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Syria: APSU students react

Students feel anger, compassion, indifference



President Obama, center, with members of his delegation, speaks during his bilateral meeting with China's President Xi Jinping, unseen, at the G20 Summit, Friday, Sept. 6 in St. Petersburg, Russia.
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» **By PHILLIP SWANSON**
Staff Writer

Since March 15, 2011, a conflict has been going on in Syria between activists seeking to remove the current government – a dictatorship with Bashar al-Assad at the helm – and the forces loyal to that government.

On Friday, Aug. 30, the Students for a Democratic Society and the Industrial Workers of the World held a rally in the UC Plaza, called “Hands Off Syria.”

Lara Jennings and Preston Gilmore of the IWW and SDS, respectively, said at the rally that it seems like this is the start of yet another war for oil.

“The U.S. does not have the money to start something like this, and I have no wish to send someone’s children to fight,” Jennings said.

Gilmore said chemical weapons use was a false accusation created by the U.S. government.

“President Obama is acting unilaterally and using chemical weapons under the same pretense that President Bush did for the war in Iraq,” Gilmore said.

When asked about the U.S. role in Syria and what it should be, Zach Felts, a junior art major said, “There is pressure from both sides to pull for action and non-action; to be honest, I’m indifferent.”

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Andria Odom, a freshman in communications said, “I don’t want to say anything bad about Syria, but if I was there, I would want help.”

According to recent information provided by the United Nations, as of June 2013, there have been over 100,000 deaths in the conflict. Now, with information provided by the U.N., evidence of chemical weapons use has been found in Syria and the U.S. has condemned its practice. President Obama said the use of chemical weapons by the Syrian government “crossed a red line” and that the U.S. must act.

At the recent G20 meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia, the Associated Press reported that “10 members of the group of 20 international

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SGA presents first resolution

» **By LAUREN COTTLE**
Guest Writer

The Student Government Association met at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4, to discuss upcoming events and propose new legislation.

Resolution number one was presented, which will be voted on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

The bill’s purpose is to send a formal letter of thanks and appreciation from the SGA to the Office of Housing and Residential Life for their recent work on the new dorm buildings, Governors Terrace North, South and Eriksson Hall.

The housing dedication occurred on Monday, Sept. 9 to officially celebrate the new halls.

According to SGA President Mike Rainier, this is an “exciting day for the APSU family” since “resident halls are a crucial aspect to any college campus.”

Rainier said one highlight of the new dorms is that there will be a common area, or “quad,” for students to socialize. “Each hall also features unique common spaces throughout to encourage student interaction and ultimately promote student success here on campus,” Rainier said in an online statement.

The SGA routinely designates 10 minutes of each meeting for students to address the SGA with concerns relevant to campus life or events.

As of this meeting, there have been no students present to pose questions.

Upcoming events touched on during the meeting include this week’s Academic Integrity Week, SGA elections Sept. 10-12, MudBowl on Sunday, Sept. 29, and the Ft. Campbell Student Appreciation event Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Speakers for the Quality Enhancement Program will be speaking in the SGA meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 11. This program is a five-year academic plan for APSU.

Two new members, Zach Inman of the College of Math and Science and Ryan Krause, were appointed with unanimous approval. The final number for freshman applicants for SGA senator seats was 36; graduate students, two.

This is a lower number for freshman applicants than the expected 50 last meeting.

Of the 36 freshmen who applied, a final number of 18 applicants are running for office, as half of the group was absent at the election meeting. **TAS**

20 new faculty members join APSU

» **By BRITTANY HICKEY**
News Editor

This fall, 20 new assistant and associate professors have started their tenure at APSU.

The College of Arts and Letters has six new professors, the College of Business has four, one new assistant professor joined the School of Technology and Public Management, six faculty were added to the College of Science and Mathematics and the College of Behavioral and Health Science has three new assistant professors.

“They all fit,” said College of Business Dean William Rupp of the faculty that are starting their first semester at APSU, speaking specifically of his department’s additions. “All of these people have the character and integrity to be in this department.”

Rupp collaborated with search committees for the open positions. Jennis Biser, an economy professor who came to APSU from North Carolina A&T University, was up against almost 50 other applicants.

“[Biser] has energy,” Rupp said. “She is able to

relate to students and she is a good match with the current economist.”

Alongside Biser, the College of Business hired Michael Shen, who has experience in marketing and economics; Edward Conrad, a specialist in strategy, information technology and research methods; and Gloria Miller, a business management and organizational behavior doctoral candidate with 12 years of human resources experience.

The six new College of Arts and Letters faculty include Virginia Griswold, an assistant professor of art who was recently in Paris, France, for a residency fellowship; Wes Atkinson, who has a doctorate in English and specializes in American literature; and Christopher Bailey, an assistant professor of musical theater and voice.

John Steinberg is the new chair of the Department of History and Philosophy and an associate professor. Steinberg is a Russian military historian and is the co-editor of an international research project, Russia’s Great War and Revolution.

“I am deeply engaged in progressive educational

ideas and converting them into practice,” Steinberg said. “I examined APSU and saw these ideas floating around the website.”

Steinberg said he brings his expertise as a military historian and experience as an international educator to the campus.

Also in the College of Arts and Letters are new faculty such as John Steinberg, the chair of the Department of History and Philosophy and associate professor, who has studied Russian history; Christophe Konkobo, a French and Francophone Studies graduate of the University of Iowa, is a new assistant professor of languages and literature; and, from the University of Southern Mississippi, Andrea Spofford, another assistant professor of languages and literature.

Robert Keller is the sole new hire of the School of Technology and Public Management. Keller teaches engineering technology and has 12 years of experience in higher education, as well as a master’s degree in textile technology.

A Kentucky native, Jeffrey Thompson, comes to

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SGA gets ready for freshmen, graduate elections



» **By MYRANDA HARRISON**
Staff Writer

During this election term there are 18 eligible freshmen senator candidates and two eligible graduate senator candidates. Each candidate must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 and cannot have any form of formal disciplinary record.

Many applications from students wishing to run are submitted every year, but only those qualified are put onto the ballot.

Every semester, students are encouraged to voice their opinions by casting a vote in the SGA election. The SGA consists of the Executive Council (which

includes the president, vice president, executive secretary, and chief justice), the Senate and the Tribunal.

