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# ATO chapter reinstalled at APSU

By TINEA PAYNE News Editor

The Eta Tau chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity officially re-established itself as part of the APSU Greek community on Saturday, March 21 during a chartering banquet at Riverview Inn in Clarksville, Tenn.

Walter J. Hughes, national president of ATO, presented the charter. Gregory Singleton, dean of students, Wynn R. Smiley, CEO of ATO, and James E. Trotter, Board of Trustees chairman, gave remarks.

Trotter commented on the Eta Tau chapter's organization. "It's incredible the way you guys conduct yourselves," he said to members in the audience.

He said the reinstallation of the chapter was "something that we deeply wanted to happen." Trotter said the success of the reinstallation is owed to the new campus administration. John H. Potts, national ritual advisor, gifted the chapter an altar cloth, a set of officer collars, a flag and the original 1971 composite of the original Eta Tau chapter.

### Facts about ATO, Eta Tau

The fraternity was founded in 1865 after the Civil War to reunite the north and south. ATO was founded as the first national fraternity and is also the first fraternity to be based on Christian, not Greek, principles.

The Eta Tau chapter, originally founded in 1971, surrendered its charter in 1989 and recolonized March 15, 2008. Within a year of colonization, the Eta Tau chapter reached a total of 62 members, making it the second-largest fraternity at APSU following Sigma Phi Epsilon, according to Craig E. Amabile, chapter president.





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Emily Pollock, point guard, tries to block a Duke Lady Blue Devil from making a shot. See Duke ends Lady Govs miracle season, page 8.

# Three colleges to be reorganized

By NICOLE JUNE Assistant News Editor

APSU will be forming three new academic colleges: the College of Business, the College of Education and the College of Behavioral/Health Sciences.

The School of Education and the School of Business are currently part of the College of Professional Programs and Social Sciences.

The College of Education will consist of two departments: the Department of Teaching and Learning and the Department of Educational Specialties.

The College of Business will consist of the Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics and the Department of Management, Marketing and General Business. Mathematics.

Michael Becraft, assistant vice president of Academic Affairs, said making these schools into their own distinct colleges has its advantages. "APSU is currently the only four-year school in Tennessee without this arrangement," he said. "As a result, it's easier not to get all the attention that we should."

According to the proposal, academic reorganization and re-identification include the creation, division, merging, dissolution or renaming of academic units, departments, schools or colleges. The proposal also said the changes will have no impact on programs in the current academic inventory. colleges will be more focused on achieving the highest quality program," he said.

"A lot of the funds for this transition are already incorporated into the budget," Becraft said.

The proposal states if necessary, these colleges will be lead by interim deans until a national search can be conducted to fill the positions.

Becraft said none of the locations of the programs will be moved, to the best of his knowledge. The proposal for the reorganization of the academic colleges was approved institutionally by the Academic Counsel, which includes student

academic affairs Web site Aug. 1, 2008, allowing anyone interested to submit comments to the provost. Some of the comments included concerns about whether certain departments are receiving enough attention, and how they could be renamed or reworked to adjust this. Becraft said the changes in the proposal will have statewide effects for their envisionment of education, and that at APSU the focus will be on administrative efforts. The Colleges of Education and Business have been colleges at APSU in years before, and Becraft said the goal is to have the prior administrative

# Math Jeopardy team wins contest

### Staff Reports

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – In "Jeopardy" game show fashion, what is the question to the following answer: The number of hands containing two distinct pairs but no triple that can be dealt in five cards from a deck of 52 cards.

As the answers that the teams gave to the above finalround question were revealed, the APSU math team was the only team to respond correctly to win the Math Jeopardy contest, a highlight of the Mathematical Association of America Southeastern Section conference held March 13-14 at Belmont University.

More than 400 professors and students in mathematics from Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina attended the conference. APSU mathematics faculty presenting talks were Ramanjit Sahi, Yuriy Bulka and Ben Ntatin. Nell Rayburn presented a short course. Students from Austin Peay presenting were Zachary Hodge and Scott Swindell.

Math Jeopardy involved 24 teams from 22 schools. APSU team members Jonathan Fisher, Casey McKnight, Michael Northington and Emily Stone correctly answered multiple questions in the preliminary and final rounds.

Jim Vandergriff, professor of computer science and conference program chair, said the APSU team captured the attention of many professors attending.

"The performance of our team in the preliminary round was so solid and known throughout the conference attendees that one of our organizers introduced Ramanjit Sahi, who was one of our speakers, this way, 'Our next speaker is Ramanjit Sahi from Austin Peay, the home of

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The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Geosciences will be absorbed into the College of Science and

Becraft said the new colleges will be given more authority and decision-making power, as well as more visibility and accreditation. "The deans of the representatives. It was then sent to the Tennessee Board of Regents and the executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

The provost's office posted suggestions to the APSU

structure reinstated. +

To read the proposal, visit the Faculty Senate Web site at www.apsu.edu/ senatef/.

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# EC candidates talk diversity, student involvement



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Left to right: Sen. Jordan Reid and Secretary Hykeem Craft, vice presidential candidates; Chris Drew, presidential candidate, Sen, Kenny Kennedy, vice presidential candidate, Sen. Trenton Gaasch, secretarial candidate and Kevin A. Criswell, presidential candidate. Not pictured: Sara Seesholtz, secretarial candidate.

#### By TINEA PAYNE News Editor

Candidates for the Student Government Association Executive Committee talk of a more diverse SGA Senate and increased student involvement in their election platforms.

Sen. Kevin A. Criswell, junior political science major, who is running against Chris Drew for president, said, "I'd like to see more diversity within the SGA itself." Criswell said he would encourage more racial diversity as well as a variety of student organizations and groups to be involved in SGA.

Criswell also said he would like to see more non-Greek students involved as well. "[I want] to have every group involved, not just Greeks."

