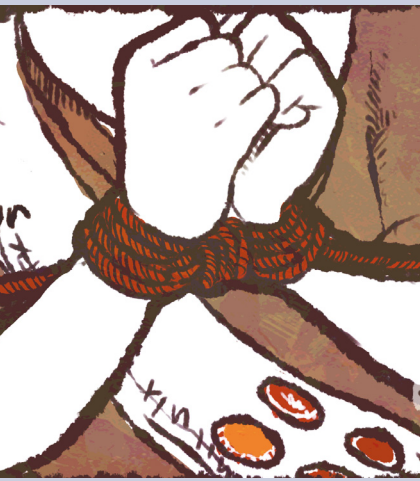


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Kappa Sigma leaves campus



The Kappa Sigma fraternity house on Home Avenue. Kappa Sigma was established in 1985. PRINCESS ANDRESS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» By DANIELLE HUNTER
Staff Writer

The charter for APSU’s Kappa Sigma chapter was revoked by the national organization and the fraternity has been removed from campus. Kappa Sigma has been a part of APSU since 1985. The decision to revoke the fraternity’s charter was not a result of any certain action by the members of the fraternity, but rather by repeatedly failing to meet the standards of the national fraternity, according to Brianna Lombardozzi, coordinator of fraternity and sorority affairs. “These standards vary. For instance, many fraternity/sorority headquarters set forth academic and GPA standards, chapter size expectations, community service hours, philanthropy donations, etc.,” Lombardozzi said. APSU emphasizes the fulfillment of the national organization’s standards. While the university is upset about the national organization’s decision to remove the APSU chapter of Kappa Sigma, Lombardozzi said she understands the decision.

“APSU continuously emphasizes three primary tenets of Greek life: scholarship, leadership and service. Every Greek organization is based upon these standards and our programming and leadership development continuously focus on these areas,” said Gregory Singleton, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students. Both Lombardozzi and the university hope that Kappa Sigma’s charter will be renewed in the future. “We meet with organizational leaders routinely,” Singleton said. “Lombardozzi conducts individual meetings with chapter presidents ... Each of our three Greek umbrella organizations [IFC, PHJ, and NPHC] all continuously emphasizes these tenets as well.” “The general fraternity, fraternity alumni and university administration have worked together to assist the chapter but at this time the decisions to re-charter the fraternity in the future was in the best interest for this particular chapter,” Lombardozzi said. “As always, the university wants our chapters to be successful.” The university will work with the general fraternity to re-charter Kappa Sigma in Fall of 2017, according to Lombardozzi. **TAS**

Hot Topic: Qualities of a good man, woman

» By MYRANDA HARRISON
Guest Writer

Many students gathered with a panel of consultants to discuss what they thought were good qualities in a partner in the third annual Hot Topic discussion on Tuesday, Feb. 12 in the Wilber N. Daniel African American Cultural Center. Dwonna Goldstone, English professor, helped lead the discussion. Goldstone was joined by two APSU alumni, Chris Pointer and Amanda Brown-Foster as well as current APSU students Christian Wilson, a third year sociology major, and Erynnyce Smith, a fourth year education major. Lee Hall, the official first lady of APSU, was also there to give her advice and insight. The conversation started by asking the question, “How do you all remember your first love?” Almost everyone on the panel had an answer for this question. Some people even said their first loves were in grade school. Chris Pointer started by telling everyone about his first love from the second grade. He stated, “I’ll never forget.” He said it was then when he realized the stereotype that came with having a darker skin complexion. APSU senior Erynnyce Smith, on the other hand, said she didn’t encounter her first love until high school. He was a “bad boy” she explained, “If you were bad, you



Panelists discuss qualities of a good man and woman as a part of the African American Cultural Center’s third annual Hot Topic discussion. JANAY NEAL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

