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Race in Greek life



Greek Row features town homes that house members of APSU's fraternities and sororities. **ARIANA JELSON** | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Students discuss the lack of minority students in Greek organizations

» **By LAUREN COTTLE**
Staff Writer

Race is an ongoing topic in America, whether in education, employment or poverty. Because it is sensitive subject matter, much debate is used to approach the topic of racial status in Greek life across the U.S.

"I don't think it's necessarily a problem at our school," said Trevor Brand, junior Health and Human Performance major and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Both Brand and Dominic Shannon, sophomore biology major and member of Kappa Alpha Order, said APSU Greek life is "more accepting" compared to other schools, such as the University of Alabama.

Earlier this year, Alabama's newspaper, *The Crimson White*, suggested two black females were

rejected from joining an all-white sorority on the basis of their race.

This event coincided with the university celebrating 50 years of desegregation.

According to David Person of *USA Today*, Judy Bonner, the university president, stepped in to promote racial diversity in Greek life.

Person said traditionally all-white fraternities and sororities at the school have shown little progress since their desegregation in the late 1960s.

Matthew Hughey conducted a racial demographic study of Alabama's fraternities and sororities since the university does not keep these records.

His estimate of the average of non-white members in Greek organizations was 3.8 percent.

APSU's office of Fraternity and

Sorority Affairs does not keep records of the specific racial demographics of its Greek organizations either.

However, Brianna Lombardozzi, former Greek Life Coordinator, said, "APSU has an extremely diverse fraternity and sorority community ... this is something the community prides itself on."

According to Shannon, fraternities are "outreaching toward minorities," but they also have specific ideas as to what sort of character they are looking for in members, regardless of race.

Shannon said, "Diversity is growing as a whole for the student body," so he expects diversity to also increase the minority representation in Greek life.

"I understand why certain minorities would not want to join specific fraternities," Shannon added.

Brand said, "[Interfraternity

Council] fraternities are traditionally white," and many people from other races "won't be interested in it from the beginning. Culturally, black people hang out with black people," Brand said.

Brand said he thinks minority representation in APSU Greek life is "getting better," but also, "it needs to improve a lot."

Tessa Hall, freshman undeclared major and member of Alpha Delta Pi, said fraternities and sororities "are legitimately trying to get diversity," but many people of non-white races are not interested.

Hall said in her experience the "traditional, little white sorority girl is what you see at recruitment." Hall said she thinks it is "not the sororities' fault they can't get diversity"

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Upgrade coming for D2L

» **By DAVID HARRIS**
Staff Writer

The Extended and Distance Education department will be upgrading D2L, the online component for APSU courses, from Friday, Dec. 27 to Monday, Dec. 30.

During this time, D2L will be offline. According to Bill Persinger, executive director of Public Relations and Marketing, students taking courses during the winter term will be impacted by the upgrade.

"During the transition, students will need to use their APSU email to contact instructors," Persinger said.

Executive Director of Extended and Distance Education, Dana Willet, and Director of Distance Education, Louanne Bergman, have been alerting the campus to the upcoming change.

"The Distance Education team is working diligently with our partners and the campus community to make the upgrade smooth and successful," Bergman said. "The upgraded version of D2L has many new features that will make it more user-friendly. We believe that the faculty, staff and students will be greatly pleased with the changes they will see with this new version."

On Monday, Nov. 11, and Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Extended and Distance Education department held a virtual session where professors could view the new features. According to Instructional Technologist Robert Wilson, the majority of changes to D2L are in the content area. Students can take a sneak peek at sessions available on campus by signing up on the APSU website.

Anderson said while the updated version of D2L will be more mobile-

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Greek Coordinator leaves for new job

» **By PHILLIP SWANSON**
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Recently, Brianna Lombardozzi, the former Greek life coordinator at APSU, took a position at Clemson University as an associate director of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

While at APSU, Lombardozzi helped Greek chapters at APSU grow significantly.

"Many new chapters [were] colonized or re-recognized under my assistance," Lombardozzi said. The new chapters and colonies created at APSU under Lombardozzi include Kappa Alpha Order, FIJI and Alpha Gamma Delta.

APSU also re-recognized Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma during her tenure.

In the spring 2014, according to Lombardozzi, Pi Kappa Alpha will re-colonize and in fall 2014 the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority will colonize.

"This position was an amazing entry-level job, and I had the opportunity to learn a considerable amount while I was at APSU," Lombardozzi said. "But typically, for those in their first entry-level job, you stay at a job for two to three years or so."

Lombardozzi said since she had taken the position in 2009, it was natural to start looking for new work that would challenge her in different ways.

Lombardozzi said she had some of her best experiences while at APSU.

"Over my four years at APSU, I worked with the most amazing students," Lombardozzi said. "I can confidently say that APSU fraternity and sorority members are by far the best of the best."

Lombardozzi said her time at APSU was a rewarding professional experience.

"All of Greek life is really happy for [Lombardozzi] and glad she could contribute so much to APSU," said Alicia de Jesus, a junior and member of Chi Omega.

A search to fill the vacant Greek life coordinator position began recently and has been narrowed down to a few select candidates.

Dean of Students Greg Singleton said the process began by advertising the position on a national website called *higheredjobs.com* and in *The Leaf-Chronicle* newspaper.