He said, if elected, he would increase diversity in the Senate without adding new seats. "We can't keep a full Senate." Criswell said SGA loses members because of turnover due to class time conflicts, grades and other obligations.

"It's counterproductive to add new Senate seats if they're not going to be filled right away," he said.

He also said students don't get involved in SGA because they don't know how. "It's just because they don't know about SGA, the benefits and how to get involved."

He said communication from

SGA to other organizations and groups could be improved. "I don't think we do a good enough job communicating to non-trad[itional] students and commuters."

Criswell said an SGA newsletter sent out to students would be one solution to bridge communication between SGA and students.

"I don't think we do a good enough job communicating to them [students]," Criswell said. "If we don't communicate what's going on, then I don't think we can lay it off on the students that they not involved."

He mentioned a messaging service like the AP Alert that would let students know about upcoming events.

<sup>1</sup> Criswell said catering to non-traditional students would be his "biggest thing." He said there isn't an orientation day geared to them. He said he idealized a one-day seminar to address the needs of non-traditional students.

He said non-traditional students would be "more apt to want to join SGA because they feel SGA has helped them in some way."

Criswell said he wants nontraditional students to feel like they have a place at APSU, and are not treated as "just another group on campus."

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# ATO: goal Math: students answer final question

# to get involved

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Adrian Sensabaugh, a freshman political science major, who joined ATO in Fall 2008, said the fraternity has raised the bar by being reintroduced into the APSU community. "They were actually doing something," Sensabaugh said. "It wasn't all about the letters."

Sensabaugh said he was "very uneasy" when he first joined. "But now, it's the best thing in my life," he said. "One of the best experiences I've had."

He said ATO is different because of its diversity among members. "We've shown ourselves to be one of the most culturally-diverse fraternities."

Sensabaugh said the fraternity is not only culturally-diverse, but diverse among majors, student organization, athletics and other groups.

"We want to bring a different level of respect to Greek life," he said.

Amabile, who was elected chapter president in September 2008, said the fraternity is different for a number of reasons."It's a richly diverse group," Amabile said. "A lot of people get the 'Animal House' interpretation — that's not who we are."

Amabile said colonizing and chartering of the fraternity was a collective effort.

"All of these guys worked really hard," he said of his fraternal brothers. He said they call themselves the "coalition of the willing.'

He said the fraternity aims to raise the bar "by continuing to get involved in other student organizations." He said ATO members can be found throughout the campus. "We've got people all over the place. You can find them everywhere."

Amabile said their goal is to "get ATO's hand in everything on campus." +

# State expected to receive \$4.5 billion in federal stimulus money

From left: Emily Stone, Casey McKnight, Jonathan Fisher and Michael Northington are members of the APSU mathematics team that beat 23 other teams from 22 schools to win Math Jeopardy during a conference Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March14, at Belmont University. was not necessary, since APSU was the only team with a positive score, the moderator decided to ask the final question to give the other teams an opportunity to reposition the

standings. Video coverage of the Math Jeopardy contest, filmed by Yuriy Bulka, APSU assistant

professor of math and the coach of the Jeopardy team, can be seen at http://mathjeopardyfan. blip.tv.

By the way, here's the question to the answer that catapulted APSU to win the Math Jeopardy title: What is 13 choose 2 times 4 choose 2 times 4 choose 2 times 44 choose 1? ◆

# MTSU: no gunman found in campus search

### Associated Press

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The APSU team finished with

the 'Jeopardy' powerhouse,""

a landslide victory. The team's

final score was 2,700 points,

while the second-place team

had a score of zero. While the

final Math Jeopardy question

Vandergriff said.

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Authorities at Middle Tennessee State University searched a building on campus for a man believed to be carrying a weapon, but he was not found.

University spokeswoman Tom Tozer said in a release that the campus was notified by text message and an e-mail after a man possibly carrying a gun was spotted at 5:20 p.m. Monday, March 23, entering the Keathley University Center.

SGA: Reid talks

about Senate

Tozer said the university asked people to either evacuate the building or remain in place if they were in a secure location inside the building. Tozer said there were no reports of gunshots and no injuries and police did not find the suspect inside. **♦** 

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### **ROCC Virtual Career Fair**

The Tennessee Board of Regents with its Tennessee Career Information Center will hold the first statewide Regents Online Campus Collaborative Virtual Career Fair Monday, March 30, through Thursday, April 9. The event is free and meant to connect job-seekers with local employers. For more information, contact Callie Wise at 615-366-3931.

### The Star Access Express returns

In recognition of Disability Awareness Month, the Star Access Express will bereturning to APSU. The Star Access Express Bus tours will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, in the UC plaza. Free food and free T-shirts will be available for those who take the tour, and participants must present a valid APSU ID. For more information, contact Philip Voorhees at 221-6230.

### Job openings at The All State

The All State student newspaper is accepting applications for the 2009-10 year, including editor in chief, advertising manager, all editorial board positions, writers, podcasters and vodcasters, photographers, advertising representatives, cartoonists and copy editors. For more information, contact Tabitha Gilliland at 221-7375.

### Horseback riding with Adventure Recreation

The group will leave from the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center for JuRo Ranch in Mount Juliet at 8 a.m., Saturday, April 4. The group will return to campus in the evening. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 25, with a limit of eight people. The trip costs \$55 and includes a meal and transportation. For more information contact Jasin Willis at 221-7564.

### **Arts and Crafts Charity Auction**

APSU's Living and Learbing Communities' Arts and Crafts Charity Auction will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m, Wednesday, March 25, through Monday, March 30, in UC room 311. Student artwork will be up for auction, and bidding is open to all. The auction will benefit Progressive Direction, Inc. of Montgomery and Stewart counties. For more information, contact Kim Morrow at 221-7444.