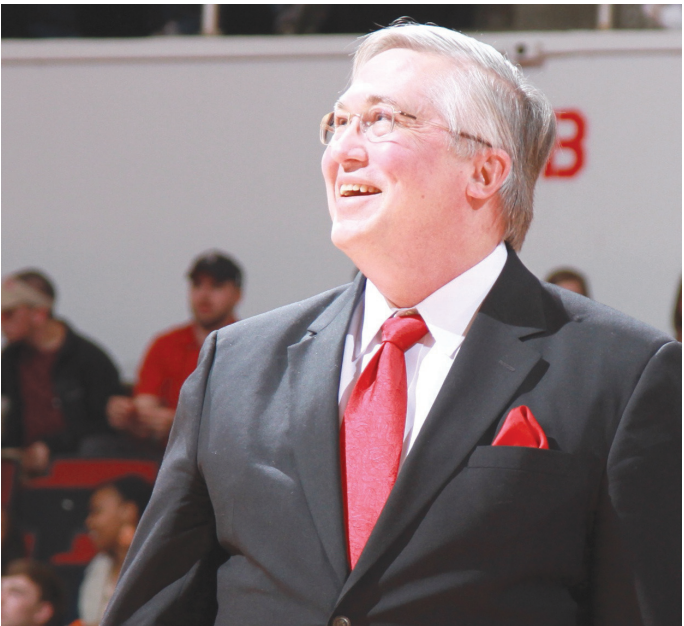
were my kind of guy.” Several others went on to say how they remember their first loves as well. The evening continued with advice given from the entire discussion panel. Topics such as marriage, dating and red flags in a relationship were the center of focus. When the topic of marriage came up, Hall was very adamant when telling students that she did not think it was a good idea for couples to live together until they were married. “It greatly increases your chances of divorce,” Hall said. Others, such as Christian Wilson, injected their opinions and highly agreed with Hall. Wilson didn’t think it was a good idea to get married unless the qualities in your mate are clear. Truly knowing the person that you’re with and having a good sense of communication are all the things that the panel indicated they wanted to leave instilled in the students, once the event was over. **TAS**

President Hall reports progress at APSU

» By BRITTANY HICKEY
Staff Writer

Progression. That is the theme of APSU President Tim Hall’s five-year report covering the changes at the university during his tenure at APSU, since 2007, when he took office. The report outlines several areas of university growth, from a nearly 20 percent increase in enrollment to the completed and upcoming building projects. “It used to be that the only people who knew us out of middle Tennessee knew because of our basketball teams. That’s changing,” Hall said. “The thing we are most pleased about is our students’ success. Retention and graduation rates have increased gradually over the last five years.” In addition to student success, Hall praised APSU faculty for a steep climb in external funding for research since 2007. This summer, APSU received recognition for being a great college to work for. The list is compiled by the Chronicle of Higher Education and Hall explained that APSU was listed in the company of 30 universities

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APSU President Tim Hall during halftime of the men’s basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 9. BRITTNEY SPARN | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE MONOCLE

APSU named among top military friendly universities in nation

» By DIONA GARDNER
Guest Writer

APSU has been recognized by *Military Advanced Education* magazine in their 2013 Guide to America’s Top Military Friendly Colleges and Universities. The *Military Advanced Education* magazine is a journal of higher education for service men and women. Published since 2005, the magazine used a panel of education service officers and transition officers to help them create a survey that would measure the military friendly policies enacted by each school. APSU was one of six schools in Tennessee named. An MAE editor reported, “Our number one priority was that we evaluate schools in light of the unique needs of soldiers and veteran students.” Schools that applied for inclusion were judged in several categories such as support, which includes evidence of a military student center or Veteran affairs counselors; financial, including in-state tuition for active duty service member; military culture, such as a ROTC program and flexibility and online learning options. APSU has made many efforts to receive honors such as the one from MAE. In order to support military students and their family, the Military Student Center, located in UC room 120, was created in 2010. Veterans, active duty military, ROTC students and families have a place to relax, study and interact with other students. The center houses a

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TODAY ONLY!