"After a two week advertisement of

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On Saturday, Nov. 16, students, faculty and administrators gathered to witness the beginning of the demolition of Governors Stadium. **MEAGHAN MALONE** | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Govs Stadium begins demolition process

» **By MYRANDA HARRISON**
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Saturday, Nov. 16, after APSU's last football game of the season, players and fans witnessed the first step of demolition of Governors Stadium.

While the players walked off the field, the band marched onto the field to play as the ceremony was being set up.

The demolition ceremony celebrated the old stadium and began the process toward the new stadium.

APSU President Tim Hall and construction workers were present for the ceremony.

Bill Persinger, the executive director of Public Relations and Marketing,

said APSU was well-overdue for a new stadium and, as an important facility on campus, improvements need to be made.

Recent APSU graduate Philip Sparr arrived to celebrate and was given the first swing of the sledgehammer. Sparr studied corporate communications at APSU and currently serves as a sports reporter for *ESPN Clarksville*.

According to Assistant Director of Communications Charles Booth, the real demolition is to begin on the north end of the stadium near the Tennis Center.

The demolition and the construction process will affect parking for students. Summer Street, between the Foy

parking lot and the stadium, is closed permanently.

Rebecca Nanney, a senior and communications major at APSU said, "We are already seeing the side effects of the new stadium," and parking may not get better for students.

Melissa Lomax, a communications major, said she appreciated the chance for students to be involved in the demolition.

"APSU students had a chance to be a part of the process, making it personal, and I appreciate being a part of the stadium reconstruction," Lomax said. "This stadium represents a new generation of students, which will allow continued growth at APSU." **TAS**

Race

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At APSU, 66 percent of students are white, 19.5 percent are black, 5.4 percent are Hispanic and 4.3 percent are multi-racial.

Erica Spiva, sophomore music major and member of Alpha Delta Pi, said the sorority demographics are “worse than campus demographics,” having more white members on average. Spiva also said “this is the same for most sororities at other schools.”

Many universities across the U.S. are dealing with the issue of racial demographics in their Greek organizations. According to the *Duke Chronicle*, Duke University in North Carolina has social segregation despite its ethnic diversity on paper.

Duke sophomore Shirin Neyzi said, “It’s Greek life that perpetuates segregation, but it’s people’s mentalities that push them to do what they want to do. If people wanted to, they would find a way to get away from segregating themselves.”

Ryan Honea, freshman

philosophy major and member of Kappa Alpha Order said minority status is “less of a university problem” and more of a “discrimination among people who want to join” the traditionally white fraternities or sororities.

Honea said it is natural for black students to join predominately black fraternities rather than fraternities that are traditionally white.

“It’s getting better,” Honea said, “but paying too much attention to it will make it worse.”

Freshman communications major Annie Hall said, “I know people of several different races in Alpha Tau Omega” and members have “an unprejudiced relationship.”

Hall said racial issues have become “a thing of the past,” and this is “positively reflected by the unity of fraternities.” Hall said she also thinks paying attention to demographics would have a negative effect on Greek life.

“The whole point of racial equality is that there’s not a difference between anyone,” Hall said. *TAS*

Coordinator

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the position, applicants [were] reviewed by myself and a select group of candidates [were] selected for phone interviews,” Singleton said.

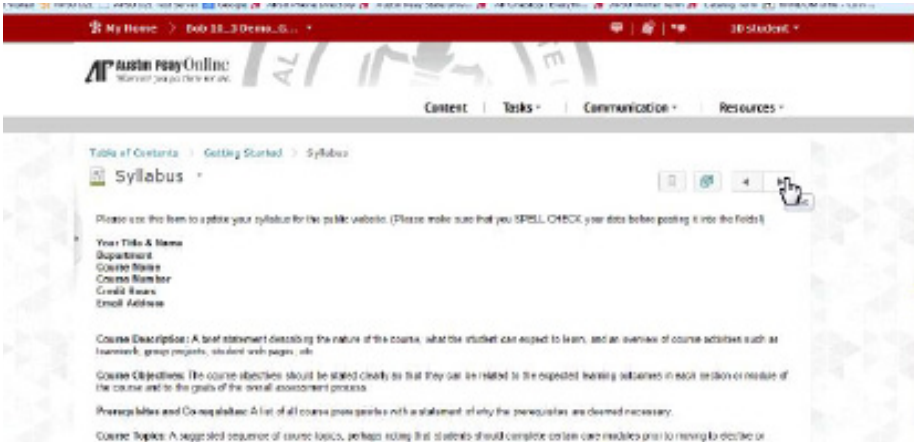
The phone interviews were held on Friday, Nov. 8, and a few applicants were invited to campus for interviews.

Singleton said APSU needs a coordinator who is not afraid to step outside of the box.

“I want someone who is going to be a team player and work closely with faculty, staff and fraternity and sorority volunteers: someone who is innovative, creative ... someone who is going to be focused on both student and organizational success,” Singleton said.

According to Singleton, the process should be finished by Friday, Dec. 13.

“The finalists have already been identified and have been invited to campus,” Singleton said. “On-campus interviews will take place on Monday, Dec. 9 and Tuesday, Dec. 10.” *TAS*



The new D2L “content” section has been changed to be more user-friendly. SCREENCAP

D2L

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friendly, it is still not “100 percent mobile compatible.”

One major change to the interface, Anderson said, is a simplified navigational system.