### **Spring Dance Concert tickets**

Tickets are available for the 3rd annual Spring Dance Concert at Trahern Theatre. Tickets will be on sale Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and one hour before each performance in Trahern 224. The performances are 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 25, through Saturday, March 28 and 2 p.m., Sunday, March 29. Reserved tickets must be picked up 15 minutes before showtime. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. For more information contact the Box Office at 221-7379.

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### Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Federal stimulus money will allow Tennessee agencies to phase in 12 percent spending cuts over three years, Gov. Phil Bredesen said in a speech to lawmakers Monday, March 23.

The Democratic governor said even deeper cuts including substantial layoffs - would have been needed starting in the budget year that begins in July if it weren't for the federal money.

"This so-called 'stimulus' what it does is buy us time," Bredesen said.

The state is expected to receive about \$4.5 billion in federal stimulus money over two years, though only a portion can be used to plug budget holes. Bredesen said about \$750 million in cuts will be necessary by 2011.

Under Bredesen's budget proposal, Tennessee would spend \$29.34 billion in the budget year that begins July 1. That's about \$430 million less than the current budget year.

Bredesen said K-12 education is the one area that will be spared budget cuts in the upcoming spending years. All other state agencies will average a 12 percent reduction, he said.

Bredesen said the federal money will help avoid what could have been up to 1,700 state employee layoffs. The governor's budget instead plans to eliminate 80 filled positions in what Bredesen calls "a business decision" about government operations. He also won't rule out further layoffs in future years.

The governor's budget presentation will show how he plans to spend the federal stimulus money on the remainder of the current budget year and the following two fiscal vears.

Bredesen's plan also predicts where state finances are expected to stand once the

federal money runs out in the 2011-2012 budget year. Bredesen's second term ends in January 2011, and he is constitutionally barred from seeking another.

"It is important to me not to leave my successor — or the next General Assembly a budgetary cliff to fall off," Bredesen said.

Bredesen warned local governments and school districts not to forget that the new money they will receive is temporary.

Ŷou have a windfall for the next two years," he said. "If you create obligations with it that go beyond two years, do not look for the state to bail you out."

About \$470 million of stimulus money would be directed toward public colleges and universities under the governor's plan, which he said should stop immediate deep cuts and hold tuition increases to a minimum.

Bredesen said the state's public colleges and universities would receive \$100 million by the end of this year, with the rest to be divided over the next two years. But officials need to begin planning for when that money runs out, he said.

'Yet when this money ends 21 months from now, our campuses will suddenly need to begin operating with about \$180 million less in state funding than they had this year," Bredesen said.

Bredesen's plan also calls for closing a tax break for commercial rental properties owned by family owned businesses. The governor said the state could recoup \$25 million in lost revenues from what he has called "an obvious loophole." The governor did not specifically address the tax break in his speech.

A new Web site, www. TNRecovery.org, is being set up to serve as a clearinghouse for how the federal money is being spent. 🔶

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"If elected, I have every respect for the office, for each student and the administration," he said. "My door will always be open and my phone will always be on."

Sen. Jordan Reid, freshman business management major, who is running against Sen. Kenny Kennedy and Secretary Hykeem Craft for vice president, said SGA has revolved around the Greek system. "As vice president, I'd like to reach out to other groups," Reid said. "Sometimes I feel their voices are left out," he said. "I want to see more diversity."

Reid also said he would like to enhance Senate visibility, if elected. "A newsletter would be a good idea." He also said he would like more student feedback. "If we can't hear what they have to say, we can't represent them too much."

Reid said senator retention is one of many concerns with SGA. Reid said students join and leave due to grades, class time conflicts and other obligations. "If we engaged the Senate more, it would at least help," he said.

In regards to written legislation, Reid said past documents haven't reached out to the campus as a whole. "I think the overall voice of the students is not portrayed in the legislation." He said senators could be trained better in writing effective legislation. Reid mentioned Lobby Days, which he described as, "the chance for people to see SGA." He said the days should be advertised more. Reid said he offers a different voice in the election. "[I'm] very transparent, I'm visible and really want to get more students involved in SGA," he said. "Vote different. Vote Reid."

Sens. Trenton Gaasch and Sara Seesholtz were not available for interview by press time Monday, March 23.

For more information, visit the SGA Web site at www.apsu. edu/sga. ♦

# the **allstate** is accepting applications!

The All State student newspaper is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 year, including editor in chief, advertising manager, managing editor, section editors (including News, Perspectives, Features and Sports), assistant section editors (including News, Perspectives, Features, Sports, Online and Multimedia), director of multimedia operations, photo editor, art director, coordinating editor and chief copy editor.

The All State is always accepting applications for writers, podcasters and vodcasters, photographers, advertising representatives, cartoonists and copyeditors.

Editor in chief applications for the 2009-2010 year are due at 12 p.m. Monday, April 6, to Tabitha Gilliland. Applications for advertising manager for 2009-2010 are also due at 12 p.m. Monday, April 6, to Tabitha Gilliland.

Applications for all other positions will be accepted until 12 p.m. Thursday, April 9, to The All State editor in chief.

For all applications, visit http://www.apsu.edu/ student\_pubs or UC Room 115. For more information, e-mail gillilandt@apsu.edu, stop by UC Room 115 or call 221-7375.

### **OUR TAKE**

# Support for APSU sports teams is lacking



DUSTIN KRAMER | ART DIRECTOR

# **Congress should focus on important issues**



Joe Wojtkiewicz Staff Writer

Light the torches and get your pitchforks — it's time for a public outcry.

If you haven't already heard, you are getting screwed. People are getting rich at your expense and everybody should be angry about it. At least, that's what we have been led to believe concerning the AIG bonuses that went out last September 2008, the government could have allowed AIG to go bankrupt. When the government stepped in to save the company, it prevented the renegotiation of those contracts. As financial expert Andrew B. Busch said, "No contracts were abrogated or renegotiated by a judge under a bankruptcy filing. This means the major constituents involved in a company such as the common shareholders, the debt holders, the management, and the employees were not forced to all 'lose' and take reductions."

