Heroes dog, Kacee. Kacee helps Smith cope with various symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as offering the normal benefits of pet ownership. JOSH VAUGHN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A soldier’s best friend

Hounds 2 Heroes dog provides companionship, healing for APSU student, Army veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder

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Post-traumatic stress disorder is a serious affliction which causes flashbacks, stress, anxiety and nightmares. More and more of our American soldiers, such as local Jim Smith, are suffering from this affliction every day, and there does not seem to be much help offered to make them better. The struggles of this affliction were becoming too much for Smith to bear so he tried to seek help and was told an appointment would take at least six weeks. Smith leads a very busy life as a junior at APSU majoring in History, a U.S. Army veteran of 14 years, which included three deployments, a husband and a father. Smith served as a combat medic with the 101st Airborne Division, 4th brigade combat team when he started suffering with PTSD. A few months ago Smith reached a low point in his life. “Everything was hopeless and I didn’t see any way out,” he said. In hopes of never dealing with his misery again, Smith

walked into four lanes of moving traffic. Smith said he was “desperate,” and putting himself in this dangerous situation was the only way to show doctors he needed the help he had already tried to seek. After the incident Smith was hospitalized. While in the hospital Smith was assigned a dog from “Hounds 2 Heroes.” The dog’s name is Kacee and she is a 2-year-old husky mix, who holds the title of a service dog. Kacee underwent 12 weeks of specific training with inmates from Green River Correctional complex in Central City, Ky. The service is completely free and upon completion of training the dogs are deemed service dogs. Kacee was able to become a permanent member of Smith’s family in December. Smith said, “If I am having a nightmare she will wake me up, then turn on the lights. If I am starting to have an anxiety attack, she is trained to know how to calm me. She helps me in a crowd by drawing my attention to her, and she can even find my car for me if I forget where I parked it.” Smith said hospitalization helped, “but it was Kacee who rescued me.” TAS

#CONORSTRAVELS



The Roxy Regional Theatre entertains Clarksville for a century

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I’ve traveled to quite a few new places for this column, as well as some more well-known, but I couldn’t call myself a true Clarksvillian if I didn’t make at least one trip to the Roxy. The Roxy Regional Theatre is located at 100 Franklin St. at the corner of Franklin and First Street. It dates back to 1912, when it was the first movie theatre in Clarksville. After several periods of inactivity and two fires, the Roxy was eventually rebuilt and reopened in 1983 as Clarksville’s only professional theatre. If you haven’t been to the Roxy before,

you should make an effort to go in the near future. Aside from being a true Clarksville landmark, it’s one of the biggest hallmarks of culture the city has to offer and the shows are usually fantastic. They have operated with a professional acting company since 1995, and it shows in the quality of their productions. Having grown up in a theatrical family, I was really impressed with how well the Roxy produced classical plays, including Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” last year and “The Winter’s Tale” this season. It isn’t easy to act in these shows — nonetheless connect with an audience — but the Roxy’s actors pulled them off incredibly well.



The Roxy lobby displays the 2012 season’s promotional photos, as well as a guitar raffle. SUSAN LIBERTADORE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Even readers not so partial to Shakespeare should look at the Roxy’s season, as they always offer an eclectic blend of shows. In the next month alone, you can see a Civil War drama (“The Red Badge of Courage”), a Tony award-winning musical (“Spring Awakening”), and a stage interpretation of a classic children’s show (“Schoolhouse Rock Live!”). Despite having a legitimate theatre company, the Roxy makes a point to offer shows to cater to the entire community, as well. A word of advice, though: It’s usually a good idea to book tickets ahead of time. I tried to go see “Gross Indecency” this weekend, as my roommate said the show

was fantastic. Also, I figured I should actually go to the Roxy when I was writing about it, even though I had been several times before. As you may have guessed, the last show was sold out by the time I arrived. The moral of this story is you should go to the Roxy’s website at roxyregionaltheatre.org and look up their season ahead of time. Their calendar currently lists all shows through the end of the summer, and with the popularity of some shows, you can never get your tickets too early. The Roxy is truly a place you have to experience while you’re living in Clarksville, and you won’t be disappointed. TAS

FEATURES

#VAGINAMONOLOGUES #DANCE



Left/Bottom left: Dance students perform in the APSU Sixth Annual Spring Dance Concert. PHOTOS BY BRITTNEY SPARN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bottom right: Students practice on stage during "The Vagina Monologues," produced by the APSU Women's and Gender Studies Program. Below: Sophomore Engineering major Theresa Buttrey reads her part for "The Vagina Monologues," which will take place Wednesday, March 28, in Clement Auditorium at 7 p.m. PHOTOS BY BRANDON CAUTHEN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



APSU celebrates

"Code of Conduct Week"

Did you know...