Instead of a slew of links across the top of the screen such as “content,” “dropbox” and “class list,” the links will be consolidated into several drop-down menus. The “content” tab has been reworked to where students or professors can flip through pages of information quickly and have consistent links to save or print materials.

“I like the current D2L,” said senior English major Julie Upshur. “It’s basic and functional, and I can always find what I need.”

Theresa Walton, a sophomore communications major, said she likes being able to check her grades on D2L.

“I would like it if all teachers would use D2L,” Walton said, “or at least the same program so students could find information easier.”

Justin Hasty, a junior history education major, said he is looking forward to the upgrade.

“I have a lot of hopes for it,” Hasty said. “I hope that they change all the things that have been crashing and causing it to just go down all the time.” *TAS*

Violent storms sweep across Midwest, killing 8

» ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, Ill. — As a powerful tornado bore down on their Illinois farmhouse, Curt Zehr’s wife and adult son didn’t have time to do anything but scramble into their basement.

Uninjured, the pair looked out moments later to find the house gone. Their home on the outskirts of Washington, Ill., was destroyed Sunday, Nov. 17 by one of the dozens of tornadoes and intense thunderstorms that swept across the Midwest in a swift-moving line of violent weather that killed

at least eight people and unleashed powerful winds that flattened entire neighborhoods, flipped over cars and uprooted trees.

“They saw (the tornado) right there and got in the basement,” said a stunned Zehr, pointing to the farm field near the rubble that had been his home.

Washington Mayor Gary Manier estimated that 250 to 500 homes had been damaged or destroyed. It wasn’t clear when residents would be allowed to return.

“Everybody’s without power, but some people are without everything,” Manier told reporters

in the parking lot of a destroyed auto parts store and near a row of flattened homes.

“How people survived is beyond me,” he said.

The unusually powerful late-season wave of thunderstorms brought damaging winds and tornadoes to 12 states: Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and western New York.

Illinois was the hardest hit, with at least six people killed and dozens more injured. Authorities

said Monday that two other deaths occurred in Michigan.

The six people who died in Illinois included an 80-year-old man and his 78-year-old sister who were killed by a twister that hit their farmhouse near the rural community of New Minden.

A third person died in Washington, while three others perished in Massac County in the far southern part of the state, authorities said.

One of the Massac County victims was identified as 63-year-old Scholitta Burrus of Brookport, Ill. *TAS*

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.

- 6:46 p.m.; Nov. 13; Woodward Library; theft of property
- 6:50 p.m.; Nov. 12; Foy Fitness Center; theft of property
- 7:23 p.m.; Nov. 9; Foy Fitness Center parking lot; burglary
- 7:48 p.m.; Nov. 9; Foy Fitness Center parking lot; burglary

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Pageantry can have a bad effect on kids



CHRISTY WALKER | CARTOONIST

» **By DANIELLE BOOKER**
Staff Writer

Expensive dresses, bratty children in tiaras and parents hungry for a win. Has America gone too far in entertainment and competition? Pageantry has become the equivalent to the hunger games in America: There can be only one winner, leaving those not-so-fortunate feeling as though they are not enough physically or mentally in the eyes of onlookers.

“I think pageants are not right, and they are a way for parents to live through their kids,” said Nicki Carson, freshman and education major. The attention we as Americans, as well as the world, place on good looks is a sickening habit we should look into.

When did being beautiful become more desirable than being intelligent? Not only are these “beautiful” children put on a pedestal for being physically attractive, they are also presented as being spoiled and rude to their parents by many television shows.

When I was a child, respecting your parents was not a decision you could make; parents demanded a level of respect that taught us in the future how to treat anyone we might meet.

Respecting our parents taught us how to treat our bosses and how to conduct ourselves in an interview.

If you buy something for your child, even though he or she isn't well behaved, then they will feel they don't need to earn what they have.

In accordance with this, spoiling today's children has caused us to

see a rise in the amount of children who would rather party and drink in order to have fun.

“It teaches our young kids how to be stuck up, rude and disrespectful,” said freshman and security major Stephan Hellmann. “It's an unnecessary waste of our time, money and efforts. Think of all the money that has been spent on pageantry. Think of what all it could have been used for in helping people in need. It's a total waste and a total disgrace.” Beauty pageants started in 1921 when the owner of an Atlanta hotel struck upon the idea to help boost tourism. Today, the average total cost of participating in a single competition is \$3000 to \$5000, according to Martina Cartwright, professor at the University of Arizona. Pageants morphed into the most grotesque competition known to society. It seems to me we blame society when we are society. If we, as a nation, did not condone the actions we apparently do not approve of, then fewer people would take part in them.

It seems as though the only way to bring about change you want to see is to be an example to the people around you.

Children are supposed to be outside playing and creating memories that will last a lifetime and building imaginations no one can take from them

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Children will one day be the work force of the world. If we continue to treat them as our play things, we will live in a world full of people who only care about themselves. Pageants are merely a public display of how poorly we treat our children.

If one day we hope to live in a world we are proud to live in, then we must first nurture the children who will grow up to make it amazing. **TAS**

Too much Lady Gaga saturates the music market

» **CHRIS TALBOTT**
Associated Press

There's just one way to escape the blitz surrounding Lady Gaga's new album: completely unplug from society.

