



Lawmakers present agendas

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Managing Editor
The Tennessee Press Association, The Associated Press and the University of Tennessee held the third annual Legislative Planning Session Thursday Feb. 14 at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Nashville.
Gov. Bredesen and Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey were in attendance, among other state officials, to discuss their law-making agendas for the year ahead.
News outlets from across the state turned out to hear plans that the legislature has in store for Tennessee.
The following highlights are from some of the discussion sessions.

Open Government

The session commenced up with a brief introduction from open records specialist, Elisha Hodge, who was standing in for Ann Butterworth who was present but couldn't speak because her voice was out. Butterworth is the director for the Office of Open Records and the newly appointed ombudsman for the state.
According to Bredesen's statement in a Jan. 1 article of The Tennessean, the position was created to "help Tennesseans navigate the complex open records law."
Ramsey, also stated his goal to "make a more open form of government" with sessions being broadcast via Internet so that people could watch every vote.
Ramsey believes the state has made a "major step forward" in terms of open governance.
Bredesen reaffirmed his commitment to open records and open government, noting his fulfillment of creating the office of ombudsman.
The governor shared that he was the recipient of many records requests, all



Lawmakers at the third annual Legislative Planning Session in Nashville on Thursday Feb. 14 discussed distribution of the over \$440 million in lottery scholarship surplus and the government role to make records more open to the public.

of which range from targeted to broad inquiries. Bredesen said many requests take longer because they were so broad. He then requested people be as specific as possible when making requests.

Lottery scholarship and education

During the session concerning Tennessee education, Comptroller of the Treasury, John Morgan, said 17 out of 100 ninth graders will finish college. Morgan also said that if we lower our standards, then it will be much easier to meet those standards.
University of Tennessee professor Matthew Murray was also present to discuss the findings released in the

education resource project "Education Crossroads." These can be found at www.educationcrossroads.com.
The project revealed that unemployment, the prison system, life expectancy and voting rates were all factors affected by the population's level of educational attainment.
In addition, Murray said a link was shown between cigarette smoking and education.
Senate Education Chairwoman Jamie Woodson and House Education Chairman Les Winningham discussed the Tennessee Lottery and its effect on higher education.
"There are two distinct areas relating to lottery funds," Woodson said. The first area Woodson expanded on was that this is the first year for the lottery scholarship

expansion because of recurring reserves. The second item focused on the excess of \$440 million.
The amount available for expanding scholarships ranged from \$17 to \$27 million. Woodson said this year would mark the last large expansion of the lottery.
Rep. Winningham said that there is currently a group of people studying the lottery who have made the recommendation for a 2.75 GPA requirement.
During his session, Ramsey said with regards to non-traditional students that we "aren't giving scholarships to people who aren't serious about this."

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Students aid Union

By JAKE DAVIS
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Union University in Jackson, Tenn. was hit by an EF-4 tornado on Tuesday Feb. 5 that destroyed two housing buildings (Hurt and Watters), and left many others damaged. Classes have been cancelled until as of Feb. 18, classes have been cancelled until today.
"It is absolutely amazing to think that we will be able to start classes within two weeks of this devastating story," said Union University President David Dockery.
"We are so excited about seeing our students return to class. I can't say enough about our faculty and staff and the amazing work they have done to enable us to be ready to move forward with the spring semester schedule," Dockery said.
Many APSU students have ties to Union, which is approximately two hours away.
Katherine Rowe and her friends Sarah Gertig, Kelsie Nelson and Amanda Maynard are some of those students.
Rowe and her friends have set up tables at the Sundquist Science Center and the University Center to make cards for Union students who lost their dorm rooms.
"We set up the tables at the UC and the science building trying to give encouragement," said Katherine Rowe, junior nursing major.
Gertig had friends that were "trapped pretty bad," according to Rowe.
"We live in the dorms and we just imagined what it would be like for us," Rowe said.
Almost 80 cards were made as of

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'Gravel pit' will be renovated to make room for student meetings

By NICOLE JUNE
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The unfinished portion of the UC basement will soon be converted into new student meeting rooms.
This space is located directly beneath the office wing on the second floor and is slightly narrower than the wing above it.
The area has remained unfinished since the opening of the building in March 2002.
"We like to call it the gravel pit," said Sherryl Byrd, associate vice president for student affairs. It was left in this condition due to a lack of appropriate funds in the building project at the time of its construction.
The area is currently being used as a storage area. New plans are in motion for the space, however, and an architect will be hired for the new project. The university hopes to build new student meeting areas in this space.