"The responsibility of returning this money Sports. We at *The All State* love them. Most APSU students love sports too. So, why do so few people show up for APSU home games? APSU athletic programs from volleyball to football depend partly on revenue from home game attendance to purchase equipment and offer scholarships.

Most of our Governors seem to be doing OK on their own. Incase you didn't know, our Lady Govs basketball team played Duke in the NCAA Women's basketball tournament. We at *TAS* believe the lady Governors deserve some recognition for having such a successful season with only a fraction of the attendance and support the men's team enjoyed.

The APSU men's basketball team played 14 home games this semester and a total of 49,372 people attended those games for an average of 3,527 fans per game. Those numbers are good compared to the 10,491 fans who attended the Lady Govs' 13 home games.

Both the APSU basketball teams had better attendance at away games. averaged 4,683 fans attending each one. The Lady Govs averaged 1,554 fans at each of its away games.

We congratulate the Lady Govs on their successful season, and we apologize that we couldn't all be there to see it through. We believe APSU students need to be more supportive of our athletic teams. College sports are an important part

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Bracketology explained

for the non-sports fanatic

of college life at schools all over the country. We can't help our athletes hit homeruns, shoot threes or make decisions in a huddle, but fan support does make a remarkable difference in team morale and performance, and if we could all just show up occasionally maybe they would put on a show for us.

Statistics posted on the APSU Sports Information Web site show the problem extends beyond basketball attendance. Every APSU team posted lower average attendance at home than away this semester. This could be due to the size of our school, the percentage of APSU students who commute to classes each day or the percentage of non-traditional students at APSU who do not have time for college sports, but we think APSU can do better.

The baseball team had only 2,200 fans in attendance at its 14 home games. That's an average of 157 fans per game. Football has the largest college fan base of any college sport, but our team drew an average of only 5,193 fans to the field for its five home games this year. An average of 10,655 fans attended the team's away games.

President Timothy Hall has made it one of his many missions to increase athletic and other event attendance at APSU. In his first semester at APSU he gave speeches outside the UC to rally students to support the football team. We like high style, and we want the student body to get more involved. ◆

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Marlon Scott Editor in Chief

Many of my friends have asked me to explain March Madness and bracketology. For them and any others looking for that "March Madness for Dummies" book, I offer the following explanation.

First let me clarify, March Madness is a condition that develops in those who practice the black art of bracketology.

Initially, bracketology is a simple concept.

March Madness Bracket?" at www. webwire.com , there are 9, 223, 372, 036, 854, 775, 808 different possible brackets. If everyone on the planet randomly filled out a bracket, the odds would be over 1.5 billion to 1 against having the perfect bracket. Good luck.

But a player doesn't have to be perfect to beat their friends, family and co-workers in Bracketology. They just have to observe and analyze the patterns that emerge from the play of the 64 teams, now conveniently stacked 1-16 in four sections.

> "This is where it gets interesting, or more accurately, where the

week.

Just to refresh your memory on what happened — AIG was pushed to the brink of bankruptcy because of the collapse of the housing market. How was an insurance company taken down? They were offering insurance on derivatives that were based in sub-prime mortgage securities. Since AIG is one of the largest insurance companies in the world, the United States government decided to step in and give AIG a chunk of cash — \$180 billion, to be exact.

Out of that money, AIG paid \$165 million in bonuses to some of its top executives, including bonuses of over \$1 million to 73 individuals. Before you join in the outrage, let's do some math. This amount is not even one-tenth of one percent of the money AIG has been given. This is like complaining about a sesame seed missing from the bun of your Big Mac.

Still, Congress decided to call current AIG CEO Edward Liddy in front of Congress to berate him for doing what he was legally bound to do. Liddy wasn't at the helm when the contracts were written; he was just making sure they were fulfilled. There is nothing he or Congress can or should do about it. The responsibility of returning this money rests solely on the consciousnesses of those who received it.

This could have been avoided at several opportunities in the past. In

### rests solely on the consciousnesses of those who received it."

There could have also been language in the bailout that would have prevented these bonuses from being paid with taxpayer money. At the last minute, democratic Senator Christopher Dodd, at the behest of the White House, removed that language from the bailout bill. According to Dodd, the language was removed to avoid lawsuits from people over money guaranteed to them in their contracts. This was the right thing to do.

These are legally binding contracts, and the actions taken by Congress in the last week have done nothing but raise outrage over something they could have prevented at multiple stages. The question now is, what should be done about the bonuses? I say, nothing. If we do anything to change the contracts, it's illegal. If we change tax law to get the money back, it's unconstitutional.

I think we should just move on. Yes, \$165 million is a lot of money to all of us, but in the scope of the bailout, it's pocket lint. Congress should focus on the big money it gave away and stop wasting our time and money on chump change. ◆ After the regular college basketball season is over, the top 64 teams in the country are selected to compete in the NCAA Basketball Championship tournament. The teams are divided to compete in four separate "brackets," with one team inevitably winning overall. Bracketology is the process by which people predict which team will win overall. Throw a dart, flip a coin, roll some bones, whatever, it doesn't matter how a person picks the winner. In addition, a panel of "experts" helps everyone by ranking the teams and announcing who is most likely to win the tournament. Actually, they hedge their bets by picking the four most likely teams to win.

Where does the March Madness come from? Assuming most people should be able to figure out the answer to the March aspect of this question, I will explain the madness. It comes from justifying the overall winner. If 100 people randomly pick what team will win the tournament, conceivably more than one person will pick the right team. The number of lucky people with the right team grows exponentially with the number of people who participate. Thus, the true winner must not only choose the overall winner, but also predict the outcome of every game played in the tournament to illustrate how the chosen team will win.