To kick off the release of her new album, “Artpop,” this week, the entertainer, never known for understatement, has been omnipresent. She began with a huge release party Sunday where she debuted Volantis, billed as the “world's first flying dress.” She floated about 6 feet above the floor before performing at the event, streamed live on Vevo.

The next day, she opened pop-up “Artpop” stores in New York and Los Angeles, where Gaga-related merchandise was sold, and she was one of the main honorees at Glamour's Women of the Year ceremony. On Wednesday, she was due to appear at the opening of an H&M store in New York's Times Square.

She's scheduled to tackle hosting and performance duties on NBC's “Saturday Night Live,” and she redesigned the Life section logo of USA Today in her image — the first time the newspaper has had a celebrity do so. The newspaper also featured an interview with the superstar. And a concert special with Ryan Seacrest is set to air on the CW Network next week.

Gaga's publicity push leading up to the debut of “Artpop” could be described much like the singer herself — eye-catching, unique, daring and, of course, over the top. It comes amid mixed reviews for the album, the departure of her longtime manager and questions about whether Gaga-mania might be on the wane outside her core

Little Monsters. The album's first single, “Applause,” remains a top 10 hit, but was considered a bit of an underperformer compared with her previous hits.

Bill Werde, Billboard's editorial director, thinks folks wondering if the 27-year-old is approaching her expiration date are missing the point.

“She's presenting an artistic view of pop music that's a lot more challenging than anything else that's even approaching the top of our charts now. She is risking her top success for the sake of art, and I think a lot of people don't get that,” Werde said after viewing Sunday's show online.

“You have to really appreciate how conservative most pop fans are in the world. They don't necessarily want their music dipped in art. They don't want to see pop stars come out for a performance wearing a terrifying scarecrow mask,” he added.

It's what we've come to expect from Gaga, however. Her career has been as much about performance art as music.

After all, this is the woman who has paraded around in a dress made of meat, assumed a male alter-ego for an awards show, arrived at another in an egg and stripped naked onstage in Europe last month.

“She's definitely one of the most iconic artists that we have on the planet,” said hitmaker David Guetta, who worked with Gaga on her new album.

“I like the way that she works because she's just an artist. I don't see her as belonging to one school. She's just art. Even though it's pop music and it can some time have emotional (aspects), pop can

also be very commercial. And I like the way that she's doing pop in a very artistic way.” Some have questioned how much her approach resonates these days, especially when Miley Cyrus draws weeks of headlines by twerking onstage at the MTV Video Music Awards. Gaga's performance at that show barely rated a blip at the water cooler the next morning.

Gaga's supporters, though, warn against viewing her in the short term.

They believe she's built something more durable. Kid Kelly, SiriusXM's vice president of music programming, hosted an interview session with Gaga last week that drew an eclectic crowd that ranged from pre-teen to middle age.

“She has a vision for what she does as an artist, but not necessarily like you're on the assembly line of creating formulaic hits,” Kelly said. “She's a genius, the way she presents, the way she acts, the way she's thinking constantly about innovating and re-innovating herself, the way she is very, very forward thinking. She understands her audience I think better than most people give her credit for.”

“Artpop” is Gaga's fourth full-length album, and comes after a forced hiatus. A hip injury sidelined her and forced her to cancel her tour last year. In a brief interview before her Sunday performance, Gaga said that time off gave her some perspective.

“You know what I realized? That I don't need to reinvent myself. What I realized is that in your lifetime, if you have one really great idea, run with it. And run all the way to outer space if you can,” she said. “If you believe in yourself and you work hard, rehearse and have discipline, these ideas could take us to the moon.” **TAS**

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by Linda Thistle

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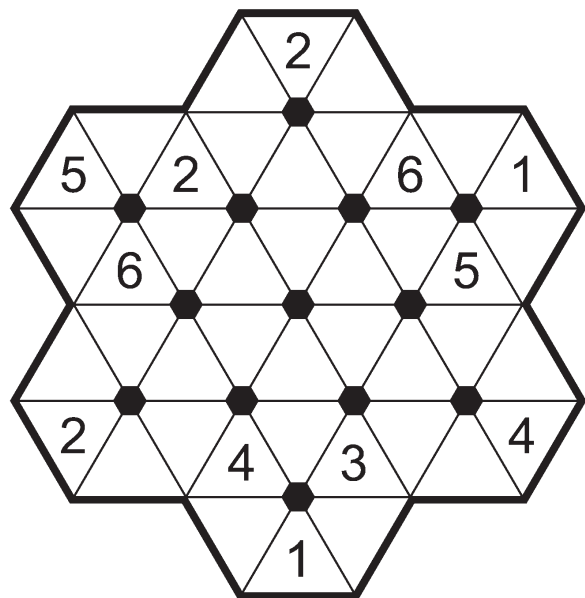
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by Japheth Light

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Super Crossword

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15 Sport of
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19 Sacred vow
20 All by
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Caesar's last
words
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30 Scottish kid
31 Riddle, part 2
35 Inebriate
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39 Recounts
40 Hosp. test in
a large tube
41 Three, to
Aldo
42 Pacific
yellowfin tuna
45 Bar on "The
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46 Riddle, part 3
54 Like most
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of I-79
88 Riddle, part 5
94 "Would —
to You?"
(1985 hit
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95 Implore
96 Prince —
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**"Must be for you — it's addressed to
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Up in Smoke

Skiping class can cost more than you realize

» **By PAYDEN HALL**
Staff Writer

A boring lecture is not the only reason a student might fail to show up for class.

