

Academics

Hello, Middle College

APSU welcomes high school, college leap

By **TINEA PAYNE**

News Editor

Zserilyn Finney, a 17-year-old high school senior, will not complete her final year at Kenwood High School. Instead, Finney is among 120 high school juniors and seniors who will complete their final years at Middle College High School, newly located at APSU.

“Middle College is a unique collaborative program between Clarksville-Montgomery County School System and Austin Peay State University,” said Melissa Champion, principal of Middle College. This unique program “enables junior and senior high school students throughout the district to obtain a high quality high school education while concurrently receiving direct and invaluable access to college courses,” Champion said.

“The Middle College concept is not novel,” Champion said. “However, our district’s approach of incorporating a choice of seeking a bachelor’s degree or associate’s degree is unlike any other in the nation.”

“I’m totally excited,” Finney said. “As soon as I was accepted I wanted the summer to be over so I can start. Now that school has started, I can’t wait for my college classes to start.”

Students eligible to attend Middle College must have completed the tenth grade and live within the Clarksville-Montgomery County school district. Students must hold either a 2.85 GPA or an ACT composite score of 20 or higher, according to the district’s Web site (www.cmcss.net).

Is it like college?

Students who enroll in Middle College are considered college freshmen and “will be in college classes with traditional college freshmen,” said Champion. Like traditional college freshmen, Middle College students can enroll in 1000 and 2000 level courses and are held to the same grading standards as APSU students.

Champion said Middle College students can take college courses such as American literature, chemistry and second-level Spanish for high school graduation requirements if taught by district teachers, or receive dual credit applied towards a high school diploma and college degree, if the classes are taught by an APSU instructor. “I’m actually learning what I want to learn where I want to learn it, which isn’t an option for most students,” said Finney.

“A portion of the Marks building has been

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Student Government Association

‘Peay’ picks up bus route

SGA, CTS follow route toward transit system

By **JARED COMBS**

Assistant News Editor

APSU, in collaboration with the Clarksville Transit System, will provide students with on-campus trolley transportation and access to the city bus system for the 2008-2009 school year.

The contract between APSU and CTS, finalized in July 2008, provides unlimited city bus access and on-campus transportation. The service is paid for by an \$8 general access fee increase. The initial contract ends Aug. 30, 2009.

“It was an initiative brought forward by the SGA,” said Mitch Robinson, vice president of finance and administration.

The idea was initially proposed by former SGA President Nick Pitts who considered the idea a possible solution to APSU parking concerns and made contact with CTS to begin drafting the contract.

Robinson said the service is expected to alleviate



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parking problems at APSU by providing an alternate means of transportation for commuters and eliminating long walks from distant parking lots.

Details of the contract were decided during Brian Huffman’s SGA presidency in 2007 and 2008. The contract was finalized by current SGA president Chris Drew in July

2008.

The final contract was for \$71,000, with a clause permitting the amount to be increased by three percent if gas prices spike during the contracted term.

“SGA did an excellent job negotiating this contract with the CTS,” Robinson said. “And as a consequence we have a

tremendous value for our students.”

Faculty and staff will also have access to the new Peay Pickup service. Robinson said the faculty and staff portion of the contract would not be paid by the increase to the general access fee.

“The university will provide, as a benefit to the employees, the ability to ride the shuttle as well as the city bus system at no cost,” Robinson said.

The Peay Pickup trolley route will circle the perimeter of campus and make nine stops. The trolley can be boarded or disembarked at any point along its route and it is expected to return to each stop every 15 minutes.

“When we initially started talking to them it was just a campus trolley,” Drew said.

“Then CTS realized that their ridership wasn’t necessarily what they wanted

it to be and, by plugging in young college students to transportation, they thought it would be of great benefit to both APSU and Clarksville to provide city bus access too.”

According to both Robinson and Drew, ridership is an

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Students hunt cheaper textbook options

Students compare textbook prices

By **NICOLE JUNE**

Senior Staff Writer

As the summer break ends, college students prepare to hunt for textbooks. The expense is a necessary evil, and the question on many students’ minds is: Where can students get the cheapest textbooks?

Upperclassmen have probably discovered methods of bargain-hunting. Incoming freshmen, though, may not realize they have several

options.

One option is the campus bookstore, located in the Catherine Evans Harvill building. The sign outside the entrance advertises the cheapest used textbooks.

The bookstore has been run by Validis Resources, a division of the Nebraska Book Company since June 2007. A change in the bookstore was necessary, according to Stacy England, manager.

“The students and professors were not happy, and we wanted to be able to provide better service to help everyone do their job,” she said.

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Academic Support Relocates

Demand for tutoring forces change

By **JARED COMBS**

Assistant News Editor

The Academic Support Center has moved from Morgan University Center room 114 to Marks room 122 to provide additional space and add the new Virtual Academic Support Center online tutoring program.

“The demand for tutoring has steadily increased since the Academic Support Center was created,” said Martin Golson, instructional specialist. “Moving to the Marks building provides us with the space required to meet this growing need.”

The center, along with New Student Programs, Academic Alert, Structured Learning Assistance, and Enhanced Learning classes, are now all located in the same building.

“This improves communication between these programs and allows us to better serve APSU students,” Golson said.

All Academic Support Center programs have expanded as a result of the move.

“Prior to the move, we only had 11 computers available to students. Now we have 28 computers,” Golson said. “In addition, we have replaced the older computers with newer models.”

The writing lab now accommodates three tutors simultaneously. In addition, the peer tutoring area has expanded to include eight

study tables and additional whiteboard space.

The new Virtual Academic Support Center was created as a joint venture between Academic Support and Distance and Extended Education.

“Their support for this program made it possible,” Golson said. Golson added the new online program is designed to make academic support available to more students.

“The services are not just for online students. Any student may request online assistance,” Golson said.

“I feel that students will still prefer to see a tutor in person if they have time available, but many of our students cannot meet with a tutor due to other demands on their time. This allows them to still receive support.”

Virtual Academic Support currently provides tutoring through an electronic whiteboard, messaging and a discussion board. Golson explained how the program is still being developed.

“In the coming year, we plan to expand the services to include a frequently asked questions area which will provide tutorials on topics students routinely express concern with,” Golson said.

According to Golson, the Academic Support Center’s move to the Marks building came as a result of the growing demand for academic support from students. “Since its creation, the number of students served by the Academic Support Center has grown an average of 35 percent per year,” Golson said. ♦

Freshman Welcome



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Chris Drew, Student Government Association president, attended the Freshman Orientation on Friday, August 21.

Community Calendar

AUGUST

08/25/08

- Welcome back event, 9 a.m. UC lobby
- Dance Marathon Info Table 10 a.m. UC lobby

08/26/08

- Welcome back event, 8:00 a.m.UC Plaza
- Welcome back community fair, 8 a.m. UC 303, 305
- Dance marathon info, 10:00 a.m. UC lobby

08/27/08

- Welcome back event, 9 a.m. UC lobby
- Dance marathon info, 10 a.m.UC lobby
- Comedy show, 5:30 p.m. Clement Auditorium

08/28/08

- Sunrise rotary breakfast, 6:30a.m.UC Cumberland Room
- Welcome back event, 8 a.m.UC ballroom
- Dance marathon information table, 10 a.m. UC lobby

08/29/08

- APSU volleyball tournament, 9 a.m. Dunn Center
- Panhellenic Council recruitment, 10 a.m. UC Plaza

08/30/08

- APSU volleyball tournament, 9 a.m. Dunn Center

08/31/08

- Govs soccer vs. Lipscomb, 6 p.m. Morgan Brothers Field

SEPTEMBER

09/04/08

- Kappa Sigma Blood Drive, 8 a.m., UC Ballroom A
- Grant Writing Workshop, 7:30 a.m., UC 307 (No food or drink allowed)

09/15/08

- Senior Exit Exam, 7:30 a.m., UC 307 (No food or drink allowed)

FINANCIAL AID

Where Is Your Money?

Donna Price, director of Office of Financial Aid, answers student money matters

Q HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

A To apply, students can submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students need to do that as soon after January 1 of each year as possible. It is important to submit early no matter what classification (i.e. sophomore, junior, senior, etc.)

Q WHAT TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID ARE THERE?

A When a student submits the FAFSA, they are automatically considered for all of the following:

- Student Loans
- Federal Grants
- Work Study
- State Grants
- Tennessee Lottery (state residents only)

Q HOW DO I APPLY FOR A STUDENT LOAN?

A Students can apply for a student loan through a lender that can disburse funds electronically to the student's account. Students and parents are free to choose any lender they choose.

APSU Preferred List

- Regions
- Chase
- Citibank
- EdAmerica
- First Tennessee
- SunTrust
- US Bank

Q WHEN SHOULD I RECEIVE MY LOAN OR REFUND CHECK?

A Most students will have received their loan checks on Friday, August 22 through direct deposit and is contingent upon when the student applies. Students without direct deposit should have their disbursement mailed by Wednesday, August 27.

Q WHEN DO I PAY MY STUDENT LOAN BACK?

A Students can expect to pay back student loans six months after graduation or upon disenrollment. After six months, the lender will send a bill.

Q WHO DO I CONTACT IF MY MONEY IS MISSING?