This is where it gets interesting or more accurately, where the madness begins. According to the story "Odds of a Perfect

# madness begins."

For example, since 1994 a 16 seed has never defeated a 1 seed. It is equally obvious to some that in the same timespan there have only been two years where a 12 seed did not upset a 5 seed. Granted, this just applies to the first round.

But those are just the scientific dilemmas to work through. What about the philosophical questions? How far should a fan pick their favorite team to go if the team is a 16 seed? 12? 9? What exactly is the difference between an eighth seed and a ninth seed besides the whim of an ex-coach who never made it past the elite eight? Sure, it's easy to pick a team with a center over seven feet tall who averages a doubledouble every game. But it is hard to respect the teams who got into the tournament because of a last second shot by a freshman.

These are the deliberations that drive people to madness because although it is cliché, no one can measure heart and in any game, anything can happen. Those are the words echoing through the brain of someone who considers themselves a practitioner of bracketology on any level. The words usually accompany streaming tears and sudden, uncontrollable maniacal laughter because it's at the end of all those decisions when the realization occurs this was just the women's brackets. I hope this explanation helps. Any questions? ◆ Trenton Thomas

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# This week in ridiculous: lawsuits to seatbelts



Jess Nobert Assistant Perspectives Editor

I know Joe is talking about AIG, but I just wanted to let everyone in on a little something more. They are suing the IRS for \$306 million in overpaid taxes. Guess what AIG, I think the government gave you a little advance payment on that refund. They're saying the government owes them foreign tax credits for some "offshore entities" according to *The Herald Tribune*, an international edition of *The New York Times*.

In more ridiculous news, a man in Texas robbed a bank. I know, what else is new?

He went through the drive-thru.

The police reported the man passed a note through to the teller who then surrendered the cash. Police said the robbery did not appear to be an inside job, and surveillance cameras did not show a visible weapon in the car.

A little girl in Bolivia was nearly buried alive last week. But before the 3-yearold was put in the ground, "a neighbor noticed her body move," according to The Associated Press.

At a news conference, prosecutor Jaime

Soliz said "the parents left her for dead, neither offered her help, and even worse, if the girl hadn't shown signs of life, she would have been buried."

He also said the parents are being charged with attempted murder.

Her body showed signs of abuse, which her mother and stepfather claim are caused by falls.

Dr. Carlos Camacho said the girl is in grave condition in a hospital in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

In lighter news, a man in Ypsilanti Township, Mich., robbed a car repair shop while he was picking up his own car. As the AP reported, the man pulled out a handgun and demanded \$500 cash when he went to pay for his services. Shortly after the event, local sheriff's deputies caught the man and took him to jail.

Most everyone should know by now in order to drive in the HOV, or high occupancy vehicle, lane, you have to have at least two people in the car. This guy in Washington state was caught recently with a dummy in the passenger seat.

A state patrol trooper noticed the seat belt hanging from the door and pulled over the driver.

When the officer reached the vehicle, he noticed the dummy which the man had created by draping a rain jacket over plastic piping, topping it off with a Halloween mask of Gandalf, The Lord of the Rings wizard, a beard and a baseball cap.

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# Weight Watchers pairs up with APSU

#### By TANGELIA CANNON Features Editor

Since spring 2005, APSU and Weight Watchers have been working together in order to combat the obesity that has over taken America

In studies done by the Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "16.3 percent of children and adolescents aged 2-19 years were obese, at or above the 95th percentile of the 2000 BMI-for-age growth charts.'

The studies also show in the 2005-2006 calendar year, 33.2 percent of women and 33.3 percent of men were obese.

Unfortunately, with the continued growth of obesity comes the growing concern for health problems such as diabetes, coronary heart disease, colon cancer, breast cancer, hypertension, sleep apnea, liver and gallbladder disease, infertility, and high cholesterol.

In order to combat this growing problem, Weight Watchers and APSU have partnered together to give the APSU campus ample opportunities to lose weight and get in shape.

Weight Watchers is "a plan that teaches a healthy lifestyle which includes healthy food choices and exercise," Lynne Yarbrough, secretary in Student Affairs, said.

"It teaches you how to make healthy choices that you can follow for life."

Instead of providing the food you are to eat, the program teaches you how to prepare healthy foods for you and your family.

"A day has not gone by that I have felt deprived or felt like a rabbit that eats only lettuce and carrot sticks," Leni Dyer, associate proffesor of theater and dance, said, according to the APSU's Weight Watchers Web site.

"This has been a lifestyle change rather than a diet that makes you feel hungry all of the time.'

Dyer is one of the many success stories that has come from APSU's campus.

Weight Watchers uses a four-principle method that according to the Web site it "will not waiver."

First, the weight loss must be healthy. The program offers recipes for foods that reduce calories and correlate to current scientific research.

Second, a weight loss that fits into your life realistically. Instead of beginning the program with a weight loss goal that defines "ultimate success," Weight Watchers suggests starting "with our 5 percent or 10 percent goal." This type of goal not only helps healthy weight loss, but it helps to keep you motivated and maintain your weight loss.

Third, Weight Watchers wants you to have informed choices. The program offers you advice that meets your lifestyle and hopes by doing this, you will be able to make choices that benefit you and your goal during real world situations.

Lastly, Weight Watchers wants you to take a holistic view, by looking at and taking advantage of the total package: food, exercise, behavior and the supportive atmosphere.

"I encourage anyone who is interested in the program to check out the Web site and call or e-mail me for more information," Yarbrough said.

Anyone is invited to join the program, which meets weekly during a period of 10 weeks, for a total of \$105.

For more information go to http://www. apsu.edu/weight\_watchers/ or contact Lynne Yarbrough at 221-6884. ◆



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APSU students take advantage of the different equipment available to workout with at the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center.