On blustery November mornings, few students want to leave their warm beds to attend 8 a.m. classes.

Perhaps they stayed out too late the night before, or maybe they'll use the time to study for a test in a different class later that day.

Some students attend class with diligence. "I don't skip classes if I can help it," said junior Kaitlyn Williams. "Only if it's for something important, like a doctor's appointment."

Whereas, others do not. "I'd skip class on a stressful day," said freshman Eden Cohen.

However, an interesting incentive to attend class appears when the amount of tuition is narrowed down to how much APSU students pay per class.

For the in-state student taking a full-time load, tuition amounts to \$3,438.

If a student skips a three-credit-hour class scheduled for twice a week, skipping class each time is the equivalent of spending \$23 and gaining nothing. This could buy up to four meals for every class unattended, using an average of \$5.50 per meal.

"Twenty-three dollars definitely

makes me more likely to attend my 8 a.m. classes," said junior Benji Powell.

The question whether to skip class after knowing how much money is wasted is different when it comes to students on scholarship.

"If I don't feel well or I am really tired, I don't go to class," said theatre major Lauren Proctor. "If it was my money, it would definitely make a difference in whether or not I would go."

At \$10,044, tuition costs

“Twenty-three dollars definitely makes me more likely to attend my 8 a.m. classes.”
— Benji Powell, junior

substantially more for an out-of-state student taking a 12-hour course load. If a student from out of state skips once a week, he or she would be losing \$83 worth of instruction each time. To put it in perspective, that is comparable to purchasing over 20 gallons of gas for every class a student decides to skip. "Of course I'd go to class. I'd be missing a great deal," said

Jacob Jones from New Hampshire after being informed of this.

Another incentive is obtaining the degree itself. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, people ages 25 to 34 with a bachelor's degree earned 50 percent more than those without high school diplomas.

However, getting their money's worth should not be the sole motive for students to attend classes. "My professor includes additional information to the slides that she posts online after the class," said student Kristen Holder.

Class discussion, detailed explanation of significant concepts, good grades and enhanced retention of class material are all benefits of regular attendance.

"If a student repetitively skips a class, they become an FA, which means 'failure to attend,'" said financial aid worker, Andrew Robinson. "If it becomes serious enough, a student can eventually lose portions of their Pell Grant or their lottery scholarships."

At the end of the day, it depends solely on if students want to learn as much as they spend.

In the words of professor Matt Kenney, "Just one class can set you back. Short-term decisions have long-term consequences." *TAS*

Military relationships in college:

APSU students talk about love and long-distance relationships

» **By MIRANDA BRITT**
Guest Writer

Kenzie Martin, a junior at APSU, is dating a Marine who lives in North Carolina, and they have spent most of their relationship separated.

"It is easy to put off doing homework in order to talk or Skype with your significant other, but it is crucial to make sure school is your number one priority."

Martin said, "No matter how hard the distance is for me to deal with at times, he never gets frustrated with me."

Not only does Martin experience separation anxiety

due to her Marine's station, but also due to his deployment to Okinawa for seven months.

However, Martin said she doesn't let her relationship get in the way of being successful in school. She also believes the support they give each other is one of the things that make them work as a couple.

Being a college student can come with its own stresses of maintaining a good GPA, attending classes and any extracurriculars added to the mix.

However, for many students at, those worries only scratch the surface.

Having the added anxiety

of wondering if your loved one is alive or dead can cause students to not do as well in school.

For some APSU students, that anxiety is very real because they are married to, engaged to or dating someone in the military.

How these students overcome the challenges of military life may make or break their ambitions to do well in school.

Lowell G. Roddy of Student Counseling and Health Services, who was an Army chaplain for 25 years, experienced firsthand the amount of effort



Featured is couple Sarah Morrison and Logan Morrison, who have been married for three years. Sarah Morrison is a senior at APSU, expected to graduate in December 2013. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

EVENTS

Wednesday,
Nov. 20

HCC Spanish
Game Night
4:30 to 5:30
p.m.,
MUC 213

URec Nutrition
for Life
5 to 6 p.m., Foy
Center

Thursday, Nov.
21

ANTSC
Nontraditional
Luncheon
Noon to 1 p.m.,
MUC 312

ANTSC Adult
Café
5 to 6:30 p.m.,
MUC 112

GPC Open Mic
Night
6 to 8 p.m.,
Einstein Bros.
Bagels

Saturday, Nov.
23

URec 6th
Annual Burn
Out Boulderling
Competition
10 a.m., Foy
Center

Nov. 28-29

Thanksgiving
Break-
University
Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 3

SLE, JSZ
Leadership
Series: Dinner
with the
President 6
p.m., MUC
Ballroom A

Wednesday,
Dec. 4

Last Day of
Classes

Student
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Reception
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Lobby

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Featured are Kenzie Martin and Matt Bennett. Martin is a junior at APSU. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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required to be in a relationship with someone in the service. Roddy said one of the most difficult things students may encounter is stress while dating a service member who is in a combat deployment.