Potential candidates who wish to be a part of SGA can apply online through the APSU website where they are notified about important dates such as the orientation. Chief Justice Kelsey Smith is the main correspondent and it is primarily her duty to plan the mandatory candidate orientations where the candidates get informed about campaign guidelines and procedures.

During this process, the students are taught strategies of advertising their campaigns so they can encourage other

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Students can vote online or at poll booths set up in the UC lobby by the existing Student Government Association senators and justices. **FROM SGA WEBSITE**

Syria

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economies joined the U.S. in accusing the Syrian government of carrying a chemical weapons attack on civilians last month [and] are Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom”

There have been a wide array of reactions to President Obama’s choice to try to form a military strike against the Syrian government. Anna Gregg, an associate professor of political science, said the G20 meeting is taking place in her hometown.

“Obama’s statements are understandably strong,” Gregg said, “because the world community expects this from the leader of the world’s only superpower. But it makes the administration’s political position vulnerable to criticism, whether or not

any actions will follow.”

Gregg said no matter how precise the U.S. military strike could be, peaceful civilians may get harmed.

“It will definitely upset the balance of power in the region,” Gregg said. “Iran has already threatened retaliation against American targets in Iraq.”

Gregg said there is a lot of information not provided through media outlets in America.

She said that while researching the situation’s coverage by the Russian media, she found that the anti-governmental forces in Syria have used terrorist methods such as attacking Russian and Ukrainian embassies in Damascus, kidnapping foreign journalists and holding foreign hostages to provoke international conflict.

Gregg said one reason Russian leadership refuses to believe that Assad’s forces violated international laws by

using chemical weapons is because Russia has had long-standing economic relations with Syria.

According to Gregg, sales of Russian weapons have been on the rise since 2010 and it is quite possible that the chemical weapons used against Syrian rebels have Russian origin.

Russia’s leaders, Gregg said, have grown increasingly uncomfortable with the American military presence in the region that President Putin had declared as “Russia’s sphere of influence.”

“Even though political scientists have had a sketchy record of forecasting the future, I would be really surprised if Assad’s regime in Syria lasts more than a few months, with or without U.S. military intervention,” said Gregg.

There is currently no set date on a vote when Congress could decide whether or not to back Obama’s military strike plan. *TAS*

FBI, DHS: No threat to 9/11 anniversary

» ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The government is aware of no credible or specific information that points to any terror plot tied to the anniversary of the September 2001 attacks, according to a new confidential threat assessment from the FBI and Homeland Security Department obtained by The Associated Press.

The new assessment, dated Thursday, Sept. 5 said that intelligence agencies remain concerned that al-Qaida and its affiliates are committed to carrying out attacks on Western targets.

But it said there was no information pointing to any known plot. The bulletin made no mention of Syria, even as President Barack Obama sought congressional approval to use military force against the Syrian government.

Four Americans were killed in an attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, on last year’s anniversary.

Three others were killed and more than 260 others were injured when two

men set off bombs near the finish line of the popular Boston Marathon in April. There was no specific or credible intelligence about those attacks, either.

The terror threat to the U.S. is different than it was 12 years ago. In 2001, there was credible intelligence about a terror plot, but that information wasn’t shared with the right people.

Today, the threat is more diffuse. Cyberattacks threaten to disrupt major U.S. operations in the government and the private sector.

Lone actors represent another threat — one or two people who are not directly affiliated with al-Qaida but who subscribe to the terror group’s ideology and want to strike out because they disagree with U.S. policies.

Today, officials are concerned about retaliatory strikes if Obama moves forward with plans to use military force against Syrian President Bashar Assad’s regime, which the administration condemns for the death of 1,429 in a chemical weapons attack on Aug. 21 near Damascus. *TAS*

CRIME LOG

The campus crime log includes arrests and dispatch calls. 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.

- 1:33 p.m.; Sept. 5; Eriksson Hall; theft of property
- 1:43 a.m.; Sept. 5; Governors Terrace North; vandalism
- 2:30 p.m.; Sept. 4; Woodward library; theft of property
- 9:55 a.m.; Aug. 30; Blount Hall; vandalism

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

APSU Faculty

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APSU by way of Alabama, where he studied social work at Alabama A&M University and received a doctorate of ministry from Palmer Seminary/Eastern University.

Thompson has spent years doing motivational speaking, seminars, and GED classes, and spent the last year as an adjunct professor before being hired as full-time faculty this fall.

“Hundreds of people work here,” Thompson said, “but it’s a really neat thing when I walk into an office and someone says ‘Hello, Dr. Thompson, how are you doing?’”

According to Thompson, he told one of

the staff members he understands why the school was listed in the Chronicle for Higher Education’s list of great colleges to work for.

The staff, he said, has been extremely welcoming to him and his family.

In addition to Thompson, the College of Behavioral and Health Science also hired Ying Ma, a sociology assistant professor who was awarded two academic fellowships, and Michael Gruszczynski, assistant professor of political science, and a specialist in American politics, political psychology and methodology.

Six assistant and associate professors were added to the College of Science and Mathematics, including Ukraine-born Roman Holovchak.

“I am trying to contribute to the goals of the department,” Holovchak said.

“I like that our department involves undergraduates in research.”

Experiments are a way for undergraduate students to touch real physics, he said.

New to the College of Behavioral and Health Science are faculty members Colleen White, a graduate of APSU, who teaches biology; Christina Galben, another graduate of APSU from 1998, who has a doctorate in veterinary medicine from Auburn University and teaches agriculture; Holly Tapp is a new assistant professor of allied health sciences with a master’s degree in management and is also the clinical coordinator for the radiation therapy program; and Stefan Woltmann, biology assistant professor, whose research interests include conservation genetics and biology and bird migration. *TAS*

Election

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students to vote. The SGA uses social media and gives away door prizes to get students to participate in the election.

“Participation is vital if students hope to have a hard-working student government who work towards making campus a better place for them,” Smith said.

As stated in the SGA Electoral Act, Article

IX Ratification of Votes, Section 1, the associate vice president for student affairs is responsible for counting and verifying all casted votes.