# World-renowned scholar plans to visit APSU

### By TRISHA WEST Staff Writer

Harvard professor, Dr. Abiola Irele will speak on "Orality and Literature - The African Example" Wednesday, March 26, for the annual Asanbe Diversity Symposium.

At 1 p.m., in UC 303-305 there will be a panel discussion on Oral Literature Across Cultures and at 3:30 p.m. in the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center. Students are invited to join both events.

Irele spoke in 1997 at APSU's first Asanbe Symposium and this second visit is scheduled to coincide with the publication of press of Dr. Joseph Asanbe's Selected Essay by Zone 3.

Karen Sorenson, professor of French in the Language and Literature department and co-chair for the event, said.

Asanbe was born in Nigeria and educated at Urban University in Rome. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. at Indiana University. In 1987 he joined APSU's faculty, where he was a professor until his death in 1996.

This year "we have invited noted Nigerian scholar Irele, currently visiting professor of African and African American Studies and of Romance Languages and Literatures at Harvard University, as keynote speaker. Irele is one of the world's foremost scholars on African Literature," Sorenson said.

Kenny Kennedy, a sophomore biology

it was about. Now that I do, it sounds interesting," Russell Harris, a freshman chemistry major, said.

The Asanbe Symposium will begin with the keynote speaker, then an afternoon panel discussion on Oral Literature Across Cultures, and finally Irele will meet with students to discuss African Literature and Politics. All events are free and open to the public.

"The Asanbe Diversity Symposium is an event ... originally created by our department to nurture diversity and to support and enhance ... world literature," said Sorenson.

"Over the years, the symposium has brought a wide variety of speakers, first to the department, and now to the campus and to the community at large, on subjects ranging from Gandhi ... to 'What 21st Century

Christian, Jews and Muslims Can Learn from Medieval Spain," Sorenson said.

Co-sponsoring this event is the Center for Excellence in the Creative Arts. Other co-sponsors for this year's event include the Hispanic Cultural Center, the Honors program, International Education, the College of Arts and Letters, Academic Affairs and the African American Cultural Center.

According to Harvard's Web site on Irele, http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~aaas/faculty/ francis\_a\_irele/index.html, he was president of the African Literature Association, served on various committees of the Modern Language Association (MLA), chair of the Francophone Studies Committee, member of the Nominating Committee and has recently been elected to a three year-term as member of the Executive Committee of the Association. **♦** 

The symposium honors the memory of our late colleague, Dr. Joseph Asanbe, the first professor of African and African American literature on this campus," Dr.

major, said, "I'm always interested in this stuff."

"I have to go, it's required for my communications class. I didn't know what

# Horror film draws unwanted visitors to Conn. house

#### Associated Press

A Hollywood horror film that depicts the alleged haunting of a former funeral parlor in central Connecticut is turning into a nightmare for the home's current owners and their neighbors.

The movie, "A Haunting in Connecticut," doesn't open until Friday, March 27, but curious fans are already making a beeline for the Southington home that inspired the movie.

"It's just been really, really stressful," said Susan Trotta-Smith, who bought the home 10 years ago with her husband. "It's been a total change from a very quiet house in a very quiet neighborhood to looking out the window and seeing cars stopping all the time. It's been very, very stressful, and sometimes worrisome."

The family has never seen anything unusual inside their five-bedroom, two-family, white wood-frame house and does not believe the property was haunted.

"It's got beautiful woodwork and there is a nice warm feeling to the house," Trotta-Smith said. "Because it was a funeral home, the upstairs apartment is much more spacious. It's like two full houses, and it has a beautiful yard, too."

The movie, released by Lionsgate, starring Virginia Madsen and Kyle Gallner, is loosely based on stories that revolved around the house in the 1980s.

The residents at the time, the Snedeker family, claimed their son would hear strange noises in his basement bedroom, which once held casket displays and was near the old embalming room. He also claimed to see shadows on the wall of people who were not there.

A niece visiting the home said she felt hands on her body as she tried to sleep, and her covers levitated.

The family brought in Ed and Lorraine Warren, self-described paranormal researchers, who became famous for documenting the alleged "Amityville Horror" haunting of a home on Long Island.

Lorraine Warren says she felt an evil presence in the Southington home and experienced the

haunting herself when she spent a night there.

"In the master bedroom, there was a trap door where the coffins were brought up," she said. "And during the night, you would hear that chain hoist, as if a coffin were being brought up. But when Ed went to check, there was nobody down there."

Warren, whose husband died in 2006, has nothing to do with the movie. She said the house was "cleared" of the evil presence after a seance in 1988. A book and a television documentary followed.

The current owners, who rent out part of the home to another family, have removed the street number from the house and posted "no trespassing" signs. Trotta-Smith says they are concerned about the four children who live there.

"Most people are respectful. They stay on the road. They might take a picture," Trotta-Smith said. "But we have had a few problems with people rudely coming up to the door and scaring our kids, telling them the house is haunted."

Police have added extra patrols to the neighborhood.

'There are creatures looming in the night but not inside the house," Southington police Sgt. Lowell DePalma said. "They happen to be people who are trespassing on the property, looking in windows and that kind of stuff. People are going to be disappointed. There are no ghosts."

Alison Taylor, 37, drove from her home in East Hartford with her camera after seeing a show about the haunting on the Discovery Channel and hearing about the new movie.

"I'm very intrigued," she said. "I figured since it was close, I could come. A lot of people are so skeptical, but I'm not. I'm sure some things are made up to make the movie look better, but I think it's great."

Katherine Altemus, who lives across the street, shoos curious onlookers away. She believes the ghost stories were a hoax.

"It's disgraceful," she said. "None of the haunting took place, and now it's ruining the lives of that wonderful young family that



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A Hollywood horror film that depicts the alleged haunting of the home is turning into a nightmare for the home's current owners, who have nothing to do with the project. "A Haunting in Connecticut" releases in theaters Friday, March 27.

lives there." Calls to the Snedeker family were returned by the film production company, who said they would attempt to arrange an interview.