A Students should visit the Office of Financial Aid

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College: transition, mission

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assigned to the Middle College; however, it primarily houses the administration and faculty," said Champion. High school courses, like college courses, will be offered throughout campus.

Michael Harris, director of Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools, said students could expect to complete 15 to 18 credit hours of college work during their time at Middle College.

Though Middle College students are technically college freshmen, some limitations exist.

Students will have access to areas of main campus and campus events but may not participate in athletics, according to Champion.

"Dorms and maintenance facilities are off limits. All other university facilities are available for student use," Harris said.

Unlike traditional college students, Middle College students will not be required to pay tuition or the expense of textbooks through the utilization of grants and scholarships, said Champion.

Transitioning

For Harris, Middle College "is not a program," but a traditional high school that "allows for more personalization" without the social and cultural problems associated with traditional high schools.

"I truly had no attachment to high school activities anymore," Finney said. "And the petty things of high school, like the silly little rules, the more immature classmates, the bad food, I was ready to

move on."

"The Middle College is for students who do not feel connected to the traditional high school and want a smaller learning environment focused on academics," Harris said.

Having attended Vanderbilt's Summer Academy and Tennessee Tech's President's Academy, Finney said these experiences led her to "yearn for the for the college life."

Some students, however, may not be as ready to transition to college life.

"I believe [Middle College] students, like any other freshmen, are going to have some anxiety about attending college; however, our jobs are to help them and ease them into the experience," Champion said. "Most have shown nothing but excitement."

Finney, who said she is familiar with college life, also commented the opportunity may not be for everyone. "Honestly, I'm not saying Middle College is better than high school. It is better for some."

"Middle College was designed for students who were not anchored in their current high school," Champion said. "Often times these students were frustrated with their learning environments. With that said, Middle College will offer them a learning environment in which they can develop those ties that bind us to a community."

What about parents?

Champion said parents "are aware that their child will not be supervised as if he [or] she were attending a traditional

high school." She added parents know administration and faculty are available to help their students as necessary.

"The faculty and staff of the Middle College stay in close contact with the students daily. However, as much as possible, they follow the rules and regulations of the university and have the same freedoms and privileges as college freshman with some limitations," Harris said.

Mission, goals

"Putting the students' needs first will be the primary goal of the Middle College," Champion said. She mentioned other goals, such as helping students become self-motivated and exposing them to many opportunities not available at high school.

Chris Drew, president of APSU's Student Government Association, expressed his excitement for the new "Governors." He said the collaboration shows the local school district and APSU are dedicated to high school students as it fits with community efforts to achieve a greater high school graduation turnout.

"On behalf of the entire student body, I would like to personally welcome the Middle College high school students and staff to APSU," Drew said.

"The Middle College at APSU is a wonderful concept for high school students," Drew said. "Middle College is an opportunity for a highly-motivated student to not only finish high school, but earn a competitive advantage with college credits and a taste of college campus life." ♦

Trolley: now operating



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CTS will operate The Peay Pickup trolley from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday while classes are in session, according to the SGA Web site (<http://www.apsu.edu/sga>).

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important variable of the new service. The number of students utilizing the trolley system will be closely monitored during the first few months of its operation.

Two CTS trolleys have been painted with APSU lettering but they will initially operate one at a time. Drew explained if the service is well received then CTS could operate both trolleys simultaneously. "If both parties agree to it then we will have a second trolley," Drew said.

"We really hope that it improves [students'] experience here at APSU and helps students buy into what Clarksville has to offer them," Drew said.

To ride the trolley or city

buses, students must present an APSU bus pass and valid APSU I.D. Bus passes will be distributed at the Morgan University Center help desk throughout the semester.

Freshman Emily Cavin believes the service will make her morning commute less time consuming. "It will save me a lot of time getting from the parking lots to the main campus. It's a hassle trying to cross the streets" Cavin said.

"It's a good idea because that is a problem here. You've got lots of parking lots but none of them are that close and you have to walk a long way" said Isaac Ziolkowski, sophomore, special education major.

For more information visit <http://www.apsu.edu/sga/peaypickup.htm>. ♦

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Books: students learn to bargain

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| Spanish 1010 | Como Se Dice | \$133.25 | \$100.00 | \$125.00 | \$93.70 |

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England said the bookstore carries all the titles APSU professors require. If a book cannot be found at the bookstore, they will order it through one of their other distributors. England said most orders arrive in about a week’s time, depending on the availability of the book.

The bookstore offers new and used books for sale. England said the used price is always 25 percent cheaper than the new price.

As far as buyback prices are concerned, the amount a student will receive depends on the type of textbook and its general condition. “I can definitely say we give a lot more money for buyback than our competitors, and students have remarked about it.”

In the spirit of going green, a book no longer used by professors will still be taken by the bookstore and will be recycled by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The bookstore also has an online site where students can order the books not readily in stock. Students can also reserve

their books at no additional charge before going to the bookstore. Books can also be shipped to a student’s home or overseas.

Marilyn Griffy, senior buyer, commented about her experiences with the bookstore. “I have found the campus bookstore to be better because the books are in excellent condition,” she said.

Griffy said she appreciated the bookstore calling to tell her when her books were in. “I’ve found that they have much better service. They’ve saved me lots of headaches.” Griffy also noted the bookstore carries study guides and test preparation books, as well as fiction bestsellers.

The bookstore’s return policy states a book can be returned, unopened, within two weeks of the first day of classes for a full refund.

Another alternative to the campus bookstore is StudyMaster, located at 329 N. Second St. StudyMaster buys and sells new and used textbooks in nearly the same fashion as the bookstore. Manager Mike Lowe said they base their inventory on the needs of the professors as well.

“I believe we have a broader range of

books available,” Lowe said. “We order from several different places.”

The buyback prices are determined by the conditions of the returned books, and the return policy is the same as the campus bookstore.

Lowe said their new and used prices are determined by the publisher of the books. StudyMaster will order books and ship them within the U.S. with a \$6 shipping charge.

StudyMaster also caters to other schools and local community colleges.

Other alternate book sources include Half.com a division of eBay, which allows independent users to sell used and new books. Amazon.com also specializes in bookselling. Prices for new and used books on these web sites also vary according to the type and condition of the book.

Students can also rent books online. Chegg.com allows students to rent books and return them when they are finished. Students can also purchase books through this web site. The environmentally-conscious web site also claims that for every book rented, they will plant a tree. ♦

Campus Crime Log

Austin Peay State University crime log includes arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within 48 hours of an incident and available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

JULY

- 7/2/2008 - 11:40 p.m., College St., Public Intoxication, Arrested: William R. Preacher of Indian Mound
- 7/3/2008 - 2:27 a.m., N. 2nd St., DUI, Arrested: Terrence Karnauf of Clarksville
- 7/8/2008 - 2:09 a.m., College St., DUI, Arrested: Timothy A. Walker of Clarksville
- 7/10/2008 - 1:59 a.m., N. 2nd St., DUI, Arrested: Robert F. Kane of Clarksville
- 7/11/2008 - 2:45 a.m., College St., DUI, Arrested: Misty D. Wallace, of Indian Mound
- 7/12/2008 - 3:39 a.m., College St., Public Intoxication, Arrested: Frederick O. Moon of Clarksville
- 7/14/2008 - 9 a.m., Shasteen Lot, Auto Vandalism
- 7/14/2008 - 1:02 p.m., Foy Parking Lot, Auto Burglary
- 7/18/2008 - 11:30 a.m., Meacham Apts., Theft of Property, Vandalism
- 7/19/2008 - 1:50 a.m., College St., DUI, Arrested: Richard L. Brown, Jr of Charlotte.
- 7/21/2008 - 2 p.m., Emerald Hill, Auto Vandalism
- 7/24/2008 - 8 p.m., Emerald Hill, Auto Burglary; 10 p.m., Emerald Hill, Auto Burglary
- 7/26/2008 - 4:06 p.m., Dunn Center, Child Neglect, Arrested: Jeremy N. Revard of Clarksville
- 7/27/2008 - 7:18 P.M., Emerald Hill, Theft of Property

AUGUST

- 8/1/2008 - 12:09 a.m., Emerald Hill, Auto Burglary
- 8/9/2008 - 7:25 p.m., Drane Street, Public Intoxication, Arrested: Charles E. Gaines of Clarksville
- 8/16/2008 - 2:49 a.m., Killebrew Hall, Aggravated Rape

Memoirs: student dies in car wreck

Editor’s Note: Rachael Herron is a Senior Staff Writer at The All State

By JARED COMBS
Assistant News Editor

Patrick Laird Chester, 25, Cedar Hill, died in an automobile accident Monday., Aug. 18 on Glen Raven Road.

Visitation and services were scheduled to be held Saturday, Aug. 23 at Neal-Tarpley Funeral Chapel.

Chester was born Aug. 17,

1983 in Clarksville. He was a senior at APSU, working to be a writer and producer.

According to APSU student, Rachael Herron, a close friend of Chester, he was an exuberant character who left behind many great memories.“He was so open, and we always had great conversation,” Herron said.

Chester was a personal trainer at Design Fitness Studio in Springfield. He

was a sports enthusiast. He played basketball, football and golf and loved the San Francisco 49ers, St. Louis Cardinals, Baltimore Ravens and the Texas Longhorns. He was an avid reader. He also enjoyed grilling out, bonfires, watching movies, hanging out with friends and playing Madden football.