Voting fraud in the APSU election is considered a non-issue because students are only given one vote via their OneStop account and in voting booths set up by SGA during the week of election.

According to the SGA, it is important as a student to vote. *TAS*



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Leave Miley to twerk



» **RONNIESIA REED**
Perspectives Editor

Thicke at the VMAs.

Miley is becoming a wild child, but it isn't really a bad thing. It might not be the classiest move to twerk on a married man during an award show, but it was entertaining and unpredictable.

She said herself in an interview with MTV that she wanted to make history.

"I don't pay attention to the negative, because I've seen this play out so many times," Cyrus said.

"How many times have we seen this play out in pop music? Madonna's done it. Britney's done it. Every VMA performance, that's what you're looking for; you're wanting to make history."

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, which just added the term, twerking is a "dance to popular music in a sexually provocative manner involving thrusting hip movements and a low, squatting stance."

Twerking is embraced by the rap community. Many rappers have encouraged Cyrus to keep twerking, including Jay Z. In his song "Somewhereinamerica," he says, "Miley Cyrus is still twerkin'. Twerk, twerk, twerk, Miley." Although the song embraces Cyrus' twerking habit, it is really talking about racism. Miley Cyrus twerking is her way of tapping into the hip-hop culture, which is predominately African-American.

The twerking phenomenon has already lost Miley an endorsement. *Vogue Magazine* decided not to use her for the December issue she was supposed to be featured in. Anna Wintour, editor-in-chief of *Vogue Magazine*, was one of the many viewers who did not find Miley's performance very amusing.

"Anna [Wintour] found the whole thing distasteful. She decided, based on Miley's performance, to take the cover in a different direction," A representative told the *MailOnline*.

Miley Cyrus has been getting a lot of a attention because her newfound love for twerking.

The 20-year-old, who was born in Tennessee, went from having her own sitcom on Disney Channel to twerking on Robin

It is sad that something so simple during a performance could make or break a great business relationship in the music industry.

"Girls Just Want To Have Fun" songstress Cindi Lauper spoke very harshly about Cyrus in a radio interview after the awards. "She's in a song that literally says that the blurred lines when a woman says no, she means yes ... That's frightful because that's date rape," Lauper said.

"And there she is, a young twenty-something trying to prove she can hang with the big boys and girls, basically simulating a Girls Gone Wild video on stage. And I just felt like that was so beneath her and raunchy, really raunchy, it wasn't even art."

Many people are curious about Robin Thicke's wife, Paula Patton, and whether or not she was OK with it after hearing rumors of a confrontation backstage. According to *TMZ*, she was "fine" with the performance.

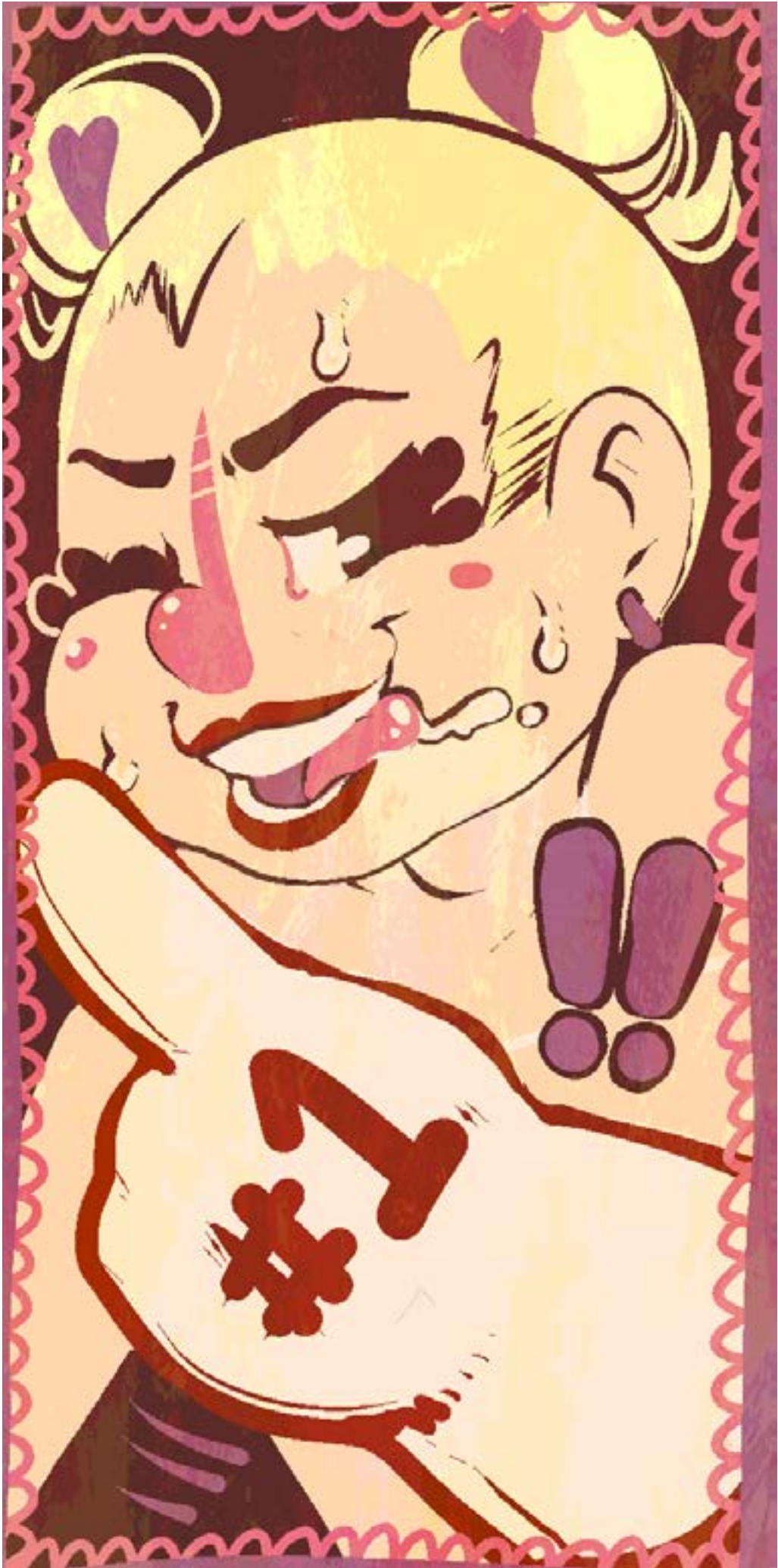
On the other hand, Thicke's mother, Gloria Loring, was not too happy about it. "I just keep thinking of her mother and father watching this. Oh, Lord, have mercy. ... I was not expecting her to be putting her butt that close to my son. The problem is now I can never unsee it," she told *Yahoo*. "I don't understand what Miley Cyrus is trying to do. I just don't understand. I think she's misbegotten in this attempt of hers. And I think it was not beneficial," Loring said.