CAREER NETWORKING EVENT

9 a.m.-1 p.m., MUC Ballroom

Progress

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like Notre Dame, Baylor and The University of Michigan.

“I think it’s important to students to work at a place where faculty and staff think they’re in a good environment,” Hall said. “I think that makes a difference in the kind of teaching they get and the kind of help they get.”

Regarding the particularly striking increase in enrollment, Hall said he believed it to be in part due to many people moving to Clarksville. But he added that he didn’t see that as the only reason. “[APSU] used to be largely a secret, and now we’ve been covered by *The New York Times*, Bill Gates mentioned us this past year, so lots of people are hearing about APSU.”

Ultimately, Hall expects that APSU will retain its 12-year foothold as the fastest-growing university in Tennessee as more students see what the Gobs have to offer. According to Hall, Tennessee began a new method of funding public universities in the state based on their performance, academic and otherwise. Since the beginning of that

program two years ago, APSU has improved its performance and thus its funding more than any other Tennessee university.

Also discussed in the report is Tristan Denley, university provost and vice president of academic affairs, and his internationally-known work on Degree Compass, which works like Netflix or Amazon to recommend classes to students based on their degree.

When asked what is next for APSU, Hall eagerly described a potential change to support freshmen in their first year at school. He explained it as “cohort scheduling”, where students are put in three or so classes together. “So that they’re not a stranger and there’s some people that they know,” Hall said. According to Hall, similar programs have been used at other universities with successful results.

Hall also wants to offer free counseling from an outside company to help the freshmen stay on track and improve the already increasing retention and graduation rates.

APSU began a fundraising campaign two and a half years ago to earn \$40 million, and Hall said that the seven year plan may be cut short as they have already surpassed the \$31 million mark. *TAS*



Cadets in APSU’s ROTC Governors Guard stand in attention. FILE PHOTO

Military Friendly

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lounge area, study table, computers and printers.

The Student Veterans Organization was also formed in 2010 as an additional support system. Affiliated with Student Veterans of America, the group’s objective is to assist veterans transitioning from military to college while fostering a sense of belonging.

APSU has a supportive faculty and staff that understand the issues facing military students and their families. In an attempt to make life easier for service members to pursue higher education, child care and non-traditional housing is also available.

To honor active duty and military veteran students, the APSU military coin was designed in

2011 and is now presented during an “All Hail to Those Who Serve” ceremony for graduates.

Financially, APSU waives out of state fees for active duty service members. Veterans are also allowed to register early and withdraw without penalty if deployed or activated.

APSU has a nationally ranked ROTC program named “Governors Guard.” The Governors Guard has been awarded the MacArthur award five times, most recently in 2008.

The MacArthur Award is given to eight programs that produce the highest quality officers in the nation each year.

In the past three years, over 40 percent of APSU cadets received excellent leadership evaluations while the national average is less than 20 percent.

APSU has made lists for top military friendly schools in *GI Jobs* and *Times* magazine publications. *TAS*

Homemade Soups

by Chef Donna

Chef Donna’s famous soups are now available in the Food Court!

CRIME LOG

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

- 8:54 a.m.; Feb. 12; Burt Lot; theft of property
- 4:39 p.m.; Feb. 6; Emerald Hills/Two Rivers; domestic assault
- 3:54 p.m.; Feb. 5; Castle Heights Hall; theft of property

- 5:04 p.m.; Feb. 3; Castle Heights Hall; aggravated burglary
- 3:22 p.m.; Jan. 29; Woodward Library; harassment
- 1:38 p.m.; Jan. 29; Kimbrough; theft of property
- 4:19 a.m.; Jan. 28; Emerald Hills/Two Rivers; theft of property

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Funding may be a factor for gay Scouts



»CHARLES MCCRARY
Guest Writer

Coming up in May, a decision will be handed down by the Boy Scouts of America as to whether or not they should continue their policy of banning openly gay individuals. When hearing this news, a severe wave of indifference may wash over you, as

it did me, and you may in fact stop reading this article out of disinterest.