“He was going to make movies and I was going to go into the music business,”

Herron said. “We have big dreams and we related.”

His parents, Tim and Annette Chester, and a brother, Raymond Chester, survive him. “He’s one of the best guys I have ever known,” said Raymond Chester.

According to the Tennessee Department of Safety, in 2007 there were 1,210 traffic fatalities in Tennessee. ♦

Pool Features

- Heated
- Depth Range 3-6 Feet
- Four 25-Yard Lap Lanes
- Locker Rooms with Showers
- Lounge Chairs
- Tables with Umbrellas
- Basketball Hoops/Outdoor Games
- Water Aerobics Classes
- Swimming Lessons
- WSI Certified Lifeguards

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(Weather Permitting)
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Registered Student
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Tuesday, August 26, 2008

2:30 p.m.

Foy Fitness and Recreation Center

APSU Campus

Reception Following

OUR TAKE

Reflecting on the tomorrow

Quick View

School has kicked back up for the Fall 2008 semester. The year has been one of drastic changes that have caught everyone by surprise. Among the Presidential election, the Olympics and changes around the community, we're all facing a new path head on.

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Evolve. It's a word that seems to be this year's theme. Whether it's from a global or local perspective, as Bob Dylan would say: "The times they are a-changin'."

When the Olympics began a few weeks ago, it was as if nations of the globe were joining hands. The Olympics were a representation of peace and unity that can exist in the world when we all really try. However, this was short-lived.

Barely after opening ceremonies, the Russia-Georgia conflict escalated, August 7 and 8, to challenge the long-held theme of unity that accomodates the

Olympic games.

This year also marks an election year. The presidential race is overshadowing all other races as this political battles pits John McCain against Barack Obama. Be sure to stay tuned to *The All State* as this year a feature issue will be devoted to Election '08 and provide an in-depth look at U.S. politics.

For APSU, several emerging changes are on the horizon. Expansion is one area of change. The possibility of a satellite campus is being explored in Robertson County and Springfield, according to President Timothy Hall. In

addition, APSU is considering increasing the number of courses already offered in Dickson County.

On main campus, APSU is anticipating numerous changes as well. The department of education is in pursuit of installing APSU's first doctoral program. This is quite suiting for an institution that started as a school for training young teachers for Tennessee's rural areas.

On a different note, this academic year marks Hall's second year as APSU's president. In the "honeymoon period," Hall seemed flawless as his personable, down-

to-earth personality warmed the campus. *TAS* will keep a watchful eye on any plans that he has in store for APSU.

TAS is a newspaper written by students for students. We give agency to student voices and consider it a pleasure and duty to help APSU find its voice.

We've been an up and coming school for the past couple of years. We have a new president, new SGA leaders and a whole new staff at *TAS*.

A plethora of freshman are coming in, students are graduating, majors are changing as minds

find out there are more options than first perceived. Everyone is growing. At *TAS*, we are no different.

Help us evolve and find our voice for the student body. Step up and speak your mind, make news known, let the community know of concerts or book readings and keep an eye on sports around the city.

Talk to us by visiting our office in the Morgan UC Room 115, call us at (931)221-7376 or go online at www.theallstate.com and leave us a message. As the Beatles said, we need to all "come together right now" to evolve. ♦

A quick glance: Do you look or do you see?

Here it is, the first week of school. Excitement is in the air. Nerves are on edge. Incoming freshmen and transfer students don't really



Lois Jones

know what to expect. Students that have been gone all summer are reconnecting with friends they missed.

Which category do you belong in? All of us, new and returning, have something in common. We will be meeting new people. When I ask, "Do you look or do you see?" there is a difference.

Looking only requires a passing glance. When you look at someone, you see their outward appearance. Taller, shorter, thinner, fatter, older, younger, pierced, tattooed, different colored hair, clothes you wouldn't choose and possibly a difference in ability such as sight, hearing, speech or using a wheelchair.

You might notice an accent from another country, or lack of one. Then there is skin color, from glow-in-the-dark white to almost a blue-black and every shade in between.

At first glance, most of us will assess each other and decide if the person is someone we want to get to know. First impression is what we go on. We are always told we only get one chance to make a first impression, and

this is true. We usually get evaluated based on the way we look.

What I am trying to do is heighten your awareness and suggest you see someone, instead of just looking at them.

This does require evaluating your ideas and perceptions of others' choices. Maybe you would never wear a Mohawk, but you see someone who does. It may not be your choice for a hairstyle, and it doesn't have to be. Do you "see" beyond what you are looking at — beyond the clothes or hair or ability?

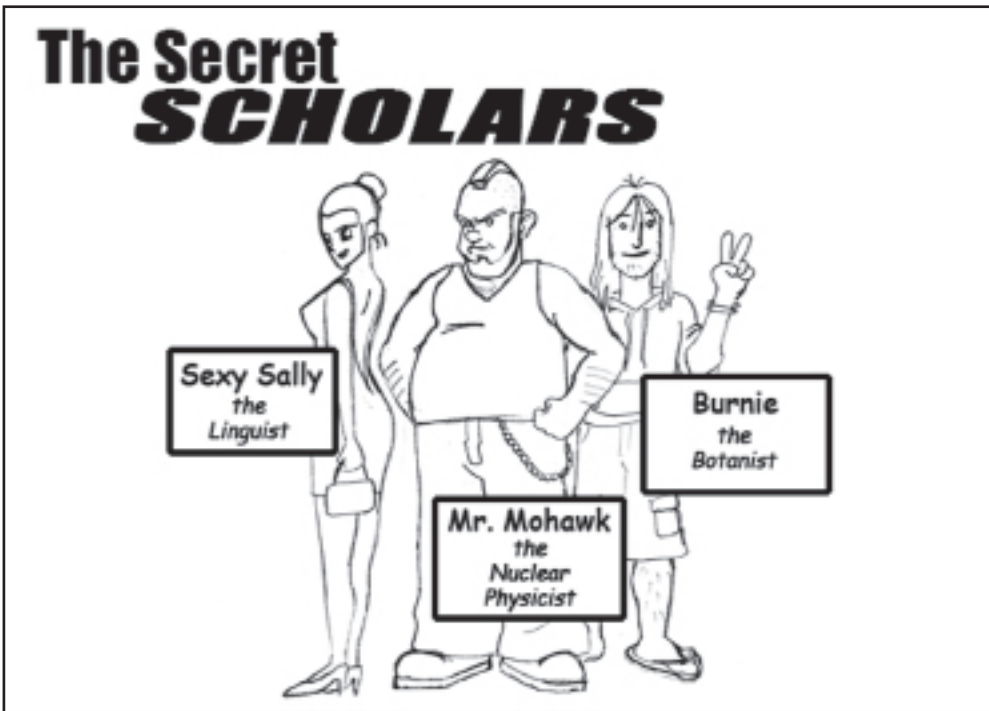
The Mohawk may be a passing whim, a form of self-expression or even the result of a bet. You don't know until you talk to the person and find out. The person may be gifted in many ways you will never know unless you chose to see them, rather than look at them.

They may turn out to be the connection you need to succeed in your goals, but you won't know unless you take the time to talk to them.

Start with a smile or hello. It costs nothing, but it is contagious.

My first semester was indeed an eye-opener. Being a non-traditional student and going to school with students not much older than my kids, I found myself in classes with students that looked like my kids' friends.

Let me note that some of my kids' friends are pretty different! Prior to classes with students that had an



DUSTIN KRAMER/ART DIRECTOR

interesting if not alternative appearance, I only looked at them and said to myself, not my cup of tea!

Classes progressed, and if you know me, I am pretty social, I said hi and smiled to my new classmates and time marched on.

As time passed, I found that the "goth girl," or the "emo guy," or the guy wearing the tight girl pants was really smart and funny. Before long, I was at a lunch table that could only be described as eclectic or, at least, a motley crew.

My kids looked at me strangely when I introduced them to my new friends. Payback!

I was lucky enough to see these people for their essence and core being, not for their hair, wardrobe or physical appearance.

Fast forward three years later. I am blessed to have friends that could fall in any category you could dream up. These are people that I get excited to see after each semester or summer break. We hug and catch each other up.

I haven't asked them what they thought of me when they first looked at me. I bet they saw an older woman, close to their parents' ages, and wondered if I was going to be cool or not, or be like most parents who sigh and shake

their heads at their children's choice in clothing.

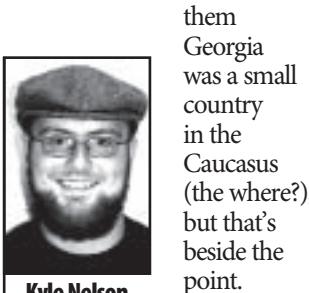
Well, we both decided to see each other, and it had been an eye-opening and wonderful experience for me.

Yes, I was determined to be cool and they proved to be the smart wonderful people they always were and friends I am blessed to have. It's all because we saw each other without the trappings of a category or a pre-determined idea of who the other was.