Thicke has not commented on the situation, but according to *US Weekly*, one source said, "Robin thought it would be fun to include Miley, but he didn't realize how much she would overshadow him. This was his big night and big performance; I don't think he would have done it knowing what it ended up like."

She went from singing country music to being featured on rap songs including a song with rapper Lil Twist and singer Justin Bieber, called "Twerk."

"They're overthinking it, you're thinking about it more than I thought about it when I did it. Like, I didn't even think about it 'cause that's just me," Cyrus said in her MTV interview.

Twerking is a dance, and dancing is a way to express yourself. Some people are questioning her "good role model" abilities, but they should focus on the fact that she was bold enough to shake her bottom on national television for millions of people to see. **TAS**



CHRISTY WALKER | CARTOONIST

Sexual preference should not get you kicked out of your country

» **By RAVEN BROWN**
Guest Writer

Income rights. Civil rights. Women's rights. All of these groups have had and are still having their rights violated by both institutions and individuals.

The fight of the 21st century is now geared toward the homosexual community.

People usually have their rights trampled on because others consider those individuals inferior.

However, we're all made from the same atoms and genetic material as the next person. In fact, every human has 99.9 percent of the same DNA sequence, despite our greatly varied differences.

Outrage at Russia's new law that prohibits "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations to minors," has spread recently.

There is concern about how these laws will affect the Winter Olympics to be held in Russia.

This law applies not only to Russia's citizens, but to any visitors to the country as well.

Russia has a long history of stressing over the civil rights of homosexuals.

“A person doesn't have to approve of all the actions and choices of his or her peers.”

Russian law makers have done multiple things from banning gay pride parades in multiple cities to issuing hefty fines to gay rights organizations.

The ridiculous argument the political system used to justify their actions was that they are protecting gay individuals from the hatred and abuse they bring on themselves.

While this may not directly affect the students at APSU, the actions of other countries towards their citizens should be of concern to us, especially if unfair and prejudiced laws are being passed.

A person doesn't have to approve of all the actions and choices of his or her peers, but it really isn't his or anyone else's place to condemn the lifestyle choices of another.

I'm not saying it's okay to be a murderer or anything, but things like

love and marriage are between the people who are having those feelings.

APSU has a student organization known as the Gay-Straight Alliance that provides support and advocacy for those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and supporters of gay rights, so many people on this campus can appreciate the plight the gay community is enduring.

"Russia was being looked down upon by other countries because they're ruining their reputation," said former GSA president and current member of the College Democrats, Ryan Whipkey.

He pointed out how closely the events happening in Russia coincided with the speech Hilary Clinton gave at a UN conference explaining how gay rights are also human rights.

"A silent protest would be the best option, and that the other athletes should still go because of how hard they've worked to make it there," Whipkey said when asked how he felt Russian policy would influence the 2014 Winter Olympics to be held in Russia. "Politics will be the best way to produce change in gay rights status."

Is it really more important to the Russian government to send a message to its enemies than giving its citizens the rights that they deserve?

"The law would be pretty impossible to enforce due to the will of those who it affects and because of the sheer magnitude of resources it would take to disburse the punishments for those found guilty," said Lisa Caviness, a sophomore biology major. "I can't honestly [say if it is right or not] because it's not my country. There's really no reason for it, which makes me think they are doing it for global attention."

In this day and age, most would hope the majority of people would have progressed far enough on the evolutionary chain to have enough sense to realize bigotry of any kind has no logical basis. **TAS**

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by Linda Thistle

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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.

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Students dance to music as a form of exercise in this high-intensity cardio workout offered at the Foy Center. BRITTANY WARREN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dancing it off at APSU



Kate Felts leads students in dancing workouts as the instructor for Dance It Off. BRITTANY WARREN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» By **KATELYN CLARK**
Features Editor

Ninety-eight students, faculty and staff entered the Foy Center's gym last Wednesday, Sept. 5 ready to get a good workout. Instead, they got so much more.

Dance It Off is a "high-intensity cardio class with intervals of two or three minutes of fast pace then average pace for a minute."

According to Kate Felts, instructor of Dance It Off, "it has a club-like atmosphere, dancing to hip-hop, rap and top-40 music."

It is an hour-long workout session that begins with a warm-up song and ends with a cool-down and stretch.

During that hour, it is a non-stop workout where a few sips of water are highly

recommended between each song.

Felts brought this new twist to a workout to APSU two and a half years ago. In the past, Felts has taught at DC Fitness, Lifetime Fitness and the YMCA; however, she prefers a student-based gym more.

"This workout is for the younger population, and I love teaching my peers that I see on campus."

The fitness course has been met with many positive, student reactions since its inception.

"It is so much fun," said student Kyndee Young. "You don't even notice that you're working out until you're dripping with sweat. I've already lost five pounds since coming here. I plan on attending Dance It Off for the rest of my time here at APSU."

Brooke Langley said, "It's a

great place to get fit and have fun doing so." When Dance It Off began, the average attendance was 20 people per class. Now, it averages 74 people a class.

As a certified group-fitness trainer planning to obtain her master's degree in athletic training, Felts has gained popularity with her peers.

"Kate is the best teacher ever," said student Christy Richardson. "She pushes me way harder than I would ever push myself."

Other classes taught regularly by Kate are Action Abs and Core and More; however, she can also teach Butts and Guts, 20/20/20 and Power Half Hour. Dance It Off is held every Monday from 6-6:50p.m. and every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm. Come join Kate and others as they dance it off. **TAS**

APSU students should utilize discounts, deals offered by Clarksville businesses

» By **LINDA SAPP**
Staff Writer

When it comes to student discounts, APSU Student Government Association compiled a list of businesses that offer specific discounts.