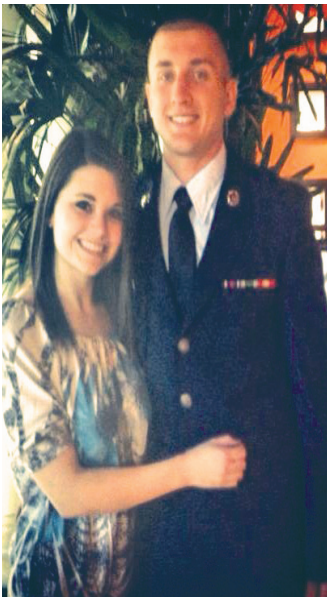
However, Roddy said there are things that can help students overcome separation and be successful.

“Successfully navigating a relationship with a soldier will require open communication, trust, common purpose, a growing sense of ‘oneness,’ mature expectations and a desire for both people to succeed,” Roddy said. “These are factors that most relationships require, but the complications of military life make these factors even more important.”

Sarah Morrison, a senior at APSU who lives in Virginia, has been married to a Navy corpsman for three years and will graduate this December.

To make school easier, Morrison said she decided to find a university that offered completely online programs, and APSU fit the bill.

According to Morrison, military life can be unpredictable at times, and you have to find what works for you.



Featured are Kristin Keeton and Andrew Fawley. Keeton is at APSU pursuing a nursing degree. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

“My best advice is to be patient,” Morrison said. “Things change all the time. Your significant other loves you, but they also have a duty that they signed up for. Roll with the punches and stay positive.”

Sophomore Kristin Keeton is dating an Airman while pursuing a nursing degree.

Keeton said she has

learned to manage stress by keeping busy with friends.

Keeton believes respect for each other and finding other military friends is key to making a successful relationship and college degree work.

“I’ve found lots of friends at APSU who date military guys,” Keeton said. “They are always great to talk to because they know how it feels. He knows nursing school is very important to me, and I know his job is very important to him.”

An advantage APSU students who date service members have over other college students is Clarksville’s military community.

In the military life many APSU students live, there will often be uncertainties, but it is how they deal with those problems that will determine the success or failure of college life, according to Morrison.

“Life has a lot of unknowns,” Morrison said, “but I know that the love that I share with someone is the most important thing. Also, having an education is important to me, and if it is important to you, then you will always be able to find a place to learn and grow no matter where you live.” **TAS**

‘Nunsense’ gives APSU laughter and a good time



The APSU Department of Theatre and Dance performed “Nunsense,” a Broadway musical comedy. Opening on Nov. 14, and performing until Nov. 24, this play was about a group of nuns in Southern France and their reactions to the news of the cook accidentally poisoning other convent residents. Directed and choreographed by Brian Vernon, chair of the theatre department, the cast included students Becky Bagley, Jamilia Hunter, Kaitlyn Williams, Kaitlynn Weller and Maggie Jackson. STEPHEN KEMP | PHOTO CREDIT

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Week 12 Fantasy Football, moves you need to make

»**COREY ADAMS**
Staff Writer

As NFL teams are trying to put themselves in playoff position, so are we fantasy football owners.

These final weeks are crucial and depending on your record, could be must-win situations. This means extra time should be spent doing research, paying close attention to injuries and bye weeks and harnessing some luck. Here is everything you need to know for Week 12:

Bye Weeks

In Week 12, there are four teams on byes: the Buffalo Bills, Cincinnati Bengals, Philadelphia Eagles and Seattle Seahawks. It could be a tough time finding players to fill in for key players, but continue reading for help with that.

Injuries to Watch

Pay attention to these injuries as the week progresses.

Aaron Rodgers (shoulder), Wes Welker (head), Jay Cutler (ankle), Darren McFadden (hamstring), Terrelle Pryor (knee), Greg Jennings (Achilles), Keenan Allen (knee), Emmanuel Sanders (foot), Jaiquie Bell (ankle), Jordan Reed (head)

Breakout Players to Add

Consider these players to fill-in for open spots in your lineup.

RB Bobby Rainey - Thirty carries, 163 yards and three total touchdowns. Rainey put up a league-leading 34 points on Sunday and will be this week's most popular add.

WR Michael Floyd - After being fairly consistent all season, Floyd racked up 193 yards and touchdown on 11 targets. He's owned in about 40 percent of leagues.

QB Carson Palmer - Do I think Palmer will have over 400 yards again this season? No, but after a 24-point performance in Week 11, he could be a solid starter if yours is on a bye week.

RB Donald Brown - Move over, Trent Richardson; the most

productive back in Indy right now is Brown, who had more points in Week 11 than Richardson has had in the last five games.

RB Rashad Jennings - As McFadden continues to sit, the stock of Jennings continues to rise. He had his second 20-or-more-point game of the season Sunday.

TE Garrett Graham - Graham was targeted 13 times by Case Keenum and put up 136 yards and a score. The Texans play the Jaguars in Week 12. I see another big game coming.

TE Delanie Walker - Can't get Graham? Go after Walker. Back-to-back games with double-digits.

Defenses to Get

Ravens - Baltimore plays the Jets in Week 12, with quarterback Geno Smith throwing three interceptions in his last game.

Giants - Look out, the Giants are on fire: Four straight games with 10 or more fantasy points.

Texans - Can't go wrong with whoever is playing the Jaguars, right? *TAS*

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with a 99-yard kickoff return touchdown.

"I kept telling coach to put me back there in practice and I'll make something happen," Perry said.