"This idea was prompted by an increase in the number of students and student organizations using space in the UC," said Andy Kean, director of university facilities. The rooms will also be used as "late night space" for these organizations so that the entire building does not have to remain open for one group. The space will be available primarily for student-based use and will most likely not be available for off-campus organizations or conferences.
"Our intent is to ensure that students have priority [over the space]," Kean said.
The room will be divided with the use of moving partitions that can turn the space into three separate rooms or one large area to accommodate a larger group.
"These partitions will not lock us into one setup, and reconfiguration of the space in response to future needs would not require as much renovation," Kean said.



The UC Basement will be renovated by spring 2009.

Once the area is completed, it will be made available by reservation in the same fashion that

most campus meeting areas are reserved.
The charges that apply for changing the setup of most on-campus meeting areas, however, will most likely not apply to this space due to its more versatile design, according to Byrd.
"The design will resemble the look of the third floor, but the furniture will be easier to move and more convenient," she said. The space may also be equipped with a high-tech media center and equipment for both professional and personal use.
This idea has not been finalized, however.
The area, while in the basement, is not completely underground and will feature four large-sized windows. The capacity of the room is not yet known and can only be determined by the fire marshal. The estimated budget for this project is \$675,000.
"I anticipate that it will be at least a year before the rooms are completed, possibly sometime near summer 2009," Kean said. ♦

Students sound off on frozen beef recall from California company

Question: How do you think the Department of Agriculture's recall of 143 million pounds of frozen beef will affect your diet?
Greg Mercando sophomore, vocal performance
Annie Wegener sophomore, English/business
Bryant Worthy freshman, undecided
James Willis junior, political science
DeLesha Shirley freshman, nursing



Union: students help



Union University in Jackson, Tenn. was hit by a tornado Tuesday, Feb 5. According to David Dockery, president of Union University, the tornado caused approximately \$40 million in damage.

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Thursday Feb. 14. The cardmakers ended their project on Friday, Feb 15.
Aaron Saunders, an APSU senior involved with the Church of Christ Student Center, also made efforts to bring some students to help clean up rubble at Union.
“I’m just going down there with an able body and a pair of working gloves and do whatever they want,” Saunders said.
The rubble was picked up earlier than

expected and Saunders and his group were no longer needed.
Phi Mu Alpha, the APSU band’s Greek organization, also volunteered 20 members to help Union students. Many APSU students have shown great tenderness and compassion in lending a helping hand to the students at Union.
For more information about the programs set up to help Union University contact the Call Center at (731) 668-1818 or (731) 661-5000 or e-mail uurecovery@uu.edu. ♦

Construction at Marks



Workers lay cement Feb.15 beside the Marks building.

Agenda: schools

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Bredesen’s agenda

Bredesen applauded the legislature for passing federal disaster aid for eight counties this week.
According to the governor, President George W. Bush responded to the aid request saying that he had never received a request so quickly.
In addition to Tennessee education, two issues that Bredesen spent the greatest amount of time on were the necessity for pre-kindergarten education and long-term care

for the elderly.
Bredesen said there was strong national evidence that Pre-K gives children a strong foundation for the remainder of their education.
Ramsey expressed his disagreement with Bredesen on this matter saying that he didn’t think it was necessary.
With regards to long-term care, the governor also said that he was seeking ways to redefine what a care provider is and also trying to offer more choices to the elderly.
One major shift that Bredesen wants to make is to move money from the nursing homes to home care. ♦

Good Morning APSU Your Community

HCC Movie Night
Like movies? Need Spanish course credit? Join the Hispanic Cultural Center for another movie night featuring “Pan’s Labyrinth” from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 in UC 308. The story is set in fascist Spain in the 1940’s where a young army officer’s daughter escapes into a fantasy world. Refreshments will be served. Contact Andrea Palomaki at 221-6645 for more information.

‘Little Shop of Horrors’ tickets
Tickets for the APSU showing of “Little Shop of Horrors” are now on sale from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Trahern Theater box office. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Tickets will also be available one hour before performances. Contact the Trahern Theater box office at 221-7379 for more information.