My off-hand response is that the Boy Scouts should lift the ban to show they are a forward thinking organization.

The military has abolished their policy, so why not the Boy Scouts? This is only a big deal because proponents and opponents have made it so.

First, I would say that both sides have made errors in addressing the situation.

On the opposed side is a plausible moral argument based in Christian values that could likely sway the undecided.

After all, it is a children's organization and I find that most

people don't even approve of heterosexual relationships being acknowledged in front of their kids.

This argument quickly wilts in the

“The military has abolished their policy, so why not the Boy Scouts?”

face of supporters who proudly rant uneducated homophobia which quickly scares off the people on the fence.

Proponents, however, have given the opposition a new target with their chosen tactic.

That tactic, in their opinion and mine, is blackmail.

By pressuring organizations that donate to the Boy Scouts into pulling their funding, gay rights groups are keeping a large amount of revenue away from the Scouts unless they agree to lift the ban.

Specifically, according to *ABC news*, chapters of United Way are pulling their funding of troops left and right.

If this ploy works then I am afraid that the Boy Scouts will not have amended their practices for the sake of progress. They will instead have done it for the money.

“To an uninvolved observer, tragically, the 103-year-old moral absolute by the Scouts has gone to the auction block. Money, not morality, rules,” said Jerry

Luquire in his take on the gay ban.

As president of the Georgia Christian Coalition based in Columbus, Luquire is for the continuation of the ban. While his use of the word “morality” may be of a different subtext than mine, I agree with his statement and believe it is accurate, no matter your position.

Due to this, I think what could have been a mild issue that would have passed with grumblings one way or the other, has become a heated debate where there can be no actual victory.

Either a blow will be struck for gay rights through underhanded means, or against it, stymieing forward-thinking Americans and giving bigotry a rallying point.

In both cases, I believe America will be the poorer for it. **TAS**

Awards season: Growing old or still going strong?



»BRITTANY HICKEY
Guest Writer

Billy Crystal put it best when he said, “Nothing takes the sting out of these tough economic times like watching a bunch of millionaires giving golden statues to each other.”

Crystal made that joke as the host of the 2012 Academy Awards, a ceremony that dates back to 1929 and will make its 85th return Sunday, Feb. 24, with Seth

MacFarlane at the helm.

The Oscars are coming on the heels of the Sunday, Feb. 10 Grammy Awards.

We are officially in the trenches of award season.

It's a time for celebrities to show off their fashion savvy, for editors and screenwriters to get away from their desks and into their ties and for millions of Americans to tear their hair out as their beloved artists are passed over once again. As they observe their once-precious follicles strewn across the floor, they are forced to ask the timeless question: Why do we care?

Questioning the legitimacy of the awards is not news, but when they consistently misrepresent the true state of an art form, there is a chance that they need to be changed.

The Oscars have plenty of prestige, but they don't always get it right.

“Nothing takes the sting out of these tough economic times like watching a bunch of millionaires giving golden statues to each other.”

— Billy Crystal, actor

Consider Entertainment Weekly's list of movies that did not receive a single nomination this year: “The Hunger

Games” (EW cites an anti-young-adult mentality), “Magic Mike,” “Chronicle,” “The Dark Knight Rises,” “Looper” and “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” (another young adult novel).

Take “The Hunger Games”: aside from being beloved by millions, the film was critically acclaimed.

According to RottenTomatoes.com, out of 268 reviews aggregated, 227 of those were positive – that's 85 percent.

Compare that to *Les Misérables'* 70 percent, and all the other nominees for Best Picture landed somewhere in the 85-95 percent range.

Jon Caramanica, a writer for the *New York Times*, did a piece after the Grammys accusing the voters of choosing songs based on generational preferences.