As you start this new semester, see people rather than just looking at them. Move beyond the differences and enjoy the people for who they are. You will be a better person for it. ♦

Russia's new approach: Sticking up for the small guy

Many Americans woke up Sunday morning to the news that Russia had launched a full-fledged invasion of Georgia. I'm sure many reached for their shotguns before the news informed



Kyle Nelson

them Georgia was a small country in the Caucasus (the where?), but that's beside the point.

Ever since this war began, Western nations have decried the invasion, with daily calls for a ceasefire. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice even made a comparison to the Soviet crackdown of Czechoslovakia in 1968. "Ze Soviet spektor khas kome bek to spok ze vest, it appears."

But it's not that cut and dry. Russia may have responded a little excessively, but they did do the American thing.

According to the Associated Press, on Aug. 8, President Mikhail Saakashvili of Georgia announced a unilateral ceasefire after several skirmishes in and around South Ossetia, a separatist

region with nearly complete autonomy from Georgia since 1992. A few hours later, Ossetian militants shelled Georgian villages, said the Georgian government in an Associated Press article that same day. It was then that Georgia launched a major military offensive into South Ossetia to regain control of the region. This was specifically timed to coincide with the opening ceremony of the Olympics, which Vladimir Putin, prime minister of Russia, was attending. Saakashvili said to the AP that it was an opportune time to attack a small country. The Georgian military, according to the BBC, the AP and TIME Magazine, began indiscriminately bombing, shelling and launching rockets at the region.

According to those same reports, some 2,000 citizens died in hours and the South Ossetian capital was nearly destroyed. To add to this, most Ossetians have Russian citizenship and Russia has had peacekeepers in the area since 1992. Of course the Russians were going to attack! That's why Georgia waited until the Olympics to start shooting. After all, wars are like pranks

— if you pull one, you need to expect the counterattack to be double what you did. Saakashvili was probably hoping that Putin being at the games would slow the Russian response.

It didn't.

Two weeks passed, and Russia was in control of half of Georgia and had cut off the main highway and railway that went through the town of Gori. Now everyone in the Western world is calling for both sides to pull back to their previous positions. Emergency meetings are being held. NATO is rattling its collective sabers, FOX News is speaking of a new Cold War, Saakashvili is accusing Russia of ethnic cleansing — what else is new? — and President Bush is sternly stating that Georgia's territorial integrity be maintained. That means the breakaway regions must stay with Georgia.

Wait a minute. There are two areas of people who have been ravaged by war for years, who have fought for their own independence, for the right of self-determination, and the Bush administration says no. The United States of America — the home of truth, justice and the American way (which

includes freedom, by the way) — says no to a group that wants to be free? That doesn't exactly sound American to me. I've spoken to people about this recently and some of them have said, "Well, it's the radicals that want to break away." This statement bothered me so I've checked up on this.

Obviously there's no Gallup poll for this sort of thing, but one can gather South Ossetian sentiment from reading a lot of the news coming out of the region. The Georgians have a nickname for Saakashvili, according to TIME: "Saako-facism."

When reporters asked wounded Ossetians in a Russian hospital stacked with refugees if they could see rejoining Georgia, they said it couldn't happen. The scars of this war are too deep. According to *The New York Times*, 125,000 Ossetian have fled to Russia because their homes have been destroyed and the Georgian militia was looting villages before their withdrawal, much like the Ossetian militants are doing.

The strife runs deep between the two sides. One of the legs of Saakashvili's platform when he was first elected in

2004, which also ensured his re-election in January, was his adamant desire to bring the two breakaway regions back under the control of Georgia, the AP reports.

These areas have been independent since 1992, when they fought their first war against Georgia. One of these regions, Abkhazia, has its own national language. Why should they be forced to rejoin a country that they see as ruled by a regime bent of pulling them back under their domination? Worst of all, why should the good of U.S. of A. not stand for our own values and stick up for the Ossetians and Abkhazians? Is it because we can't pronounce their countries, so we shouldn't care?

Sure, the Russians came to the Ossetian's aid because of selfish reasons. They wanted to put their name out there and stick one to the Americans, but after all, didn't the French come to the aid of a rebellious group of thirteen colonies out of selfish and vindictive reasons, back in 1778? For that reason alone, we should stand up for the Ossetians and Abkhazians instead of ignoring them in another pissing contest with Russia. ♦

Local parks offer relaxation, retreat

By KASEY HENRICKS
editor in chief

Clarksville’s parks and recreation facilities often remain an untapped resource for APSU students. Why? They’re free and provide great places for retreat, exercise, studying and dates. Or, if you need a break from life’s daily grind, take a breath of fresh

Consisting mostly of wide-open spaces, the Fairgrounds sprawls across 107.5 acres. But the park also has plenty of trees, providing shade and sitting areas for picnicking. In addition, the Cumberland River winds alongside the area, giving a countryside escape while still being just minutes away from downtown.

THE FAIRGROUNDS

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THE RIVERWALK

KASEY HENRICKS/EDITOR IN CHIEF

air at one of more than 10 locations nearby APSU’s main campus. Many are within walking distance, while others are only a short drive away.

McGregor Park Riverwalk

The Riverwalk is among Clarksville’s most popular recreation areas. Whether you want to walk, run, lounge, picnic or just play around, the Riverwalk has something for everyone. With 15 acres alongside the river, this park has a one-mile running and walking trail with plenty of picnic tables and swings to stop at along the way. In addition, several restaurants are located nearby, so grab some fried chicken, hamburgers and sweet tea, because this place is perfect for picnicking.

Located at 640 North Riverside Drive, this park opens from dawn to midnight. This park offers a great place to take a date for a walk along the river at sunset.

The Fairgrounds

This park is more low-key than others located in the downtown area. It is perhaps the most scenic of all Clarksville’s offerings.

The Fairgrounds also offers many other amenities, including a mile-long walking trail, playground, soccer and football fields, a boat ramp and a fishing pond. The Fairgrounds opens at dawn and closes at dusk. It is located at 1190 Cumberland Drive, just off Highway 48/13.

Dixon Park

Located at 117 South Tenth Street, Dixon Park offers a more low-key atmosphere that is great for kids. It offers tennis and basketball courts and places for picnics at its on-site pavilion. Also, the park hosts an amphitheater suitable for the local theater and music scene. Operating hours are between dawn and dusk.

The historic L&N Train Station is located next to Dixon Park and offers tours every weekday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by the Montgomery County Historical Society. The tour provides a historical overview of the railroad

industry and Clarksville. In addition, the site hosts the Montgomery County Farmers Market, open until October, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The farmers market typically hosts eight vendors and offers a variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables, said manager Paulette Patterson.

Edith Pettus Park

Commonly referred to as Pettus Park, this one is practically located on campus near Raymond C. Hand Park — APSU’s

baseball field. It offers nearly 10 acres for recreation and features a playground, soccer and football fields and two pavilions. If the intramurals fields are occupied, this park is a perfect alternative for students who want to play a pick-up game of soccer or flag football. It opens at dusk, closes at dawn and is located at 345 Farris Drive.

Other parks and recreations stops conveniently located in the area include Fort Defiance Park, Mericourt Park and Mason Rudolph Pool. For more information, call Clarksville and Montgomery County’s Parks and Recreation Office at (931) 645-7476 or visit www.cityofclarksville.com. ♦

DIXON PARK AND L & N TRAIN STATION

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Fort Defiance Park

- Located at 120 A St.
- Hours: Dawn to dusk
- Features:
 - Picnic tables
 - Old Civil War Earthen Fort
 - Walking trail

The Riverwalk

- Located at 640 N. Riverside Dr.
- Hours: Dawn to midnight
- Features:
 - Picnic tables
 - One-mile walking trail along river
 - ADA-accessible playground

Dixon Park

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- Features:
 - Tennis and basketball courts
 - Amphitheater
 - ADA-accessible playground
 - Pavilion

Pettus Park

- Located at 345 Farris Dr.
- Hours: Dawn to dusk
- Features:
 - Open spaces for soccer and football fields
 - Picnic tables
 - 2 pavilions

Blackhorse offers fun, food and brew

By KIMBERLY SHUEL
staff writer

APSU students need a dining place that is fun, reasonably priced, has great food and is staffed with some of the best service around. One such restaurant is located conveniently in downtown Clarksville only a few minutes away from campus at 132 Franklin Street.

The Blackhorse Pub and Brewery is a wonderful spot for anyone, especially students, to enjoy some tasty food and unwind from a stressful day.

The Blackhorse is extremely unique and interesting. Upon walking in, guests enjoy an old English tavern feel that manages to be a hip hangout spot for people of all ages. It was established in 1992 and has even survived the tragic tornado of 1999.

Initially, the restaurant and brewery were two separate buildings. Only those aged 21 and over could enter the brewery. However, in 1995, the separating wall was knocked out and the pub and restaurant became one.

The main attraction of the Blackhorse is its beer. The beer makes its way down all three floors tp the end of the brewing process the basement. People visit the pub to enjoy many different types of homebrewed beer. According to the

Blackhorse Web site, “Our hand-crafted beers are what sets us apart from everyone else. We take time and care with each beer; from the all-natural ingredients to the time it fills your glass, to make sure it’s fresh and flavorful.”

The Blackhorse proudly states the Barnstormer Red Ale is its “Flagship Beer.” If guests are looking for something lighter, the Blackhorse Ale is their lightest beer in color and flavor.