Best faculty and staff awards
Is there a faculty or staff member that is exceptional and has gone above and beyond? Nominate your favorite faculty or staff member for the Outstanding Faculty or Staff Member of the Year award. Awards will be presented at the Student Leader Awards. Submit your nominations by Feb. 27.

Omicron Delta Kappa
The APSU chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, a National Leadership Honor Society, are now accepting applications for membership. Applications are due at 4 p.m. on Feb. 29.

Mister and Madam Governor
Mister and Madam Governor awards will be presented at the annual Student Organization and Leader Awards on Thursday, April 10. December 2007 and August 2008 graduates are eligible to apply. Pick up an application in the Office of Student Affairs.

Online athletics store
APSU Athletics department, Universal Threads, Inc. and JumpTV Sports announces the grand opening of the official LetsGoPeay.com Online Store, the complete destination for all your Gobs and Lady Gobs needs. Check it out at <http://www.letsgopeay.com/>.

Intramural wiffleball
Come play wiffleball with University Recreation Intramural Sports. Deadline to register is Feb. 25. A minimum of 6 players must register to form a team. Mens, womens and co-rec leagues are available. Wiffleball is free when you register for softball. Contact Carolyn Norath at 221-7564 for more information.

Invisible children tour rolls in



The Invisible Children tour came to campus Feb. 18 to screen the movie. The event was held in the UC and Clement Auditorium. The event was sponsored by the Gobs Programming Council. The movie is about child soldiers in Uganda.

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OUR TAKE

Tennessee education ranked 16th in nation

Editorial Roundup

THE ISSUE:
Although Tennessee schools rank 16th in the nation, they still received a “C-plus” letter grade.

OUR TAKE:
We find it difficult to celebrate the declared success of Tennessee education when numerous problems still remain. A recent study shows that nearly half of college students lose their HOPE scholarship after their freshman year.

Recently, Tennessee’s preschool to post-secondary education was ranked sixteenth in the nation by the journal *Education Week*. This ranking is based on standardized test scores, graduation rates, school finances and other criteria. Although Tennessee received such a high ranking, the state earned a “C-plus” letter grade. This letter grade is slightly above the nation’s “C” average. Tennessee may be ranked 16th in the country, but a “C” is still a “C.”

But in Tennessee’s defense, its education has seen much improvement in the course of a year. Ranking 16th this year compares to ranking 45th in 2007, according to the same *Education Week* study. Among the state’s biggest improvements is increasing public school graduation rates by 14.7

percent. This increase ranks highest in the country.

According to *The Tennessean*, “State and regional education officials attribute Tennessee’s top 20 ranking, in part, to aligning curriculum from year to year to prepare students for post-high school paths.”

The All State remains skeptical of premature celebration of success for Tennessee’s education. Recently, another study was released. This report, performed by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, found that nearly half of college students lose their HOPE scholarship after their freshman year. Furthermore, this study concluded that approximately 32 percent of students maintain their HOPE scholarship through their senior year. How can Tennessee’s preschool to post-secondary education be