The only thing a student, staff or faculty member needs to do to receive their discount is go there and show their APSU I.D.

APSU student Bailey West said, "I haven't used them yet, but now that I know, I will." Participating businesses include restaurants, car services, car rental, retail, phone service and graphic design. "I like Casa Blanca and the Arby's breakfast," said West. "Jets has the best pizza."

"I love the restaurant discounts," said student Brianna Keen. "Food gets old at the UC, and I'm on a budget. It really helps."

Keen also said she once needed dress clothing for her communications class on a lean budget. "I love the Goodwill store; I can always find something," Keen said. "I bought a lot of my pant suits from Goodwill to wear to my speech class."

When it comes to cars, Jiffy Lube offers a 25 percent discount not only to students but to faculty and staff as well.

Midas Service Center on Riverside Drive offers an oil change for \$19.95. Manager, Scott Risacher, said he "extends service to APSU staff and faculty."

"We do tons of brake work and a ton of oil changes — students take advantage of that," Risacher said the only thing he is limited with is tires, largely because he has limited space.

Midas does not work on electronics, and Risacher believes it is best to let the dealer or a specialty shop make these types of repairs.

"A lot of students don't know the APSU Bookstore will honor anybody else's price and give additional money off that purchase," Keen said.

She recommended students use the campus bookstore more because of their ability to actually help the students save more money than they can anywhere else.

Sam's Club is also included on the list of discounted stores. Shopping at Sam's can cut food costs to those who cook and can afford to buy in bulk. Sam's also sells clothes, computers, electronics and a large variety of household goods.

Being on a college student's budget, it might be a good idea to join and take advantage of the \$15.00 gift card for your first trip to the store.

The SGA asks for students to contact them if they know of anyone who is offering student discounts and are not on the list.

This list of discounted services can be found by going to OneStop and typing in "APSU student discounts."

A long list of businesses will appear, some more recognizable than others. When a student puts together a plan to go to the members of our businesses routinely, it can really help out. "I think it's awesome," Keen said. **TAS**

CLARIFICATION

In an article about APSU's College Democrats in the Wednesday, Sept. 4 edition, some statements used by the author were not clarified. The Student Democrat Society, or SDS, is actually responsible for the chalk writings on campus, not the College Democrats.

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Alumnus releases first book

» By JULIE COLE HULSEY
Staff Writer

APSU alumni and former reporter for *The All State*, A.J. Dugger III, has recently published a book about his mother and uncles, who formed a regionally successful band called The Dealers during the 1970s and '80s. "The Dealers: Then and Now" is the story of the multi-talented band from Memphis, Tenn., who was label-mates with Michael Jackson on CBS Records at the height of its fame.

Dugger, an award-winning reporter for *The Tennessee Tribune* and *The Murfreesboro Post*, graduated from APSU in 2009 with a degree in communications. The young writer found himself 'chosen' to write this particular book.

One day he had discovered with alarm that no search engine produced information on The Dealers.

As the only journalist in his family, he made himself responsible for reconstructing his family's past.

Dugger's book was published on July 19, 2013, and it is available for order appearing as a documented account of the family R&B/funk band.

More than a well-written documentary with included cover and inside photographs of the band,

The Dealers dramatic story beckons to engage its devourer from beginning to end in one sitting.

The band opened for music legends such as Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, The Eagles, The Pointer Sisters, Kool and The Gang, The Supremes and many more. The Dealers seemed set for superstardom at the time.

The obvious questions of 'why' and 'what happened' to this popular Memphis band are addressed in Dugger's book, amidst his recounting of the funny and sad showbiz life of The Dealers. The story is also an analysis of the 1970s and '80s music industry in general.

Dugger said he is anxious to promote the story his book relates, which is "a never-before reported history on this family band and their hard knocks along the way to achieving a level of reasonable fame."

His warm and ready sense of humor, and a booming

voice that surprises, engage when Dugger promises "a lot of excitement, murder, intrigue, joy and heart-break, with cliff-hangers at the end of each chapter."

The Dealers became a band when talented young brothers Stanley and Elton Johnson's love for music engaged their younger sister, Meeky Johnson (now Dugger) and their cousin Darrell Hunter, along with close friends Ricky Townes, Kenneth "B.C." Blackwell and George "Pieface" Wilburn.

The Dealers had many radio hits, which could be categorized as R&B/funk/pop, comparable to Prince, The Gap Band or Stevie Wonder.

The band's popularity soared and led them far outside of Memphis where they performed in places like Boston, New York, Texas and Canada, often opening for music legends they idolized.

Dugger was a young boy during this period, and grew up traveling with the band.

"I was a part of The Dealers show myself," Dugger said. "When the spotlight was put on me I would do my Michael Jackson dance impersonation. The crowd would holler really loud."

Many stories are recounted in Dugger's book, such as the time Marvin Gaye jumped up and performed on stage with The Dealers in New Orleans, and kissed his mother's ear, an ear that she didn't wash for an entire week.

Right when The Dealers seemed to touch the brink of worldwide fame, something happened, and dreams were shattered.

When asked if any of The Dealers members held regrets for not making it to the superstar leagues in music, Dugger said, "I've heard the members say not reaching superstardom was probably the best thing that could've happened for them ... With the success they did achieve it was already affecting them negatively ... bickering and turning against each other ... alcohol, drugs, women, bad influences and rivalries ... but, the accolades would've followed."

But The Dealers were 'self-contained,' writing and producing all of their own songs. They recorded an album in 1985 with CBS Records, the same label Michael Jackson was on at the time.

During their prime, The Dealers had regional hits such



A.J. Dugger III, APSU alumni, releases first authored book titled "The Dealers: Then and Now." ADAM CARTER | PHOTO CREDIT

as "Don't Keep Me Waiting," "I'm For You (You For Me)," "Miss Foxy" and a quiet-storm cover of Minnie Riperton's "Loving You" that became very popular.

However, at that time Michael Jackson was the biggest star in the world, and CBS Records was more concerned with promoting him than the other artists on the label.

As a result, The Dealers were not promoted sufficiently by CBS, who also failed to provide them promotional money to film music videos.