Blackhorse employees not only spend time on preparing beer and making sure it is perfectly served, but much attention is focused on the food as well. According to The Blackhorse Web site, “Our restaurant offers a diverse menu to suit every guest! Our kitchen staff strives to ensure a consistent high quality of food in a timely manner.”

Beer and pizza, what more could any relaxed college student want? The Blackhorse is known for its amazing pizzas. There are 11 delectable signature pizzas that come in 12 or 16 inches. Just one of the many mouthwatering pizzas includes the Blackhorse Combo with pepperoni, ground beef, ham, italian sausage, fresh mushroom, red onion, green pepper, black olives,

provolone and mozzarella. Add garlic crust for only one dollar.

Apart from pizza, the Blackhorse also has great appetizers such as “beer cheese” and chips. They also have soups and salads, flatbreads, sandwiches, steaks, fish and pasta. Not only is the food fantastic, but it is extremely well-priced. It is the perfect delicious food for the college budget.

As if tasty beers and food for a great price wasn’t enough, the service at the Blackhorse is wonderful. The Blackhorse boasts, “Our staff is fun and friendly and is dedicated to providing you with an enjoyable dining experience.”

Blackhorse servers are prompt, polite, and fun to talk to. In fact, one of the questions on the Blackhorse employment application is: “Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Why?” This in itself shows how fun and unique bar and eatery is. “We like our employees to have a good personality,” said Manager Nic Grassel.

The Blackhorse Pub and Brewery is the perfect place for students to hang out with friends and enjoy some great food and beverages. From every angle, the Blackhorse is economical, fun and a unique place for all to enjoy. ♦



MATEEN SIDIQ/ASSISTANT ONLINE EDITOR

Established in 1992, The Blackhorse Pub and Brewery offers students a fun, low-key hang-out.

Wings: It's what's for dinner

By MARLON SCOTT
managing editor

As a sports fan, at this time of year when I think of dining and entertainment, the first thing that jumps into my head is football and tailgating. Heaven is donning team colors, grabbing a grill and cooking steaks in a stadium parking lot.

Unfortunately, like most APSU students, after tuition, books, rent and supplies, my budget for "heaven" dwindles quickly. When the Gobs are on the road, my favorite alternative is football on television and some good hot wings.

Good hot wings are a delicacy served in many ways. For the sake of my fellow sports fans, I made the sacrifice of traveling to different restaurants in search of the best hot wings available for APSU students.

I am a traditionalist when it comes to hot wings. If it doesn't have bones, it isn't a hot wing. It can have breading, but some form of hot sauce has to be involved. The color spectrum should range from earthy reds to neon orange.

The rest of my criteria for this comparison included distance from APSU, variety, taste, heat, price and access to televisions to watch games. With all of those factors, the choices narrowed down quickly.

After an exhaustive and tasty series of tests, the last two restaurants competing



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Fall colors, football season, cold weather: It's time for wings. Yum.

for hot wing supremacy were Hooters and Nothing But Wings (NBW). Both restaurants are less than five minutes from campus, have multiple televisions for game viewing and offer at least five different flavors of hot wings. In addition, they both offer specials and/or discounts.

Some people familiar with the Hooters franchise would point out an obvious difference in service which might sway an otherwise objective male journalist. For those conscientious objectors, I picked up my wings to go. The final winning choice was based on taste alone.

Overall, NBW offers the best hot wings. From the traditional hot wing to more exotic flavors like the Cajun seasoned, NBW had better taste across the board. Hooters offered the hottest wing with its nuclear 3-Mile Island flavor and the most interesting: Samurai.

However, NBW's honey series including the Honey Buffalo would please all hot wing connoisseurs and bears. I was not alone in my decision. Fellow staff members Devon Robinson and Dru Winn agreed with my decision.

When asked which hot wings they preferred and why, Robinson said, "I personally like these better than Hooter's wings. The texture, it didn't seem so mass-produced. It definitely has a more natural taste. I just wish it was cooked a little better."

Winn agreed for different reasons. "I think they're good. I like the honey barbecue. I am a big honey barbecue fan," Winn said. "These are better because there are not women walking around in little shorts and tops."

People at APSU looking for good hot wings should go to NBW. Guys looking for trouble from girlfriends should go to Hooters. This test is further proof that when we say we eat there for the "almost world famous wings," women aren't buying it. ♦

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- Located at 105 Franklin St.
- Phone: (931) 503-0325
- Restaurant hours: Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Bar open extended hours if occupied
- Offers a full menu of appetizers, entrees, deserts and tasty adult beverages
- Live music
- Catering



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Johnny's Restaurant

- Located at 428 College St.
- Phone: (931) 647-4545
- Restaurant hours: Monday through Saturday 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Offers burgers, fries and such
- Signature desert: Bun Creme, yum!



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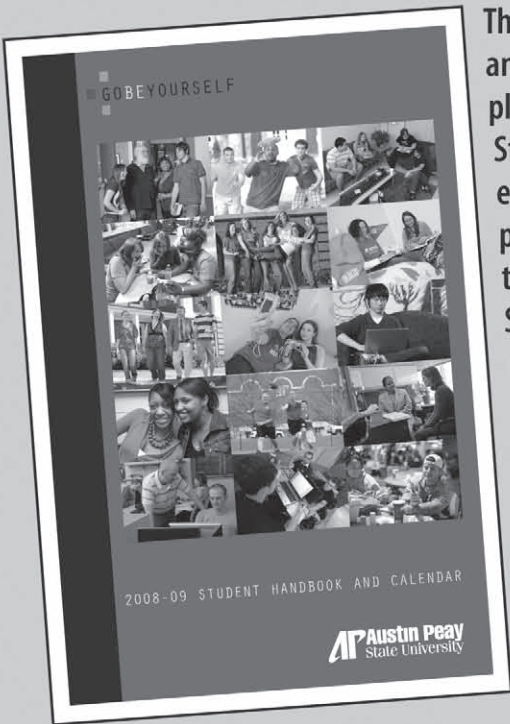
Sorvino's Bar and Grill

- Located at 140 University Ave.
- Phone: (931) 552-0209
- Restaurant hours: Monday through Sunday, noon to 3 a.m.
- Sportsbar and restaurant by day, club by night
- Live music



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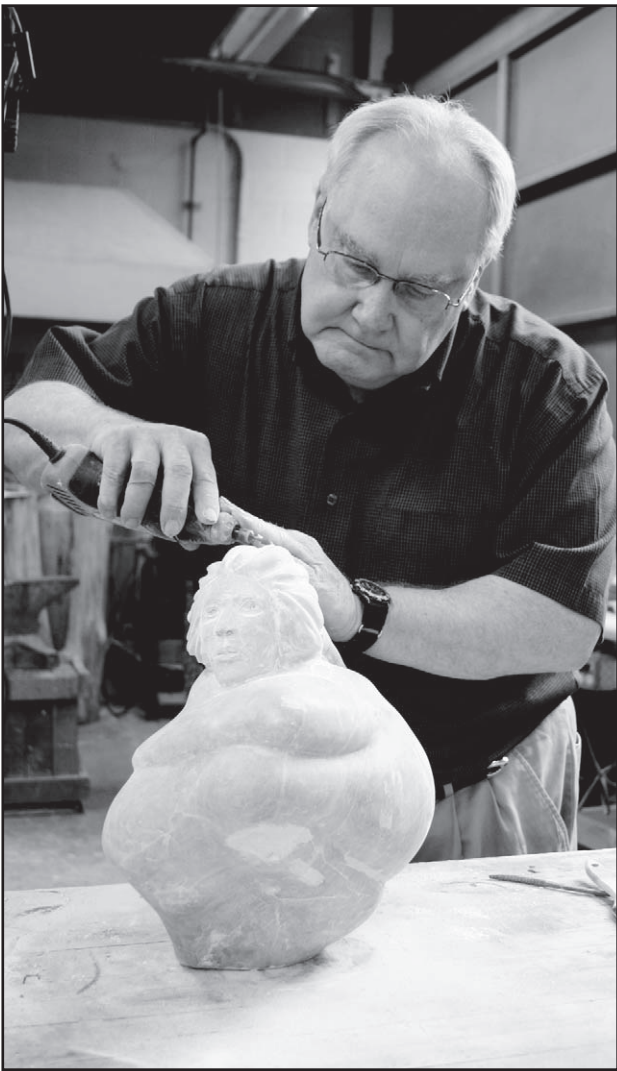
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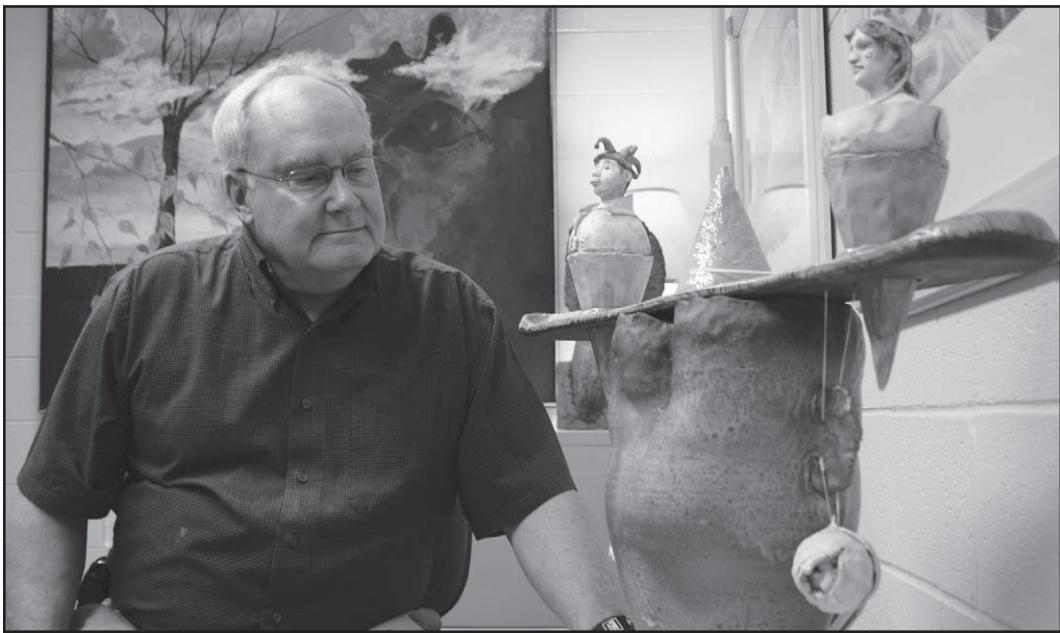
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Diehr’s passion draws him back to studio