- Public Safety maintains a 24-hour dispatch accessible by phone (221-7786) or emergency (911).
- APSU is an alcohol-free campus.
- Students may not possess, ignite or detonate any explosives, fireworks or flammable materials.
- No form of gambling is permitted on campus.
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FACTS

Most varieties of snakes can go **an entire year** without eating a single morsel of food.

An ostrich egg would take **four hours** to hard boil.

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EXTRAS

Super Crossword

ART WORK

ACROSS

1 Mushroom part
4 Demonic suffix
8 Vatican-related
13 Heiss on the ice
18 Hasten
19 Pianist
20 Venus' sister
21 Speak one's mind
22 Art Carney role
24 Art Tatum recording of '49
26 Paper quantity
27 — the Hyena (Capp character)
34 Laolian native
38 Wholly team
41 Art Rooney's
46 Palindromic dictator
47 Wing-ding
48 Croquet arena?
49 Model Carre
103 "Bali — 52 Pub orders

54 Flask
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64 61, to Cicero
65 Hosp. areas
67 Stable
70 Casino worker
73 Italian statesman
75 Art feature
76 Paper quantity
78 Travelers' aids
79 Food fish
81 Lhasa —
82 Drink like
81 Across
83 Business abbr.
84 Conger or moray
85 "Jeepers!"
88 "Back in the —" ('68 song)
92 Composer Verdi
95 Ms. Van Tassel
97 Yearn
98 "Hook" heavy
99 Chutzpah
101 Watch pts.
103 "Bali — 52 Pub orders

110 Annoying
113 Tabriz
114 currency
115 Society column word
116 Claire or Balin
118 Bouquet
121 Kite part
124 Art Sansom cartoon
130 Art Fleming hosted it
133 Arrested
134 Hire
135 Mine
136 Sportscastrer Berman
137 Stout
138 Boca —, FL
139 Kansas city
140 TV chef Martin

series architect
11 Part of A.D.
12 Permissible
13 Dovecote sound
14 Mil. address
15 More mature
16 Actor Patrick
17 Suspicious (of)
20 Reduce to smithereens
23 Skip
25 Abominate
28 Say please too often?
32 Flavor enhancer
33 Problem solver?
35 Tropical spot
36 — impasse
37 Fresh
39 Walked
40 Ferrara first family
41 Chanteuse Edith
42 Eric of "Nuns on the Run"
43 — Bator
44 Rampur royalty
45 Fermi or Caruso
50 Long Island resort
51 At — and sevens
53 Baby bird?
55 Soybean product

56 "— Gay"
58 It holds plenty!
59 Lennon's widow
60 Tune
66 Caviar
68 Nile
69 Composer Franz
71 Actress Thurman
72 — New Guinea
73 Frenzied
74 Take place
75 Nest noise
76 Accuse tentatively
77 "Wuthering Heights" setting
79 Russian jet
80 Agt.
82 Head
86 Fade, as a flower
87 Move like molasses
89 Academic
90 "The Young Lions" author
91 Harness part
93 Tipplers
94 Canyon sound
95 Swiss artist
96 — breve
100 Shoemaker's tool
102 Biol. or chem.

105 Mideastern title
106 Decathlete
107 Tower material?
108 "Waking —" ('98 film)
109 Pro — (proportionately)
110 Foreword, for short
111 Change for the better
112 New Hampshire city
117 Soprano Gluck
119 California resort
120 Try again
122 Concept
123 Actress Fontanne
125 Encore exclamation
126 — Bad Apple ('71 song)
127 Select, with "for"
128 — -mo
129 Tons of time
131 Garage supply
132 Child welfare org.

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18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140

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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

MOM, I DON'T FEEL VERY WELL. I REALLY THINK I SHOULD STAY HOME TODAY.

MY POOR LITTLE SON. IF YOU REALLY FEEL THAT WAY, MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO LAY DOWN.

THE COUCH WOULD BE BEST. COULD YOU SET UP MY WII AND MAYBE WE COULD ORDER PIZZA?

IT WAS ONE OF MY BETTER PERFORMANCES, OK. SO MAYBE I GOT A LITTLE OVER ZEALOUS.

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...YOU'RE FLAT BROKE!

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

WHATTA YA SAW TEAM? ARE WE GONNA HAVE US A GOOD YEAR?