This gave the Gavs a 31-30 lead as SEMO missed the extra point on the previous touchdown.

But SEMO's Coleman turned the tide four minutes later with his fourth score, and following a failed two-point conver-

sion, the Redhawks held a 36-31 edge.

With the freshman running back duo of Coleman and Omar Williams, who finished with 108 yards on the ground, the Gavs led a nine-play drive to the 15-yard line. However, they were forced to settle for three points with a Dunlap field goal, narrowing the gap to two points.

Darryl Clack was the team's leading receiver with crucial catches down the stretch for 90 yards, while Antonio Turner paced the defense with seven total tackles. *TAS*



Running back Omar Williams runs the football during the Friday, Nov. 15 game against SEMO. It was the final home game of the season. MEAGHAN MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Govs lose 36-34 in final home game



A pass to wide receiver Darryl Clack was intercepted by a Redhawk's player. This was key moment in the game held Saturday, Nov. 16 because it prevented APSU from scoring. APSU lost by two points. MEAGHAN MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Just two points separated the Govs from earning the first victory of the season against Southeast Missouri in the final game on Saturday, Nov. 16, at Governors Stadium before renovations begin. Down 34-36 with one minute remaining, the APSU offense led a drive down field while converting twice on fourth down to cross midfield.

With no timeouts remaining, junior quarterback Andrew Spivey was sacked as the clock ticked down to zeros to lose in a heartbreaker.

Despite the loss, the Govs (0-11, 0-7) piled up 441 yards of total offense and punted just once. Head Coach Kirby Cannon said it was a good day all-around honoring legendary APSU players along with 20 seniors but also a tough one.

"There were some things we accomplished with probably more good than bad," Cannon said. "At some point the kids will demand a win to really finish the job. We wanted to come out here and play our best and really show respect to the players from past times. I think the kids took on that responsibility with great practices all week. I can't compliment them more than that."

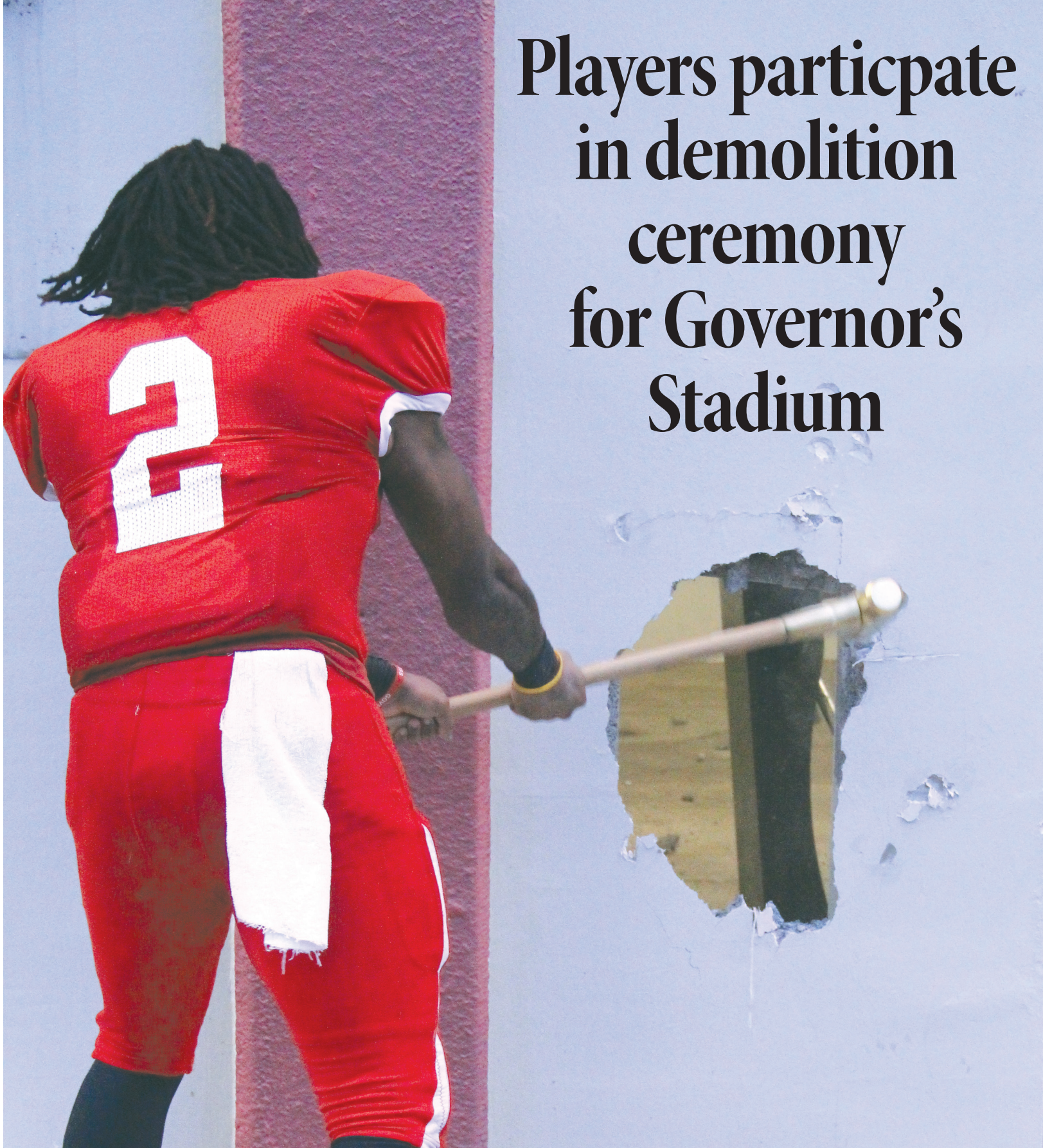
The Govs jumped out to a 7-0 lead on a 13-yard run by freshman Rashaan Coleman, which is the first lead APSU has had all season. SEMO (3-8, 2-5) answered with a touchdown, and following a 31-yard field goal by Chase Dunlap to give the Govs a 10-7 edge, the Redhawks scored the next 14 points to lead 21-10 at the half.