A positive result of their narrowly-missed stardom is that most members of The Dealers, including A.J.'s mother, are still alive and living comfortably today.

"My mom is now singing in church and still has the most amazing voice that gives you chills," Dugger told *The Tennessee Tribune*.

But The Dealers band "never lost the beat," and their music continues.

One of the original members, bandleader and keyboardist Stanley Johnson, has recruited new musicians and, along with longtime Dealers members Ricky Townes and Durrelle Hagan, has been keeping the band going.

"Last year my mom performed with the band for the first time in 20 years. My sister and her friend were the backup singers for her. It was such a special night," Dugger said.

Other publications Dugger has written for include *Business Arts and Heritage*, *Clarksville Magazine*, *The Tri-State Defender*, *The Leaf-Chronicle*, *Clarksville Sports*

APSU gathers for First Friday Football Frenzy



APSU cheerleaders come out to encourage students at the First Friday Football Frenzy. JANAY NEAL | PHOTO EDITOR

» By KATELYN CLARK
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A sea of red overtook the UC Plaza Friday, Sept. 6 at the First Friday Football Frenzy as students gathered for a pep rally to show pride and spirit for APSU.

It was a first-come, first-serve event as students lined up to receive free t-shirts and food.

Booths representing various student and local organizations were set up around the plaza.

Each booth had games and

free gifts to hand out while informing students about the variety of ways to get involved at APSU.

The Governor's Own Marching Band made an appearance and performed, as well as the APSU cheerleaders.

Brooke Jones, captain of the APSU cheerleading squad, said, "Our main goal is to get the students involved. Even though we are the cheerleaders, it's hard to do our job without the support from the students and fans." *TAS*

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Fantasy football reaction to week 1

»**COREY ADAMS**
Staff Writer

The opening week of NFL football featured a variety of story lines. Players emerged with breakout games, while others left our heads hanging. Hopefully, you had players who had great performances in week one, but if you didn't, no worries. I'm going to start this week's column with the first rule of fantasy football.

Don't Overreact

Fantasy football season is long, and you're not going to win every single match-up. Don't overreact just because you lost this week. I admit, I lost to my 12-year-old brother by four points. It's tough, trust me, but there is always next week to gain ground in the standings.

Also, just because one of your best players struggles one game doesn't mean he should be benched for the next.

Players, running backs especially, are going to have off days. Hang in there, keep your head up and hope your team performs better

the second time around.

Top 10 Week 1 Scoring Leaders

QB Peyton Manning - 46 points
QB Colin Kaepernick - 30 points
WR Victor Cruz - 29 points
QB Eli Manning - 28 points
RB Adrian Peterson - 28 points
WR Demaryius Thomas - 28 points
WR A.J. Green - 28 points
WR Anquan Boldin - 26 points
RB Reggie Bush - 25 points
Three players tied with 24 points

Waiver Wire Pick-ups

There are players in week one who came out of nowhere to have big games. Here are some that are more than likely in free agency you should add.

TE Julius Thomas - Manning has many receiving options in Denver, but one emerged in the opening game of the season as Thomas racked up 110 yards and two touchdowns. The tight end will be the top pick-up this

week, and if possible, you should look to add him.

TE Jordan Cameron - I already have Cameron on my team, but if he is available in your league, definitely grab him. He has become Brandon Weeden's favorite weapon after nine completed passes to him for 108 yards and a touchdown last weekend.

WR Julian Edelman - Edelman received a good amount of playing time on Sunday and finished with two touchdowns in the game. He isn't one of the top options for Tom Brady, but is worth adding to your bench.

RB Joique Bell - Bell is the back-up running back to Reggie Bush, but had two rushing

touchdowns to turn heads.

WR Jerome Simpson - If you are in a deeper league where the players above are already owned, Simpson could be a good addition to your bench after having 140 receiving yards on Sunday.

Defenses to Add in Week Two

Cowboys D/ST - Against the Giants Sunday night, the Dallas defense had 21 fantasy points by intercepting three passes and recovering three fumbles. They now have a pretty favorable match-up against the Chiefs in week two, and if they are available, this would be a smart addition.

Titans D/ST - The Titans don't have a great match-up against the Texans, but if you believe they will follow up a 15 points performance against the Steelers, feel free to give it a try. *TAS*

Daniels excited

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stead or Coach Jackson, but at the same time I felt like we needed to bring in experience.”

Along with his prowess in the area of post play, Walsh is also a great recruiter and will help continue the recent recruiting consistency. “With his ties to Eastern Tennessee, that was a plus, and the experience he had overall was a plus,” said Daniels. “He can also help with our post development. You look back to when we won our championships and post play was so dominant; didn’t have a lot of size but it’s how big you play.”

Size is something that Lady Gov fans have been wishing for years that could be brought in to help this team on the court. This years freshman class is highlighted by the 6’4 center from Louisville, Ky. Tearra Banks.

“Everyone is always asking me ‘when are you going to bring in some size?’ Well, when they see Tearra Banks, they are going to see we brought in some size,” said Daniels. “She is a leftie and she is going to take up some size and space in the lane.”

Also included in this freshmen class are April Rivers (Las Vegas, Nev.), Beth Rates (Hawesville, Ky.), Emily Fox (McKinney, Ky.) and Jacey Scott (Douglas, Ala.).

“We are very excited about this freshman class, but you never know how they are going to transition,” said Daniels. “High school is such a different game from college, so they have to prove themselves. They have to come in and work hard and show that they deserve to be here.”

Expectations are high this year for this Lady Govs basketball team, but Daniels and her staff know this and are ready to answer the bell.

“Every year, we go into it wanting to win but I think there is just so much more to it than winning basketball games,” said Daniels. “These players are also here to get their degrees and to teach them life lessons. As a coaching staff, though, we know these last few years haven’t been good, and we know it has to get better. I don’t think there is anyone out there that will put any more pressure on this staff then we will on our selves and we are going to work hard to prepare for this season.” *TAS*

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A couple of one-yard runs by Carta-Samuels and Jerron Seymour would increase the margin to 24-0.

Matthews got his time to shine with just under two minutes remaining until half as Carta-Samuels hit the senior for a 39-yard route that reached the outstretched receiver for a touchdown.