NOPE! THAT'S RIGHT— WE'RE GONNA HAVE US A GREAT YEAR!!

GARDEN PEP RALLY. HE'S GETTIN' WEIRDER, MOM.

WE ARE GONNA KICK SOME BLUE RIBBON BUT THIS YEAR!! LEMME HEAR YA!!!

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

GRANDPA, HAVE YOU LIVED IN THIS HOUSE ALL OF YOUR LIFE?

NOT YET.

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Peril — N — — — Short knife — G — — —
2. Georgia's fruit — — — H — — — Tranquility — — — E — — —
3. Tip over the milk — — — I — — — Magic hex — — — E — — —
4. Of the mind — — — T — — — Unskilled — — — I — — —
5. Sourdough or rye — — — E — — — Wide — — — O — — —
6. Flexible — — — I — — — Woodman's load — — — U — — —
7. Every 24 hours — A — — — — — Lacy napkin — — — O — — —
8. Vigorous — — — — — Y — — — Fireside — — — — — H — — —
9. Defeated one — — — S — — — Hermit — — — N — — —
10. Admissions stub T — — — — — Fence post style P — — — — —

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

6 9 1 4 7 8 6 9 2 1 4 8 6 7 3 5 8 1 6 7 3 6 9 4 5 2

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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SNOWFLAKES
by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

5 1 4 5 6 2 3 2 3 5 1 6

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆ ◆ ◆

◆ Easy ◆ ◆ Medium ◆ ◆ ◆ Difficult

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5 2 3 7 4 5 2 5 2 5 3 8 6
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O T T E U I E C N A R K D
3 2 5 3 8 5 3 2 4 8 3 7 8
L T E T H N E H S R S A
7 3 4 8 2 4 6 4 7 3 8 5 4
T E O I E N G O A D L E R
6 2 8 6 8 6 5 8 2 6 7 5 5
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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STICKELERS (sic.)
by Terry Stickels

Can you fill in the blanks in the square below in such a way that each row and column contains the numbers 1 through 5?

5 3 2 4 1 3 4 1

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Letter Box by Linda Thistle

Place a letter in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the letters listed above the diagram. When completed, the row indicated will spell out a word or words.

B G H I O P R T Y

G R T P
P T O R B
R I P B I
T Y G G
O G H I R
T R I O



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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

WHY IS IT ONLY WHEN IT COMES TO MY BILLS YOU GUYS ARE ALWAYS VERY PROMPT WITH THE DELIVERY?

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

WN Y OYP RYBICKH BCQHH

NLLBAYUU MYOHK WP Y

QLR, CH KCLDUJ AH

JHIUYQJH UHMYUUX JHYJ.

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▼OHW
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▼SOTOR
LEWT

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (▼) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ▼RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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V T R P P N E L A J H E C A N
L Y W V T I Y H T R P N N I L
K A M A N A P B D I G O K Z B
E C R A B O H E L Z X S A E W
U S E O T R R D V I N T R F P
O B (S O M B R E R O) R E O M L
J I G E Y L D B O A T T D A Y
X W U T S Q A C P O H S E N L
K J H G G R U B M O H F F D C

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Balmoral Derby Panama Tam
Beattie Fez Sombbrero Top hat
Berat Hard hat Stetson Tribly
Coonskin Homburg Stovepipe

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

1. Father is not wearing a jacket. 2. Mother is not wearing a hat. 3. Mother is not wearing a hat. 4. Mother is not wearing a hat. 5. Mother is not wearing a hat. 6. Mother is not wearing a hat.

"Are you really going to visit your
_____ or are
you just saying that to make my day?"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Gather
POGUR
Annoy
SHARAS
Tempt
CENTIE
Salve
BLAM

TODAY'S WORD



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Sports Perspective: Goodell defends purity of NFL



According to David Elfin of 106.7 the Fan in Washington D.C., Gregg Williams put out a \$15,000 bounty on former Vikings quarterback Brad Johnson during his stint as defensive coordinator for the Redskins. ASSOCIATED PRESS

» By TRENT SINGER
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As the NFL concluded investigations of the New Orleans Saints’ alleged bounty scandal, commissioner Roger Goodell was forced to ensure bounties would end once and for all. The commissioner handed out unprecedented

suspensions and fines, suspending former defensive coordinator Gregg Williams indefinitely, head coach Sean Payton for the entirety of the 2012 season, assistant head coach Joe Vitt for six games and general manager Mickey Loomis for eight games. On top of the suspensions, the Saints were forced to pay the maximum fine penalty of \$500,000 for their actions.