Caramanica wrote about the young acts that received recognition, such

as Fun, Gotye and Mumford & Sons and said, “they unfailingly hew to old styles, dating back in some cases to the 1930s. If the Grammy narrative is to be believed, the last time there was musical innovation worthy of celebration was the mid-1980s, which may well line up with the prime creative period of many Grammy voters.”

What this boils down to is two evenings of extravagant ceremony and hours of watching wealthy people pat themselves and each other on the back.

The awards pretend as though the voting doesn't align with a contrived and pretentious mentality and return every February to remind us of their irrelevance.

Of course, they will never change because Americans will continue to tune in until the day all award shows stop airing. **TAS**

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**Wednesday,
Feb. 20**

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; **Career Networking Event;** MUC Ballroom
- 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; **HCC Spanish Conversation;** MUC 213
- 7:30 p.m.; **Guitarfest;** MMC Concert Hall

**Thursday,
Feb. 21**

- 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; **HCC Spanish Game Night;** MUC 213
- 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; **GPC Painting and Punch Crafts Event;** MUC 303/305

**Saturday,
Feb. 23**

- 10 a.m.; **Ascension Climbing Competition;** Foy Center

**Tuesday,
Feb. 26**

- 12:30 p.m.; **Non-Traditional Student Luncheon: Financial Aid Workshop;** MUC 305
- 5 p.m.; **Wellness Class: Healthy Eating;** Foy Center
- 6 p.m.-7 p.m.; **Black History Month Speaker: Marc Lamont Hill;** Clement Auditorium
- 7 p.m.; **Marc Lamont Hill Book Signing;** Clement Auditorium

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Dancing for V-Day



Department of Women's Studies holds event to raise awareness of violence against women

» **By LINDA SAPP**

Staff Writer

The UC Plaza was hosting a celebration on Thursday, Feb. 14, but it wasn't for Valentine's Day.

The Women's Studies department held a V-Day dance to raise awareness for gender-based violence.

V-Day, which is a women's rights holiday that stands for victory, valentine and vagina, is a global movement to stop violence toward women and girls.

"One in three women will experience a sexual assault," said Jill Eichhorn, associate professor of women's studies and English. "Everyone will dance to address the rising number."

Zumba instructor Doris Dungey led women to dance, strike and rise.

In the plaza, various organizations set up booths, including the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, Psychology Club and Gay-Straight Alliance.

The booths were busy selling various baked goods and buttons to raise money for charities that assist assaulted women.

"Today's the day to make a change," said Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance member Tabitha Gunn.

The movement to end violence against women and girls helped playwright Eve Ensler produce the award-winning play "The Vagina Monologues."

V-Day began in 1998 and grew out of the "Monologues." Activism springing from this play has focused on racism, poverty, slavery, colonialism and war, among other topics. The "Monologues" demonstrate how these oppressive factors produce an endless cycle of violence and disempowerment.

"When women are empowered, communities are healthier," Eichhorn said.

Eichhorn now teaches a course in which the students take part and perform in APSU's production of the performance.

This year's "Monologues" will be presented on campus Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, March 27.

According to Eichhorn, the V-Day dance event and funds collected from "The Vagina Monologues" have helped APSU raise \$15,000 since 2002, which has been donated to safe houses, legal services and shelters.



Top: Participants dance in the UC Plaza as part of Women's Studies V-Day event. Above: Graduate student Jaylene Owen sells handmade wood roses to help raise funds to prevent violence against women. **LAURA PRASEUTKOUN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Back at the plaza, the crowd grew as the noon hour approached. With dance as a major part of the event, staff, faculty and students stood equally in their approach to a serious problem.

Eichhorn also said the number of female sexual assault victims is now at one billion throughout the world.

"This is interesting, I didn't know it was one billion until today," said student Kristin Jefferson. "I'm thinking about (doing) the 'Vagina Monologues' now."

The event was intended as a positive way to celebrate victories for women's rights, as well as an educational forum which catered to students unaware of rape and assault statistics.