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Left: Professor James Diehr sculpts a female figure out of alabaster stone. The finished work will be displayed at the faculty art show in October.

Right: Diehr sits next to the “Dean Sculpture” and explains it’s meaning.

PATRICK ARMSTRONG/PHOTO EDITOR

By **JOHN LUDWIG**
Senior Staff Writer

Across from his desk, Professor of Art James Diehr, observes one of his sculptures, a pale brown object with conical, clownish protrusions. He amusingly recounts his inspiration for the work, which he calls the “Dean Sculpture,” and the meaning behind it. “This one encompasses the aspects of a dean,” Diehr says. “You have to have a point, you have to keep things balanced, you have to be nice, you can’t

leave until the fat lady sings, you have to keep your ears open for gremlins and don’t have things fall through the cracks.”

Diehr speaks from six years of experience as APSU’s former Dean of the College of Arts and Letters. This semester, however, he is stepping down and returning to a position more dear to him: professor. Dixie Webb is replacing him as interim dean of the college.

Deihr explains how teaching gives him the

opportunity to impact someone’s life in a positive way.

“I love to teach, so I’ll stay here and teach,” Diehr added. “I would rather wind up my career as a professor than as an administrator.”

While many of his colleagues were retiring, Diehr didn’t find that idea appealing. At 67 years old, he’s still full of life and exudes enthusiasm for his work as an educator, administrator and artist. He looks forward to continuing his art in his studio as well as mentoring his grandchildren. “Family has always been important to me. Not just my family (my wife, children and now grandchildren) but also the family of the university,” Diehr said. “I’ve always felt that being a part of higher education is like being a part of a family. That’s such an important part of my life, especially considering that I

never thought I’d be a college professor. It’s something I never planned to be.”

As I scribble down his dialogue, I look up and ask him, “What did you originally plan to do?” Diehr inhales to phrase an answer, but expels it instantly in a guttural laugh. Apparently, he was just in the right place at the right time.

“I don’t think I really had a plan,” Dier says excitedly. When asked about being a dean, Diehr continues, “As a college professor, you normally get to know the professors only in your department, but as a dean you get some contact with people across the departments. It’s broadening as an experience to get to know so many people.”

This semester Diehr will be teaching two sections of Three Dimensional Design 1020 and one section of Art Appreciation 1030. For the students attending his

classes, I inquire if there’s anything special he wishes to convey.

Swiveling in his chair, Diehr draws in deep and shrugs. “Over the years, I’ve watched students who have great talent, but don’t work. They have this illusion that somehow they’re going to be ‘found,’ and that just doesn’t happen. I think work ethic is so important in order to get to where you want to be. You have to have talent, but you also have to work hard. I have students who come up to me and say ‘Well, I got this idea about such and such,’ and my response is, ‘Show me!’” Diehr chuckles. “Some of it is simply just work. For instance, I’ll have a great idea. I’ll sketch it out, but if I don’t make it, it’s meaningless. You’ve got to work and put in that labor to actualize those ideas.”

When I ask him to impart some wisdom to aspiring teachers, particularly in the

fine arts, Diehr looks off and furrows his brow. Looking back at me, he responds, “Don’t impose too much of yourself on the student. Try to know what the student wants to achieve and help the student achieve that. As a student, I’ve had professors who tried to make me a little one of them. I didn’t want to be a little one of them; I wanted to be me. I wanted them to tell me how I could be better at being me.” Towards the end of the interview, I jokingly ask him, “Are you a fan of that Patrick Swayze movie, ‘Ghost?’” I expect this to confuse him, but he isn’t fazed in the least. He laughs hard and replies, “You know, when that movie came out, the enrollment of my pottery class increased by 30 percent—all of them women. They kept asking me when Patrick Swayze was going to come help them with their pot.” ♦

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Did you know?



Professor of Art James Diehr is the artist who created the sculpture “Gateway” displayed in front of the Browning Building. Completed in 1986, the piece was done as part of Lamar Alexander’s homecoming. The sculpture is positioned 86 feet from the front step of the university. The open figure represents a student entering the university and returning back to the world.

Disability Services moves to University Center

By **MATEEN SIDIQ**
Senior Writer

Senior interdisciplinary studies major David Williams and several other students recently received an e-mail from Disability Services. The e-mail told students Disability Services has relocated to the Morgan University Center room 114. Williams registered for Disability Services before summer and likes the new location.

“I think the change from Clement to Morgan University Center is very nice,” said Williams. He also added the people at Disability Services are very nice and informative.

Director of Disability Services Beulah Oldham said, “In the new location, students will have immediate on-site access to the assistive technology lab and training.”

The relocation is accompanied with many renovations to the new office.

Disability Services received a \$35,000 grant, after Oldham and Lynette Byard, assistant director of Disability Services, applied for APSU’s Technology Access Fee grant.

With this grant, Disability Services was able to create the new Assisitive Technology Lab for all students to use.

Disability Services aids about 250 students every semester from main campus, Fort Campbell and online, according to Oldham. Services include “low-tech to high-tech assistance. Low-tech may teach a student how to highlight important points in an article to the high-tech going to Assistive Technology lab, and there they can get help from Philip Voorhees who is the Adaptive Technology Coordinator,” said Oldham.

Oldham want Disability Services to be available to all students in need.

“We encourage students that have disabilities to come and apply for accommodations, but if they don’t need them then that is OK,” said Oldham.

“With the move of Disability Services to Morgan University Center, the university is showing its continued commitment to the providing access and service for Austin Peay students with disabilities,” said Oldham. ♦

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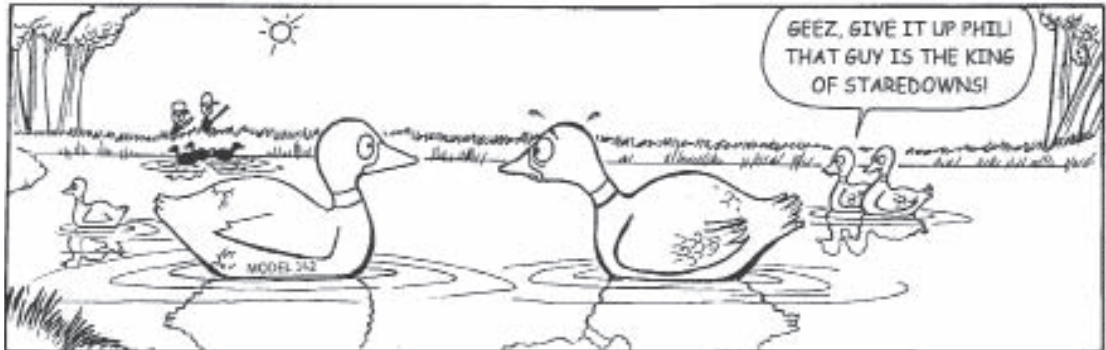
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Students and officers make cotton candy at a Welcome Back event. At theallstate.com, read about campus security.