The investigations found a bounty system had been put in place since the 2009 season. Players were awarded thousands of dollars to injure the opposing team’s players and remove them from the game. Throughout the duration of the Saints’ bounty program, quarterbacks such as Kurt Warner, Brett Favre and Peyton Manning were just a few of the many players targeted. However, this isn’t the league’s first exposure to bounties. According to the testimonies of many players, both retired and active, bounties have been a standing tradition among locker rooms throughout the NFL. But Goodell’s decisions on Wednesday, March 21, sent a message to the rest of the teams in the NFL, and that message was simple: bounties will not be tolerated. Fans of the NFL should all take the time out of their day and applaud what Goodell has done for the sport. Not only did the commissioner’s sanctions show Goodell is aware of the importance of player safety, it also provided longevity for the NFL. Goodell needed to punish the Saints for a variety of reasons. Perhaps most importantly, he did it to protect the purity of the sport. For players to be paid to injure other players would be deemed unacceptable in any sport, therefore, Goodell needed to set the precedent in order to see it wouldn’t

happen again. In all fairness, the Saints’ punishments were rather harsh, but after Payton and Williams denied allegations of a bounty system, the rationale behind his sanctions are far more understandable. In an interview with NFL Network’s Rich Eisen, Goodell spoke specifically about player safety. “I don’t think you can be too hard on people that put at risk our players’ health and safety,” Goodell said. Since defeating Indy in the Super Bowl several years ago, “The Big Easy” has come under an enormous amount of scrutiny. But Saints fans, do not worry. Your team’s fall from grace is the prime example of how money has such a negative impact on the essence of sports. To then have the audacity to lie to the league about your involvement? “You have to be accountable and responsible in the NFL,” Goodell said to Adam Scheffer in an interview on the matter. Since becoming commissioner in September 2006, Goodell has received a tremendous amount of criticism from NFL fans

for being too harsh on opposing defenses, often acknowledging his support for player safety. In the aftermath of the 2012 bounty scandal, many of those same fans are now siding with the commissioner against bounties. Despite its already violent reputation, there is absolutely no toleration for bounties in the NFL. For now, Goodell has spoken, and for the sake of the single-most prized brand in professional sports, let’s hope the rest of the NFL is listening. TAS




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THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Women's Tennis - 2 p.m.
APSU vs. Murray State

Softball - 5 p.m.
APSU vs. Tennessee State

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Baseball - 6 p.m.
APSU vs. UT Martin

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Baseball - 2 p.m.
APSU vs. UT Martin

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Baseball - 1 p.m.
APSU vs. UT Martin

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Baseball - 6 p.m.
APSU vs. Belmont



NHL PLAYOFF STANDINGS

EASTERN CONF.	PTS.
1.) N.Y. Rangers	101
2.) Boston	91
3.) Florida	87
4.) Pittsburgh	100
5.) Philadelphia	96
6.) New Jersey	90
7.) Ottawa	86
8.) Washington	84
9.) Buffalo	84
10.) Winnipeg	78
11.) Tampa Bay	75
12.) Carolina	75
13.) Toronto	75
14.) N.Y. Islanders	73
15.) Montreal	71

WESTERN CONF.	PTS.
1.) St. Louis	103
2.) Vancouver	99
3.) Dallas	87
4.) Nashville	96
5.) Detroit	95
6.) Chicago	92
7.) Phoenix	87
8.) Los Angeles	86
9.) San Jose	86
10.) Colorado	86
11.) Calgary	83
12.) Anaheim	75
13.) Minnesota	72
14.) Edmonton	71
15.) Columbus	55

Broncos trade **Tim Tebow** to the **Jets**
NFL sanctions **Saints** for **bounty scandal**
Kentucky, Louisville, Ohio State, Kansas in Final Four

SPORTS

#GOLADYGOVS

Lady Govs win 1st series of the season

» By **DANIEL NEWTON**
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If the goal of the Lady Govs softball team was to keep last weekend's games suspenseful, they were successful.

In a series that featured a walk-off game-winning hit and an extra-innings thriller, the Lady Govs were able to steal two wins from the visiting Morehead State Eagles, winning their first series of the year.

The Lady Govs split their double-header on Saturday, March 24, winning the first game, 2-1, on a walk-off single and losing the second game, 4-3, in extra innings. The first game went into the bottom half of the seventh inning, tied 1-1. Amy Mills

started the inning off with a single. Courtney Ervin replaced Mills as a pinch runner. Ervin stole second to move into scoring position, and with two outs, Lauren deCastro hit the game-winning single up the middle.