The event focused on violence against women in post-Katrina New Orleans disaster areas, as well as war-ravished and devastated areas such as Rwanda and Haiti. To further emphasize the point that sexual crimes are not merely a foreign problem, Eichhorn said someone in the United States is sexually assaulted every two minutes.

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2013 marked the 15th anniversary of V-Day.

To learn how to get involved and stay connected with V-Day, visit vday.org.

For more information on APSU's upcoming production of "The Vagina Monologues," go to apsu.edu/womens-gender-studies. **TAS**

Gateway Chamber Orchestra garners praise

» **CONOR SCRUTON AND SABRINA HAMILTON**

Features Editor and Guest Writer

The Clarksville-based Gateway Chamber Orchestra experienced a whirlwind ride last week after helping Blanton Alspaugh win a Grammy for "Classical Producer of the Year" with their second studio album, "Chamber Symphonies."

With 2013's nomination being only one of his seven, Alspaugh credited the GCO, and said the records he produces are "only as successful as the quality of the recordings."

Gregory Wolyneec, the orchestra's conductor, voiced his pride in the orchestra's recent achievements.

"There is no substitute for the publicity of being on that list," Wolyneec said of the GCO being included in the body of work Alspaugh submitted for the Grammy award.

Only in their third subscription season, the GCO boasts two Grammy nominations, one of them a win, as well as multiple positive reviews from *American Record Guide* and an upcoming feature in classical music magazine *Fanfare*. The GCO is composed of APSU professors, freelance musicians and Nashville Symphony

members and strives to produce music that shatters the stuffy aura of traditional classical music and refute the statement that "those who can't, teach," according to Wolyneec.

"We have a niche, so to speak," Wolyneec said, adding that the group tries to play more than the normal classical repertoire while still performing "amazing works of art."

The GCO plays five concerts per year of varying styles and instrumentations. In addition to an annual woodwind-focused concert, the 2012-2013 season has seen the GCO perform a show of primarily string pieces.

As well as playing many classical symphonies, the GCO has shown a taste for performing absurdist pieces, such as their Halloween-season rendition of H. K. Gruber's "Frankenstein!!" which used a full video presentation and unconventional instruments to set a spooky scene. In the same mindset of playing underperformed music, the GCO's winning record "Chamber Symphonies" is meant to be a collection of "overlooked treasures."

The Grammy was awarded a mere 24 hours before the orchestra played its first concert of 2013, "Heavenly Strings," which featured Nashville Symphony cellist

“The players may be university faculty members ... but in every way these are topnotch, professional performances ...”

— **Jerry Dubins, *Fanfare Magazine* critic**



The GCO's album "Chamber Symphonies" earned praise from classical music magazines. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Michael Samis and was met with acclaim by *Leaf Chronicle* reporter Karen Parr-Moody.

"I was amazed," Parr-Moody said in her review of the concert. The GCO's praise extends beyond Clarksville, though.

"The players may be university faculty members augmented by practicing musicians from the outside community," said *Fanfare Magazine* critic Jerry Dubins, "but in every way these are topnotch, professional performances that match or outclass the competition."

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by Linda Thistle

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by Japheth Light

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APSU basketball teams demolish SIU Cougars

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The Govs and Lady Govs were in action on Saturday, Feb. 16, against the SIU-Edwardsville Cougars in a double header. The Lady Govs were first to take on the Lady Cougars and the Lady Govs were looking to end a three game losing streak and get another OVC win.

The Lady Govs and Lady Cougars traded baskets in the early minutes of the game, but just under the 13 minute-mark, the Lady Govs began to pull away and did not relinquish the lead for the rest of the first half.

The Lady Govs applied continuous pressure on the Lady Cougars, forcing 15 turnovers in the first half and making clutch shots as well. The Lady Govs were making almost 50 percent of their shots and from three-point land as well.