Amber Waves

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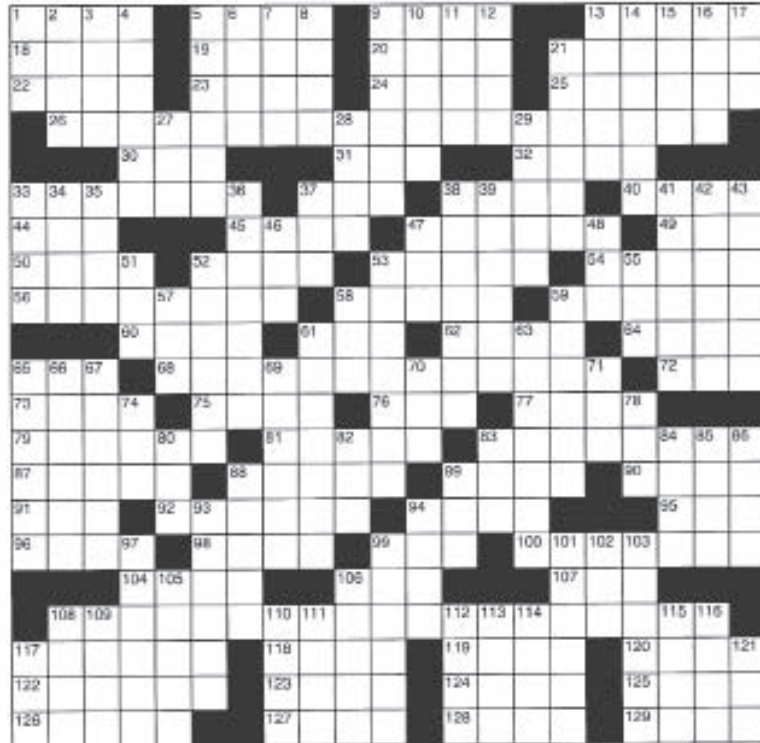
by Gary Kopervas



Super Crossword

CLONES

- ACROSS
- 1 News bit
 - 2 Billboard
 - 3 Request an encore
 - 4 Prying Pan?
 - 5 Praise passionately
 - 6 Singer
 - 7 Guitare
 - 8 Pit
 - 9 "It Up" (73 hit)
 - 10 A roaring success?
 - 11 Nary a soul
 - 12 Address
 - 13 Start of a remark by Laurence J. Peter
 - 14 Unfashionable
 - 15 Castilian cry
 - 16 "and shna!"
 - 17 Part 2 of remark
 - 18 "Golden Girl" McClanahan
 - 19 Road quickly
 - 20 Spellbound
 - 21 Generation
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 - 23 Company
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 - 26 Tennis legend
 - 27 Kanga's creator
 - 28 Crafter's need
 - 29 Anderson's "Tia and —"
 - 30 Shucka
 - 31 "Beagle"
 - 32 Top-notch passenger
 - 33 "60 —"
 - 34 Spumante
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 - 36 Actress
 - 37 "State Fair" solo
 - 38 197 TV's "Have — Will Travel"
 - 39 End of remark
 - 40 Infantry action
 - 41 Cheesa-
 - 42 Part of Micronesia
 - 43 Learning method
 - 44 Landed
 - 45 Grant or Elwes
 - 46 Youngster
 - 47 Emuleted
 - 48 Pinocchio
 - 49 Winter wear
 - 50 Milo of "Ulysses"
 - 51 Malamutes and huskies
 - 52 Poe crow
 - 53 McGee of "Howl"
 - 54 Coat material
 - 55 Singer
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 - 58 Ullman or Gold
 - 59 Flicka's foot
 - 60 Chum
 - 61 Harper of "Tender Mercies"
 - 62 Adequate
 - 63 Under-standing
 - 64 Part 4 of remark
 - 65 Wicked thing?
 - 66 At large
 - 67 May Wong
 - 68 Jury member
 - 69 Knitting stitches
 - 70 Lees demanding
 - 71 Part of Micronesia
 - 72 Colleague of 101
 - 73 Down Vermont village
 - 74 "What?"
 - 75 It may be common
 - 76 Rub out
 - 77 Packs groceries
 - 78 "The —"
 - 79 "Dachshund" ('66 film)
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by Linda Thistle

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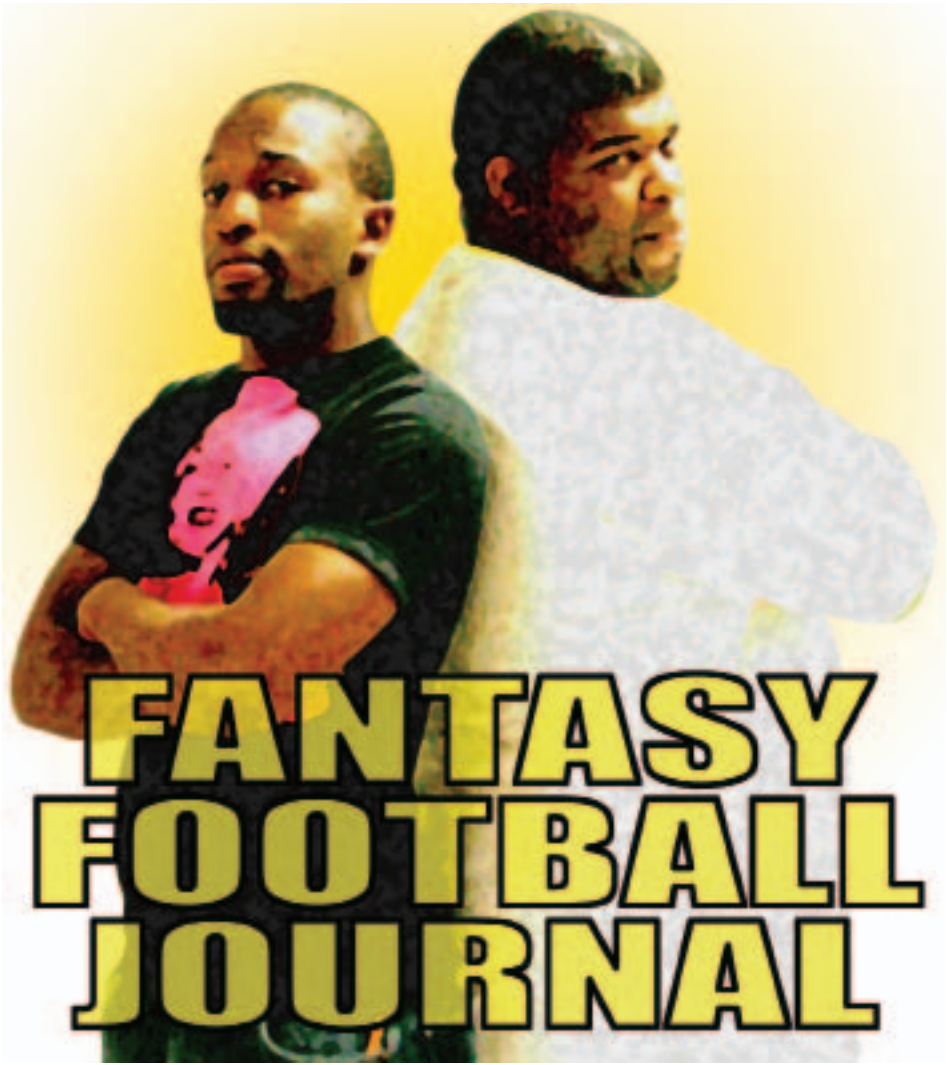
APSU sports earns multiple awards

Managing Editor

The APSU Athletics Department received the OVC Institutional Sportsmanship Award.



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Season two, Week one

Challenge issued: Robinson vs Scott

Dear Diary,

I can quote a dozen different proverbs extolling the virtue of accepting losses gracefully. However, I am still angry about losing the championship game of my fantasy football league last season by one point. Walls have been punched, curses have been sworn and sleep has been lost. Eventually, I will need therapy.

This season is going to be different. As I put together yet another diabolical GridIronGovs team, I will also be noting how well Facebook does fantasy football. Will they be able to steal some of the perennial fantasy players who use ESPN.com, NFL.com or Yahoo?

I plan to keep smiling all the way to the championship. Last season's loss was a fluke. I am destined for fantasy greatness and this season I will climb to the title of fantasy football guru over the crushed ego of my colleague, Devon Robinson.

Robinson was foolish enough to join the same fantasy league I am in. Even if by some miracle I don't win the championship this season, I will be just as happy to finish the season with more wins than Devon. The only thing better than smack talking online, is rubbing it in live.

I suppose, theoretically, there is a possibility Robinson could beat me. After all, I live in a world where Brett Favre plays for the Jets. But, like the New England Patriots, my ego has taken as much punishment as it can handle. This season it's personal.

I have done the research, gathered the data and made my draft strategy. Like millions of fans across the country, I can't wait until the first game of the season.

Soon the new GridIronGovs will be born and the battle for fantasy football supremacy will begin. When the dust settles at the end of the season, some will be looking at the sky screaming with tears running down their faces. Others will have both hands in the air signaling the field goal was good, reveling in their own brilliance.

I swear by Peyton Manning's arm, this season will not end like last season.

Sincerely,

Marlon Scott

Dear Diary,

Granted, I didn't do that well on my last season of fantasy football. I certainly intend a much more



"He didn't actually play against anybody good."
Devon Robinson,
Sports Editor

successful season this time. Last year, Marlon told me about his national championship woes. While I put up the façade of being sincere, I actually giggled quite a bit inside. The idea of Marlon losing something is just so funny to me, diary. So that was motivation enough for me to get in on the fun.

The Facebook application Fantasy Football 2008 is the one we decided to use; it's easy, because we're both on Facebook. Now, I don't think this application will reach the size of already established programs on NFL.com and Yahoo, but I think it would get a bit of traffic since it is Facebook.

Our draft date was August 23, around noon, so our journey to the championship has officially begun. I love all things competitive, especially when I'm at least decent at something, and this will be no different.

Marlon thinks he has a handle on this year's edition, but what most of you don't know is that he didn't actually play against anybody good. Rumors say that he was playing with his cousins which are both in elementary school. I mean, I guess that's okay if you're cool with beating children at games normally aimed at adults.