Another rushing score by Carta-Samuels gave the Commodores the 38-0 lead at the half.

Even though there weren’t many positives for the Govs in the first half, after halftime the APSU defense held the Commodores to no points, and had some bright spots on the offensive side as players found openings against a defense with mostly back-ups.

Running back Terrence Oliver gave APSU a much-needed first down to begin the third quarter, and after starting quarterback Andrew Spivey went out with a minor injury, Timarious Mitchell got his first action of the

season under center.

Mitchell finished the game four-for-five passing for 17 yards, along with four rushing yards.

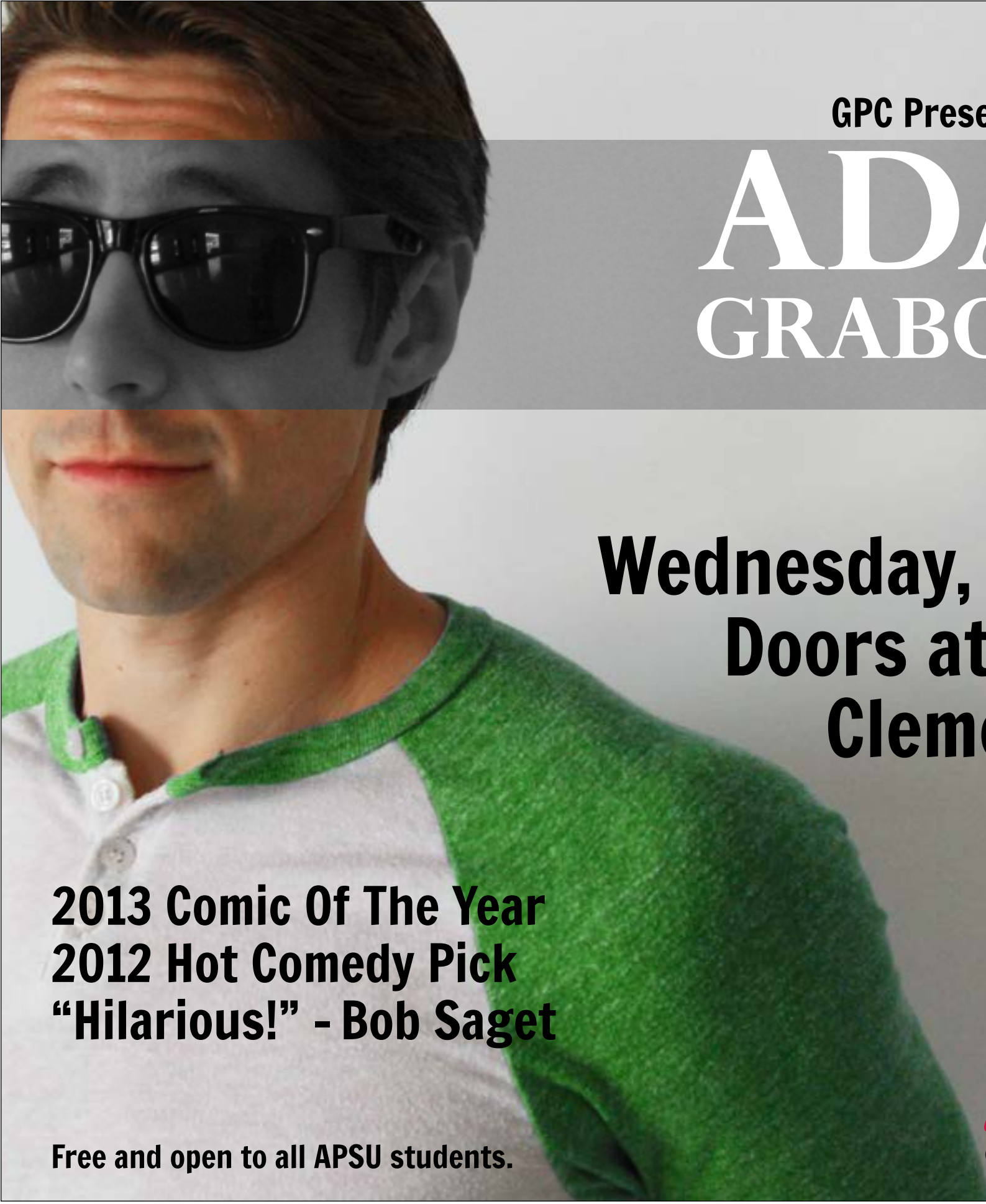
An interception by Buddy Mitchell in the third quarter gave the Govs some life, and they were able to build on that by crossing into Commodore territory with running back Tim Phillips breaking a run for 48 yards, the biggest play of the season thus far for the Govs.

APSU failed to put up six points and settled for a 25-yard field goal by Walter Spears to avoid a shutout.

Phillips, a transfer who played under Cannon at Central Michigan, said he enjoyed playing against two SEC defenses to test himself as a running back.

“I like the challenge,” said Phillips, who finished the game with nine carries for 67 yards. “The SEC is a fast conference, and it only elevates my game much more. I have to be quicker with my reactions and reads, and just trust in myself when I’m out there.”

The Govs will continue their five-game road trip at Chattanooga Saturday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. *TAS*




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Govs 0-2 after falling to Vandy



Left: APSU quarterback Andrew Spivey looks downfield as he scrambles away from pressure during the Saturday, Sept. 7 game against Vanderbilt. Right: All-Conference Wide Receiver Jordan Matthews makes his moves after a catch. **WHITNEY DAVIS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

APSU scores first points of the year against rival Vanderbilt

»**COREY ADAMS**
Staff Writer

After a trip to Knoxville last week, APSU traveled to Nashville on Saturday, Sept. 7 to take on the its second straight Southeastern Conference opponent: the Vanderbilt Commodores. Vanderbilt defeated the Govs 38-3 in front of a home crowd of 33,162 fans, improving to 1-1 on the season. The Govs fell to 0-2, Head Coach Kirby Cannon sees positives from playing back-to-back perennial teams to help this program in the future.

"It gives us exposure, for one thing," Cannon said in the post-game press conference. "My phone is always blowing up after these games with recruits saying 'we saw you on TV'."