In the second game, the Lady Govs used a big seventh inning to extend the game, scoring two runs to tie it up. Unfortunately, two errors in the top of the eighth allowed the Lady Eagles to score the go-ahead run.

The rubber match on Sunday, March 25, was taken by the Lady Govs, 7-3. The Lady Govs jumped out to an early 3-0 lead after the first inning, but the Lady Eagles rallied to tie it up, 3-3. The Lady Govs used a four-run fourth inning to put the game

out of reach.

The star for the series for the Lady Govs was Lauren deCastro. She went 5-of-10 from the plate, batting the game-winning run in game one, hitting a two-out triple in game two to drive in two runs to tie the game in the seventh and hitting a home run in the first inning of the third game.

Junior Morgan Brewer also contributed, picking up two wins over the weekend.

The Lady Govs look to continue their success Thursday, March 29, against Tennessee State at 5 p.m. at Cheryl Holt Field. They will travel to Richmond, Ky. over the weekend to play a three-game series against host Eastern Kentucky. **TAS**



The Lady Govs will play Tennessee State at home this Thursday, March 29. **SUSIE LIBERATORE** | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

#LADYGOVSTENNIS



The Lady Govs tennis team defeated conference rival Southeast Missouri, 6-1, at home on Saturday, March 24. Freshman Alison Carre won her match as senior Vanja Tomic won her 13th consecutive No. 1 singles match. The team will host Murray State this week on Thursday, March 29. **BRITTNEY SPARN** | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

#GOBATGOVS



After losing to Western Kentucky, 8-12, on Wednesday, March 21, the Bat Govs traveled to Southeast Missouri and swept the Redhawks in a three-game series, Friday, March 23, through Sunday, March 25. The team will play UT Martin this week in another important conference series. **KELSO HOPE** | THE ARROW, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

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Four teams remain from the field of 68 that gave us two of the biggest upsets in tournament history, a cinderella in Ohio that almost had a David and Goliath moment against North Carolina in the sweet 16 and enough nail-biters to give the average college basketball fan a heart attack. In the end, Kentucky, Louisville, Ohio State and Kansas remain, pitting the best teams from the four top conferences against each other. Using one word to describe them, here is how each team has made it to New Orleans and a suggestion as to how they will fair in the remaining games.

» By **DANIEL NEWTON**
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Kentucky: Talent. Playing in the Southeastern Conference did not allow Kentucky to portray their talents against the strongest competition, but the tournament has done otherwise. With superior athletic ability at all positions, Kentucky has made the tournament look like conference play, running teams like Iowa State, Indiana and Baylor who have all beaten teams in the final four, out of the gym.

Coach John Calipari has this superstar-loaded team playing great basketball together. Combine that with their talent, Kentucky is most likely the favorite to win it all for most people.

Louisville: Fearless. Rick Pitino's squad does not have the most talent or flashiness, but they are not afraid of anyone.

Playing in arguably the strongest conference, the Big East, Louisville has yet to back down against any opponent and has carried their momentum from winning the Big East tournament all the way to the final four, much like last year's champion Connecticut.

Behind tough-nosed defense, constant hustle and unselfish play, Louisville has made it farther than most people expected, but their success is no surprise to the Louisville squad.

Ohio State: Blossoming. Touted as one of the pre-season favorites, the Buckeyes had some questionable losses throughout the

regular season.

The Big 10's tough and physically demanding style of play has been effective in years past in the tournament, and Ohio State has willed their way to the final four behind one of the best post-guard combination in Jared Sullinger and Aaron Craft as the team has finally started to live up to its potential.

Kansas: Underrated. After starting the season 7-3, many people wrote off Kansas for the season and considered this a rebuilding year.

The Kansas specialty for this year has been finding ways to win when they are having a less than average game, and showing up big against good competition.

Their tough, high-pressured defense has kept them in games while the offense has

sputtered in the tournament, but expect Bill Self to have his team prepared to score some points in their remaining games.

Prediction: Kentucky is just too talented for Louisville. Unless the Kentucky inexperience comes heavily into play in this big game, expect Kentucky to get by Louisville in a hard fought game. I like Kansas against Ohio State as long as they stay out of foul trouble since they have a very short bench. I like the speed of Kansas over Ohio State's strength, which will be a deciding factor.

In a surprise pick, I still stick with Kansas over Kentucky as I believe Self's coaching strategies will constrict Calipari's more talented team in the championship like he did four years ago when Kansas beat Memphis in a similar scenario. **TAS**