The first half shooting attack for the Lady Govs was led by Tiasha Gray with eight first-half points and Meghan Bussabarger with 13. The Lady Cougars had no answer for the Lady Govs' offensive and defensive attack in the first half, so the Lady Govs took a commanding 36-22 lead into halftime.

The overall attack on the Lady Cougars did not cease in the second half. The Lady Govs kept pressure on the Lady Cougars. The Lady Govs managed to push their lead up to 20 before the Lady Cougars went to full court press and caused turnovers.

Along with the turnovers, the Lady Govs went on a cold shooting streak for almost six minutes, and in that time the Lady Cougars clawed back to within 10 and even cut the lead to single

digits at one point. Just as the Lady Cougars might have had a feeling of hope, the Lady Govs pulled away once again by getting past the Lady Cougars' pressure defense and with good shooting by Gray and Bussabager, who led in scoring with 15 and 26 points.

The Lady Govs fended off the Lady Cougars to get a much-needed win and their second OVC victory of the season with a score of 67-53.

The Govs were looking to get two victories in a row against the Cougars, coming off a victory against Eastern Illinois on Thursday, Feb. 14. The Govs jumped on early and kept their foot on the gas. Just under the 11 minute-mark, the Govs were already up by 22.

Over 50 percent of the shots from the field and behind the arch made their presence on the score board, the Govs seemed to do no wrong in the first half.

The Edwardsville natives Anthony Campbell and Will Triggs showed out for their homecoming with a combined total of 18 points, seven rebounds, one assist and one steal in the first half.

The Govs' biggest lead was 22 in the first half, and they took a 16 point lead into halftime. The Govs jumped all over the Cougars in the second half, pushing the lead to 24 in the early minutes.

The Cougars cut the lead down, but a full comeback was shut down by the Govs' defense, led by Chris Horton, who broke APSU's block record by getting seven blocks in the game, only needing six to break the record. The Govs coasted into a second straight victory and their third OVC victory with a final score of 83-71. *TAS*

Bat Govs start season with win



Above: Dylan Riner, outfielder, cracks the ball with this bat during the Saturday, Feb. 16, game. Left: Pitcher Tyler Rogers pitches the ball to an Iowa State batter. **JOSH VAUGHN| PHOTO EDITOR**

APSU baseball wins in season opener series against Iowa State

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Opening weekend finally arrived for the APSU Governors baseball team from Friday, Feb. 15 to Sunday, Feb. 17 at Raymond C. Hand Park, with the Govs winning two out of three games of the series against the Iowa Hawkeyes.

The Govs picked up where they left off last season as Ohio Valley Conference champions by defeating the Hawkeyes 4-2 in the season opener Friday, Feb. 15.

Lee Ridenhour, a junior transfer from Kansas, made his debut on the mound by going seven innings, allowing just one run on one hit and striking out seven batters. Coming on in relief to seal the deal for the Govs late in the game were Kacy Kemmer and Tyler Rogers. Following the game, head coach Gary McClure was very pleased with his pitching staff's opening day performance.

"I thought our pitching was very good," McClure said. "Lee did an outstanding job getting us started. He was really in total command of the game. We got him out of there at 100 pitches, which was what we'd

said we were going to do. Kacy Kimmer came in and threw strikes, and Tyler came in and closed it down."

Leading the way offensively for APSU was catcher P.J. Torres, who went 3-3, including his first career triple.

"P.J. caught a very good game, which is his first job, but he also had a great approach at the plate," McClure said. "He got pitches up that he could handle and hit, laid off the tough pitches, and had a great game offensively."

Game two of the series on Saturday, Feb. 16, was a setback for the home team, as Iowa bounced back with a 13-1 victory. Hawkeye catcher Dan Sheppard led the way with four RBIs. The Govs could not keep pace with the bats and made many mistakes in the field that cost them.

"We just didn't do a lot of the little parts of the game you got to do to win," McClure said. "We gave them a lot of runs today and beat ourselves as well. I'm not saying that they didn't deserve to win because they did. But we also beat ourselves in the manner of giving them more runs than they should have had."