Film producer Andrew Trapani said he believed the mother, Carmen Snedeker, was very credible, and believes the film does a good job depicting what her family went through. The movie was filmed in Teulon, Manitoba.

He said the names of the family and town in the film were fictionalized, in part to try and keep unwanted attention away from the real home. The Snedekers and Southington are identified on the film's Web site.

"We certainly didn't set out to upset anyone or have anyone show up at their home," he said. "I think in this case, this particular supernatural haunting had a much larger following than even I had anticipated."

Trotta-Smith said she's working with the police but has no plans to put up a fence. She said she just wants a normal life in the house, but she's not sure that will be possible if the movie becomes a big hit.

"I'm a little worried about this Halloween because I imagine that's when they will release the DVD and get everyone worked up again." +

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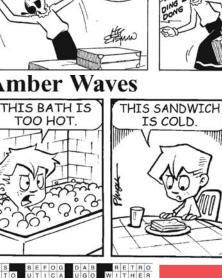
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# **Sports 7** Lady Govs fall to Eagles



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#### Staff Reports

For the sports world, the month of March should just be renamed "Basketball" because that seems to be all anyone speaks about. It makes sense, though. Not only do we have college basketball almost everyday, the NBA has nightly games as well. There is no hiding from the Madness. If you've been following The All State's competition on Facebook, you would have seen the close competition our staff is having. Our competition includes Anthony Shingler, assistant sports editor, Patrick Armstrong, managing editor, Devon Robinson, sports editor, Marlon Scott, editor in cheif and Joe Wojtkiewicz, staff writer. This year's competition contains all the drama of the actual tournament with the upset of our leader in the standings, so far.

- 1. Anthony Shingler, 54 points
- 2. Devon Robinson, 53 points
- 3. Marlon Scott, 50 points
- 4. Patrick Armstrong, 48 points
- 5. Joe Wojtkiewicz, 46 points



Junior Brittany Williams winds up for the hit. Williams had one RBI in the series finale in the loss against Tennessee Tech.

#### **By MARLON SCOTT** Editor in Chief

The APSU Lady Govs (6-22, 0-5 OVC) failed to ground the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles (16-15, 5-0 OVC) in Cookeville, Tenn., Saturday, March 21. Capitalizing on Lady Govs errors, the Golden Eagles swept the Lady Govs 3-0, (1-4, 2-3, 2-5) in a three-game Ohio Valley Conference series.

The series began with a doubleheader Saturday and concluded with a single game Sunday, March 22.

Lady Govs pitcher Ashley Elrod had one tough game. She pitched the whole game allowing four runs from nine hits. She walked three, struck out one and was tagged for two errors. Behind 2-1 in the sixth inning, Elrod committed a throwing error that gave the Golden Eagles two more runs. Ashley Taylor had the only hit for the Lady Govs in the game. She also scored the only run

The second game was closer. Another throwing error, this time by Lady Govs pitcher Ashley Bolda, put the Golden Eagles up 2-0 in the first inning. Down 3-1 in the top of the sixth, Ashley Alverson started a Lady Govs rally with a single down the right side. Daniella Hooper followed up with a shot to right center that scored Alverson. But the rally ended there and the Lady Govs lost 2-3. Bolda struck out nine in the loss. She gave up seven hits for three runs and walked one. Alverson and Hooper had the only hits. Hooper finished the game with two hits.

Lady Govs pitcher Anna

Mabry got into trouble early in the final game of the series. The leadoff batter for the Golden Eagles hit a single up the middle. Mabry responded by striking out the next batter. However, the third batter smacked another single to put two on base.

Mabry appeared to be digging herself out of the jam with another strikeout. But she walked the next batter to load the bases and Golden Eagle third baseman Katie Betry cranked a double down the right field line to score two. The Golden Eagles generated eight hits in the game.

The Lady Govs did their best hitting in the last game, producing six hits. However, they still failed to score runs. In the third inning, Randal Davenport hit a single and then stole second on the ensuing strike out. Brittany Williams got the RBI with a double to left field. Williams later scored on a Golden Eagle error.

LOIS JONES | PHOTO EDITOR

Another walk by Mabry followed by two Lady Govs errors set up a two run shot by the Golden Eagles in the bottom of the same inning. Golden Eagle closer, Maddi Schmissrauter held the Lady Govs at bay the rest of the game.

Mabry was tagged for the loss with two errors, three strike outs and two walks. Williams was one of six different Lady Govs with hits in the final game. The losses increased the Lady Govs losing streak to five. Next, they face the Tennessee State Lady Tigers for the beginning of eight straight games at home starting Saturday, March 28. ◆





# **Event and Fundraiser**

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# Duke ends Lady Govs Miracle season



Top: Forward April Thomas fights a Blue Devils defender for the rebound. Thomas garnered 6 points in the 83-42 loss to Duke.

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Bottom: Head coach Carrie Daniels talks to freshmen Emily Pollock and Whitney Hanley. Pollock and Hanley had 13 and 2 points, respectively.

#### By TYLER O'DONNELL Staff Writer

Four teams were trying to advance in the NCAA women's basketball championship tournament in East Lansing, Mich., Sunday, March 22. APSU, Duke, MTSU and Michigan State competed hard, knowing with one loss, they would be eliminated.

Unfortunately for the Lady Govs, that was the case. They fell hard to the Duke Lady Blue Devils 83-42, in a game where the Lady Blue Devils were heavily favored. The majority of the fans who watched the game supported the Lady Govs. It was a packed crowd. When the game tipped off, the Lady Govs got off to a slow start, something they could not afford to do. They traveled on their first possession and gave up some quick baskets inside. Erratic passing led to turnovers, which in turn became easy points for the Lady Blue Devils. The score was 23-8 with less than 10 minutes to go in the half.