Coming out of the break, Coleman provided a huge boost out of the backfield by running for two touchdowns. With 109 yards and averaging almost seven yards a carry, he was definitely pleased with the blocking up front.

"I was fortunate to get in there and see what I could do. The offensive line made huge holes with the wide receivers on the outside blocking on the perimeter," Coleman said. "With that, it's impossible to fail, basically."

At the end of the third quarter, the score was knotted at 24. The bruising back from SEMO Ron Coleman broke that seal with his third score of the game, but was quickly topped by something that hasn't happened at APSU since 2009. The Redhawks kicked off to senior strong safety EnRiques Perry, who had not been used in the return game prior to last week's game against Tennessee State. Perry received the ball and found an opening down the home sideline to ignite the atmosphere

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Strong safety, EnRiques Perry takes a sledge hammer to one of the walls in Govs Stadium as part of the demolition ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 16. MEAGHAN MALON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Players participate in demolition ceremony for Governor's Stadium

Lady Govs let Red Wolves slip away

»JOSHUA STEPHENSON
Sports Editor

Three games into the women's college basketball season, APSU fans have learned that the freshman players who Head Coach Carrie Daniels has brought in could contribute big in the upcoming season.

Freshman April Rivers exploded onto the scene in the first game of the season against Western Kentucky scoring 16 points off the bench.

Rivers scored the most points by a freshman in a debut since Brooke Armistead in the 1999-2000 season.

After struggling to find her place on the floor in the first two games of the year, Tearra Banks posted the first double-double by a freshman against the Arkansas State Red Wolves Friday, Nov. 15 at the Dunn Center-14 points and 11 rebounds-since the 2007 season.

The Red Wolves, who are picked to finish third in the Sun Belt Conference, played hard defense early and often and caused the Lady Govs' 23 turnovers.

APSU had only committed 26 turnovers in the first two games combined.

"We knew coming into the game that they were going to get out and pressure us and get out in the passing lanes," said Head Coach Carrie Daniels in a post-game interview with APSU Sports Information.

"I think we were rushed trying to get rid of the ball a little too fast and, at times, got frustrated with the pressure being applied [that] took us out of the rhythm of our offense."

Despite being forced away from the offensive game plan by the Red Wolves, four Lady Govs reached double-digit points in the contest: Tiasa Gray (19), Nicole Olszewski (14), Banks (14) and Kristen Stainback (11).

Those players helped lead the Lady Govs to shooting 48 percent from the floor in the first half, but despite building a 10-point lead early in the second half, the Lady Govs shot only 32.4 percent from the field after halftime as the Red Wolves increased their defense.

"This is two games now where we felt we had the lead, and let it slip away," Daniels said. "It was down the stretch that we didn't execute, and they turned up the heat and pressure. We told our team that we aren't going to rest on the fact that we are a young team, and we have to learn to be able to execute in a tight game like that."

The game against Arkansas State marked the start of a five-game home stand for the Lady Govs.

The homestand will stretch until Wednesday, Dec. 4, when the Lady Govs will host Middle Tennessee. **TAS**

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Sports Editor

A new chapter in APSU football will soon begin. Saturday, Nov. 16, APSU Athletics honored those who helped write the closing chapter after the Southeast Missouri game.

A halftime ceremony honored former Governor football players. Some former players came back to take part in the event.

Athletic Director Derek van der Merwe and APSU President Tim Hall spoke to the crowd about the sacrifices made by all of the former players to help APSU get to the place it is today.

The current Govs football team fell two points short of sending the old Governor Stadium out with a win, falling 36-34 to SEMO.

Despite the loss, a ceremony took place outside

Gate one of Governor Stadium following the game, as Hall and van der Merwe spoke about fond memories created in the current Governor stadium over its 67 year history and the new memories that will be made in the coming stadium.

Former players Ed-die Walls (1983), Donald Goode (1985-87), Michael Swift (1992-95), Philip Sparn (2006-09) and Les Jones (1975-76) along with

current players EnRiques Perry, Ben Stansfield and Isaiah Tuiasosopo were invited to be some of the first to start demolition of the old stadium as they took sledge hammers to one of the west side walls.

Actual demolition will start this week and the stadium will be cleared out within two weeks to make way for construction.

The new stadium will seat approximately 10,000 fans and will contain four

levels with offices, training rooms and locker rooms on the first floor.

The second floor will provide the football program with additional meeting rooms and an additional weight room. Finally, the third and fourth floors will contain club seating and 13 skyboxes.

The current phase of renovations are scheduled to finish by the start of the 2014-2015 college football season. **TAS**