In all reality, Marlon is no slouch — he knows quite a bit about the sport of football. Alas, he has never played against me and the Beaumont City Aggies, so we're going to see how this all ends up. What better bragging rights to have than to say that the new sports editor beat his boss, the managing editor?

I don't think there is anything much better. By the way, the NFL is going to be crazy this year.

Sincerely,

Devon Robinson

Burggraf sets the bar

By MARLON SCOTT
Managing Editor

Lady Gov junior pole vaulter Carrie Burggraf is setting the bar high academically. Working hard both on and off the field, the only thing more impressive than the heights she clears in pole vault is her grade-point average.

With a 4.0 GPA, Burggraf earned placement on both the Athletics Director's Honor Roll and the President's List. Her perfect GPA has also earned her a spot on the Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll (3.25 GPA for a year) and an OVC Medal of Honor for having the highest GPA in a conference-sponsored sport.

In June, Burggraf was named to the ESPN: The Magazine Academic All-District IV first team. As a result, she will appear on the Academic All-American ballot.

More recently, Burggraf was named to the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All Academic Track and Field Team.

According to APSU Sports Information, Lady Govs coach Doug Molnar praised Burggraf.

"Carrie being named as an individual is a great honor because it combines athletics and academics," Molnar said. "As a regional qualifier, conference champion and a 4.0 student — as a coach you can't ask for much more from a student-athlete."

Burggraf holds the outdoor pole vault records for both APSU and the OVC

championship. She was the 2006-07 OVC Indoor Track and Field Newcomer of the Year. In addition, Burggraf has also finished in the top four of the OVC indoor and outdoor pole vault championship in her first two seasons. ♦



PATRICK ARMSTRONG/PHOTO EDITOR

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In Sports Next Week

- Govs Football Preview: Expectations and predictions

- Govs travel to Fargo, ND. Season opener against the North Dakota State Bisons.

- Lady Govs' soccer hits road to Huntsville, AL. Face Lady Bulldogs in second game of the season. Then return home and play Lipscomb Lady Bisons.

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NCAA FOOTBALL 09 REVIEW

EA Sports delievers great college experience in NCAA 09

By **DEVON ROBINSON**
Sports Editor

It's a scary time for college football fans. Males between ages of 18 and 24 know what I'm talking about. Their significant others hate what I'm talking about.

What phenomenon am I referring to? Why, none other than the release of NCAA Football 09 by EA Sports. Of course, it's not the caliber of Madden 09 (which was released a few weeks later) but the game is life-stealing all the same. Apologies to loved ones should be delivered early because NCAA Football 09 does not disappoint.

The game takes three to five seconds to load on both Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. The presentation is very slick. Like previous versions, the game opens with the option to choose a favorite team. After this, the team's band music starts and an active slideshow of that team's pictures plays in the background. Thankfully, EA kept the most recent menu style, because it was definitely clunky in years past.

During the loading screens, some history and current facts about the home team being played are shown. Instead of a football game that just happens to have college teams on it, NCAA 09 has an authentic college feel.

Tired of randomly generated names? Worry no more, OCD gamer, there is a feature called EA Locker. It allows gamers to download full rosters from EA and Xbox Live accounts. I find this particularly cool because I can play as players I actually went



IMAGE COURTESY OF EA SPORTS
Screenshot of weather change in Neyland Stadium.

to high school with using their real names. Online dynasties are finally here. Now everyone can play online with their friends and compete for the national championship. Everyone with online functionality should utilize this feature because it's just as smooth as the offline experience of Dynasty mode. Graphics are only a little better than last year's experience, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. The crowds are definitely more alive this time. The players all have great details, including folds in uniforms, moving grass and detailed faces. If you have surround sound, prepare yourself for a real treat. The field atmosphere is beyond ambient and it really feels like a



IMAGE COURTESY OF EA SPORTS
Screenshot of Arkansas runningback evading defenders in LSU's end zone.

college campus. For example, playing in Neyland Stadium includes authentic chants from the crowd and Rocky Top played by the Volunteers' pep band. The announcers tend to repeat themselves from time to time, but usually have pretty relevant things to say about the game. Game play has been streamlined in this year's release. Animation is smoother, with the feeling of actually controlling the player. User catches don't feel as random as they used to, and this allows for a better-looking game. Included is a new "mini-game" called Quarterback Quiz. If your QB throws an interception, he will have to choose which defensive play caused that pick, just like a real quarterback and his coach back on the bench after a bad play. A correct answer quarterback keeps the quarterback's confidence. If the answer is incorrect, the

quarterback loses his poise and becomes rattled at the beginning of the next offensive play. In addition, players can ice the kicker. That's right, the mother of all cheap (and smart) tactics finally makes it way into the game. The kick meter will be iced over and the camera pans to a dramatic angle while your controller rumbles with the accompanying heartbeat of the kicker. I know, really dramatic. The game is not glitch-free, of course. Sometimes the jukes and spins will send the player backwards a few steps, which can mess up a whole play. Don't worry though, EA is aware of this and should be fixing it with an update by the time of this issue. Seasoned veterans or newcomers to college football games should love this game. It is definitely worth picking up, because it's the best NCAA football game yet. ♦

"I would keep the online dynasty because you can play with your friends."

Justin Lewis, Junior



"Breaking tackles, reaction time, it just feels more realistic overall"

Chuck Jones, Freshman



"Oh, you can play it online? Well that's a good point of the game."

Nathan Boone, Freshman



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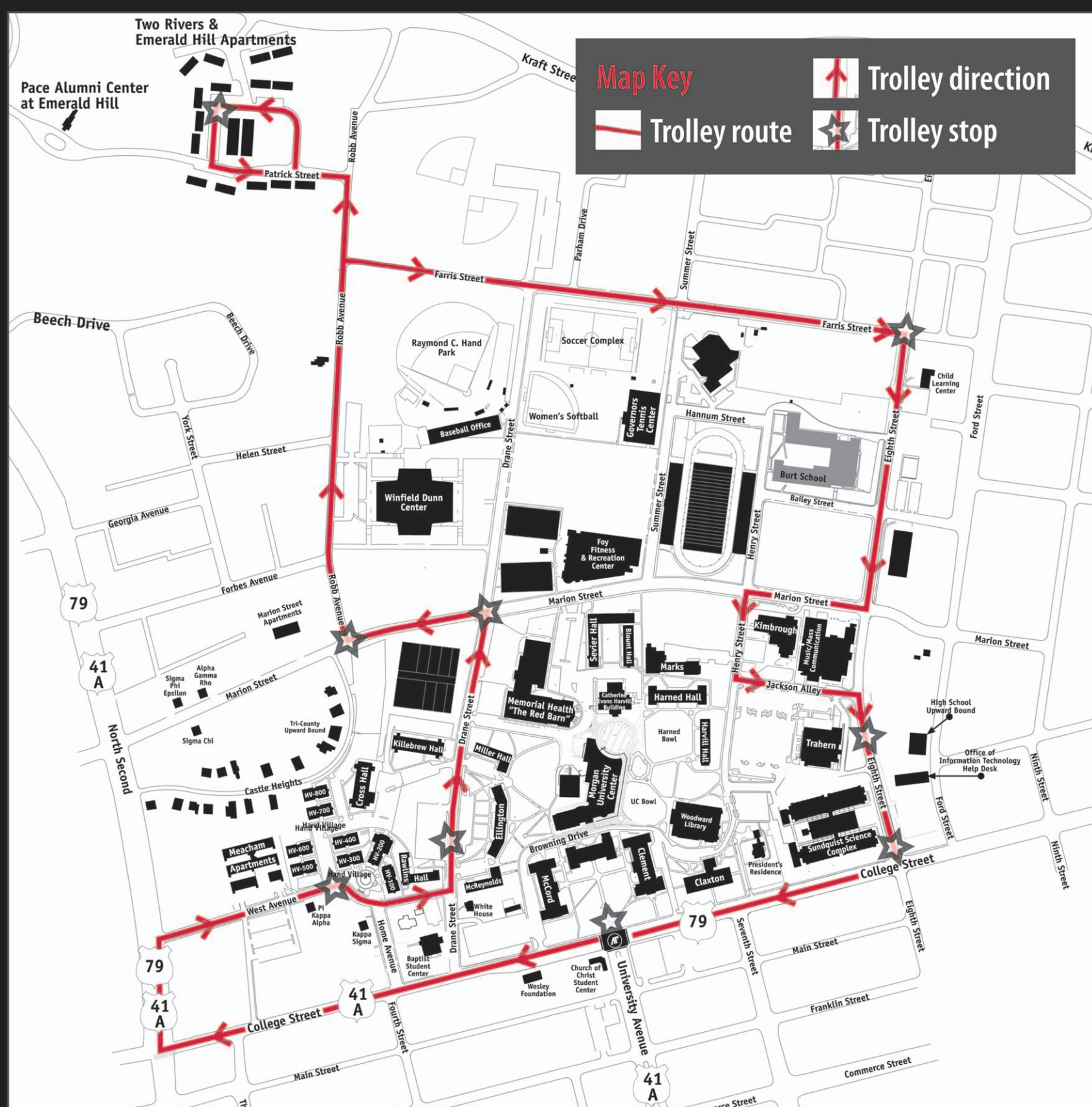
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