The Lady Govs never got into a rhythm. In addition, it was easy to see the height advantage the Lady Blue Devils had on the Lady Govs. Chante Black (6-5), Krystal Thomas (6-4) and Careem Gay (6-2) could all be found in the paint, going to the basket quick and often. If the Lady Govs doubleteamed one of them, another player became open somewhere close. Surprisingly, the Lady Govs led the rebounding battle by the end of the half, 24-22. Lady Govs' Nicole Jamen and Jasmine Rayner fought down low for every possession. Both players finished the game with six rebounds.

The Lady Blue Devils defense successfully smothered the Lady Govs offensively. The Lady Govs' regular season-leading scorers April Thomas and Ashley Herring combined for 1-of-18 shooting from the floor. It was Jamen, 5-of-12, and for the Lady Govs in the tough game.

"I just try to take it at them," Pollack said. "I try to attack them. That's what I try to do. I try to get past people and try to create offensive passes and shots. I am young, but I can't be nervous, and I wasn't nervous. I just had to take it at them like I did."

The Lady Govs managed to escape the press the Lady Blue Devils set on them most of the second half. shooting 49 percent. The Lady Govs shot only 24 percent, their worst field goal shooting percentage of the year. The loss made the Lady Govs 0-7 all-time against ACC opponents.

Lady Govs' head coach Carrie Daniels sees the loss as a learning experience for her young team and is already looking to the future.

"We have to give credit to Duke," Daniels said. "I don't

Emily Pollack, 4-of-8, who comprised most of the offense.

Pollack led the Lady Govs with 13 points. The smallest player on the court, Pollack used her speed to blow by defenders. On multiple occasions, Pollack caught the Lady Blue Devils napping and ran right by them. Pollack seemed to be the spark They also played solid defense and did all they could to force the Lady Blue Devils to take outside shots. However, the Lady Blue Devils focused on getting the ball inside every possession.

They finished the game

think we did a good job of handling the pressure. It was sort of the opposite of what we wanted to do. We altered some of our shots. We did a fairly good job on the boards. This was an incredible learning experience; and to get back in it next year, we have to go back to work." ◆

# Lady Volunteers exit NCAA Tourney in first round

#### Associated Press

Pat Summitt wondered when her young Tennessee team would finally get through its growing pains and finally figure it out.

Ball State gave her the emphatic answer: maybe next year.

The Cardinals stunned the two-time defending national champions 71-55 in the opening round of the NCAA tournament Sunday, March 22, snapping one of the more remarkable streaks in college basketball history.

The Lady Volunteers (22-11) had never lost in the first two rounds of the tournament, going 42-0 through the years. It's a run the program has used as a launching pad to eight national championships.

No. 9 will have to wait. Tennessee became the first defending champ to lose its opening game in the women's tourney. Old Dominion won the title in 1985 and failed to make the tournament the following year.

The Lady Vols were never in danger of missing the NCAAs even after an uneven regular season, though the selection committee dropped them all the way to a fifth-seed, lowest in 28 tournament appearances.

Summitt, college basketball's



Lady Vols head coach Pat Summitt looks on with anguish as her team plays the Ball State Cardinals.

all-time winningest coach, hoped for a fresh start in the NCAAs.

She made the team watch a documentary on Tennessee's 1997 national championship team, a club that lost 10 games during the regular season before finally figuring it out in March.

Instead of history repeating itself, the Lady Vols made the kind of history they were hoping to avoid.

Tennessee had never lost to a team seeded lower than fourth, yet looked outclassed against a team playing on college basketball's biggest stage for the first time.

"I thought we were tentative, maybe uptight," Summitt said, "But you have to give credit where credit is due and that's to the Ball State basketball team. They had a lot more toughness. They beat us to loose balls. They made shots."

The 12th-seeded Cardinals (26-8) will play Iowa State in the second round Tuesday, March 24. Porchia Green led Ball State with 23 points, Audrey McDonald added 18 and the Mid-American Conference champions dominated the second half to capture the biggest win in school history.

The upset and its decisiveness even left the Cardinals stunned.

"I would be lying to you if I told you I thought it would be a 16-point victory," Ball State guard Kiley Jarrett said. "It hasn't hit me yet. It is just unbelievable."

Shekinna Stricklen had 17 points for Tennessee. The Lady Vols shot just 35 percent and played the second half without center Kelley Cain, who went down in the first half with a knee injury. The way the Cardinals fearlessly challenged the Lady Vols might not have mattered if Cain was available.

Green and Jarrett did whatever they wanted against the bigger — but decidedly slower — Lady Vols. Using their speed to go by defenders, Green and Jarrett were able to get into the lane or find open teammates.

The Lady Vols, meanwhile, appeared to be a step behind all night.

Ball State took the lead for good on a 3-pointer by

Emily Maggert with just over 14 minutes remaining, and Tennessee had no response. The Cardinals pushed the lead to 10 on a pair of free throws by Jarrett with 7:20 to go, and Tennessee would get no closer than eight the rest of the way.

Jarrett celebrated the victory by jumping into Green's arms at midcourt as the buzzer sounded while the large contingent of the orange-clad Tennessee fans who made their way to E.A. Diddle Arena walked to the exits in stunned silence.

This one may take awhile to sink in. Getting through the first two rounds has been a mere formality for the Lady Vols through the years, as Tennessee used the opening games as glorified scrimmages in an effort to iron out the kinks before getting to the round of 16.

It's a formula that's worked for 27 years, ended with the Lady Vols cutting down the nets in the national championship game and included titles behind star Candace Parker each of the past two seasons.

Parker is long gone now, and the seven freshmen that comprise the core of the youngest team of Summitt's remarkable coaching career will have to wait a year to get a shot at starting another streak. ◆