With the series tied at one win apiece,

APSU came in with more emotion in the rubber game and came out on top 6-1. A.J. Gaura made his debut on the hill for the Govs, allowing only one run in six and 1/3 innings, including seven strikeouts.

The Govs also hit their first homerun of the year as senior Reed Harper went deep in the second inning. To add on to the offensive production, Dylan Riner went 3-3 with a double in the fifth to help the Govs come out on top and regain the momentum as the season continues.

"I thought it was a big win today," McClure said after the win on Sunday, Feb. 17. "It's early, but you kind of have those days where you feel like it's kind of a must win for your club to give them confidence or get them over the hump. I felt like these guys needed to prove to everybody and especially themselves that they could come back from what happened yesterday and be the kind of team to bounce back and play really well, and they did that."

APSU traveled to Middle Tennessee State University on Tuesday, Feb. 19 for the first road game of the season before opening another three game home stand on Friday, Feb. 22 against Illinois State. *TAS*

SCHEDULE

UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20
Tennis - 2 p.m.
versus MTSU

FRIDAY, FEB. 22
Track and Field - All Day
at OVC Indoor Championships

Tennis (W) - 12 p.m.
at Southern Illinois

Baseball - 3 p.m.
versus Illinois State

SATURDAY, FEB. 23
Tennis (M) - 10:30 p.m.
versus Southern Indiana

Baseball - 1 p.m.
versus Illinois State

Tennis (W) - 2:30 p.m.
versus Southern Indiana

Basketball (M) - 3 p.m.
at Liberty

Basketball (W) - 3 p.m.
at Eastern Kentucky

SUNDAY, FEB. 24
Baseball - 1 p.m.
Illinois State

TUESDAY, FEB. 26
Softball - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
versus Alabama A&M

Baseball - 3 p.m.
versus Southern Illinois



WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27
Baseball - 3 p.m.
versus Indiana State

Basketball (W) - 7 p.m.
versus Belmont

THURSDAY, FEB. 28
Basketball (M) - 7 p.m.
versus Southeast Missouri

FRIDAY, MARCH. 1
Track and Field - All Day
at Alex Wilson Invitational

Golf (M) - TBA
versus Dayton

Tennis (M) - 2 p.m.
at Kennesaw State

Baseball - 3 p.m.
versus Michigan State

SATURDAY, MARCH 2
Baseball - 1 p.m.
versus Michigan State

Softball - 3 p.m.
at Cleveland State

Softball - 5 p.m.
at IU/PUI

Basketball (W) - 5:15 p.m.
versus UT Martin

Basketball (M) - 7:30 p.m.
versus UT Martin

OVC STANDINGS

OVC STANDINGS MEN'S BASKETBALL

	East		West	
	Overall	OVC	Overall	OVC
Belmont	11-2	20-6		
Eastern Kentucky	10-3	21-6		
Tennessee State	9-4	15-11		
Morehead State	7-6	13-14		
Jacksonville State	7-7	15-10		
Tennessee Tech	3-10	9-16		
	West			
Murray State	9-4	18-7		
Southeast Missouri	6-7	14-13		
SIUE	5-8	9-14		
Eastern Illinois	5-9	8-19		
UT Martin	4-9	7-18		
Austin Peay	3-10	7-20		

OVC STANDINGS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	East		West	
	Overall	OVC	Overall	OVC
Tennessee Tech	9-3	15-10		
Eastern Kentucky	9-3	15-8		
Belmont	9-4	15-11		
Tennessee State	7-5	11-12		
Morehead State	4-8	8-18		
Jacksonville State	0-13	0-25		
	West			
Eastern Illinois	10-2	17-8		
Murray State	7-5	15-9		
UT Martin	7-5	12-14		
SIUE	6-7	12-13		
Southeast Missouri	4-9	10-16		
Austin Peay	2-10	7-17		