These have been two great experiences for our team in front of big crowds, great atmospheres and good football teams. It didn't turn out to be as close of a ball game as we would have liked, but it's very good for the program," said Cannon.

"The money is not a factor to the players. They don't think about the money. All they think about is they get an opportunity to go out and play the best. It also makes us better coaches, which will help in the long run that we're on the same page."

The first half for the Govs



Assistant Coach Pat Donohoe talks strategy on the APSU sideline. **WHITNEY DAVIS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

wasn't one to remember, as there were zero first downs before halftime, which meant seven punts by the special teams.

APSU could not mount any momentum on the offensive side of the ball, failing to cross midfield for over 30 minutes of the contest. Vanderbilt, on the other hand, found their rhythm after the Govs forced the Commodores to go "three and out" on their first possession.

Vanderbilt got on the board first with a field goal, but originally had a touch-

down overturned.

Austyn Carta-Samuels hit his star wide receiver Jordan Matthews on a fade route that was ruled a touchdown, but after a official review, they ruled Matthews did not have control of the ball when his foot landed in bounds.

Leading 7-0 after the first quarter, Vandy put the foot on the gas pedal in the second frame to rack up 35 points, the first score coming at the 12:50 mark as Brian Kimbrow rushed in from six yards out.

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Titans start season with win

»**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

PITTSBURGH — Here are five things we know after Tennessee ended Pittsburgh's 10-game winning streak in home openers.

1. THE STEELERS ARE HURTING. Pittsburgh pointed to the health of its young and retooled offensive line as one of the keys to its season.

That health lasted less than 10 minutes.

Three-time Pro Bowl center Maurkice Pouncey is out for the year after tearing the ACL and MCL in his right knee in the first quarter. Pouncey was blocking when teammate David DeCastro fell on top of him, leaving the unit without its unquestioned leader.

"It's going to be tough," running back Isaac Redman said. "Pouncey is the heart of our offensive line. To lose him, we're going to have guys step up and we're all going to have to play better."

2. TENNESSEE CAN GRIND. The Titans needed 42 carries to muster 112 yards rushing. What they lacked in flash they made up for in ferocity. Tennessee

kept plowing forward 2 to 3 yards at a time, controlling the clock and wearing down Pittsburgh's defense. The Titans ran it on 11 of the 12 plays in a 49-yard touchdown drive in the second quarter that gave them the lead for good.

3. GREGG WILLIAMS STILL HAS IT. The long-time defensive guru is back in the league after serving a suspension following his role in the bounty scandal that rocked the New Orleans Saints. While Titans defensive coordinator Jerry Gray remains very much in charge of the play calling, Williams has infused the unit with the same kind of relentless aggression that has become his trademark.

"We're working much more together now," defensive tackle Jurrell Casey said. "Nobody's pointing fingers at anybody else, and nobody's being selfish. We have to work as a unit, and that's what we did."

4. DARIUS REYNAUD NEEDS A REFRESHER. The Tennessee kick returner got a season's worth of mental miscues out of the way in the first 3 seconds of the game.

Reynaud fielded the opening kickoff from Suisham just outside the Tennessee goal line and shuffled back a few inches to down the ball in the end zone, believing it was a touchdown.

One problem, the ball never got that deep. Officials eventually ruled the play a safety, giving the Steelers an early 2-0 lead and Reynaud a place on the lowly reel.

5. THE STEELERS HAVE NO RUNNING GAME. Pittsburgh introduced a zone blocking scheme in the offseason hoping it would help bolster a running game that ranked near the bottom of the league in 2012.

The early returns were not promising. Stephens-Howling led Pittsburgh with 19 yards rushing and the Steelers didn't have a run longer than 8 yards all day. Even worse, Redman fumbled twice, including one into the Tennessee end zone in the first quarter. "It's unacceptable," Redman said. "It wasn't a guy hitting, more the ball coming out. It was something we work on every single day in practice." **TAS**

Coach Daniels excited about upcoming women's basketball season

»**JOSHUA STEPHENSON**
Sports Editor

Coach Carrie Daniels has two Ohio V alley Conference championships on her resume so far in her tenure at APSU.

After a celebrated career as a player at APSU, which included a trip to the NCAA tournament, and 10 years of coaching experience, Daniels was handed the reigns of the Lady Govs in 2006.

The 2012-2013 campaign was not the greatest for the Lady Govs; they went 7-21 in all (2-14 in conference, 5-7 non-conference).

Despite having a team heavy with seniors, the Lady Govs struggled the entire year, with their longest winning streak being two games. The beauty of the game of college basketball is the fact a team can completely turn around in one year; it only takes one good recruiting class and right situation to have something special on the court.

But Lady Gov point guard Tiasha Gray will be a sophomore this year and will look to build upon a freshman season that had flashes



Coach Carrie Daniels looks over her team on offense as Nicole Olszewski brings the ball up the court. **JESSICA GRAY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

of brilliance.

"You look at Tiasha and she has done a big 180; last year, being her freshman year, was a big transition for her," said Daniels. "Anyone that watched us and watched her last season saw those growing pains. In her sophomore year, we are going to look to Tiasha. As soon as the season finished up last year the leadership came through."

Tiasha was part of a solid recruiting class last year that also included Jennifer Nwokocha and Alexis Hardaway.

This former freshman class is now the core of this basketball team and will be looked upon to produce results every game.

Nwokocha had a rocky first year at the collegiate level, suffering from numerous injuries that kept her from showing what she

was capable of. Hardaway, on the other hand, showed the hustle and heart that Daniels loves to see out of an incoming freshman.

"Alexis is one that is a little undersized at the post spot but is valuable to us there because she is so strong," said Daniels. "When we move her to the three and we will see more of that this year, that was more of her natural position coming out of high school. At that three spot she is more of a slasher and powerful rebounder you don't usually get at that position."

The Lady Govs ranked in the bottom three in all three major statistical rebounding categories last year, and this is the number focus for improvement this season. To address this issue, Daniels brought in Assistant Coach Dean Walsh to help sure up the Lady Govs post game.

"Anytime you have an open position on your staff, you have to look at the needs on your staff," said coach Daniels. "With the staff that was in place, I was looking to bring some experience in. Nothing against Coach Ameri-

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