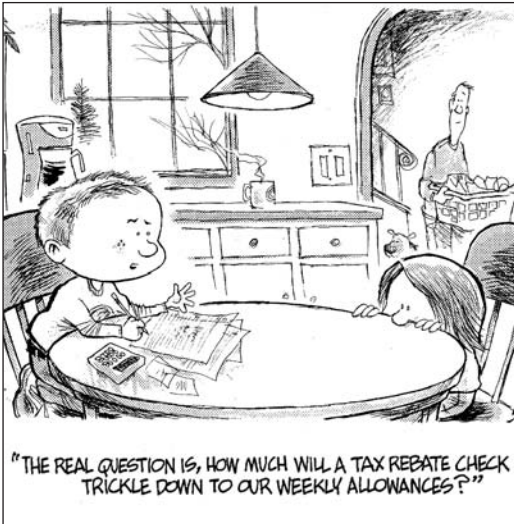
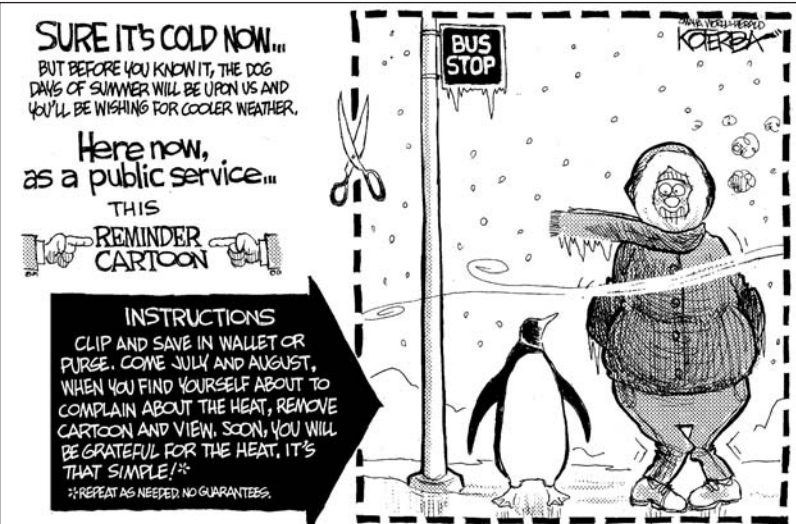
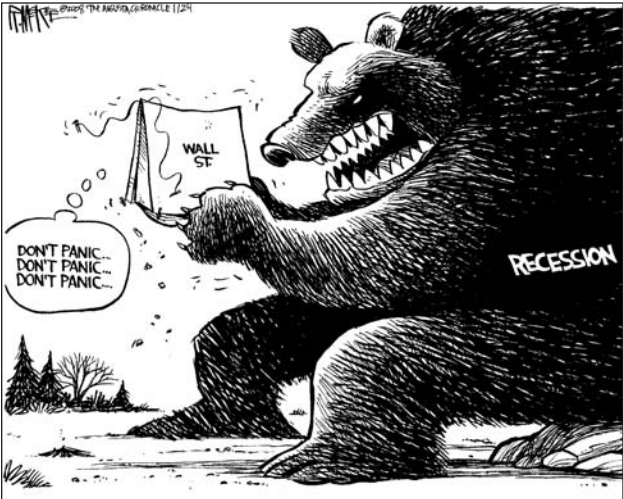
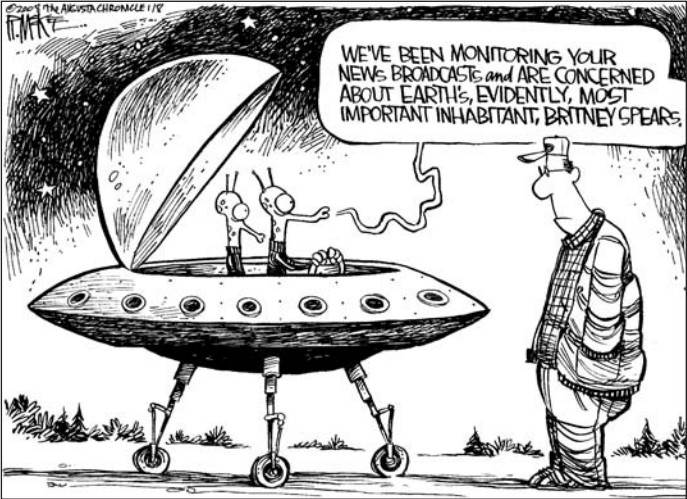
celebrated when half of incoming freshmen students can’t maintain a “B” average and keep their HOPE scholarship?

TAS finds it difficult to celebrate the declared success of Tennessee education when numerous problems remain apparent. Improvement has been made, but should Tennesseans settle for a “C-plus” letter grade? And what questions are raised about the status of Tennessee’s preschool to post-secondary education when there appears to be a disconnect from college education? To re-emphasize, only a third of Tennessee’s college students maintain their HOPE scholarships through senior year. What success is achieved at lower levels of education if that success does not translate to higher levels? If elementary, middle and high schools are preparing students for the

future, then students should also be prepared for higher education. But as the THEC’s report indicates, many students are not prepared to maintain the minimum success of upholding a 3.0 GPA.

Furthermore, how much can Tennessee celebrate when several fellow southern states received higher rankings? The South has a stereotype for making education a low priority, and this stereotype can be attributed to traditionally scoring below the rest of the nation when it comes to education. Tennessee has improved its ranking but still falls behind other southern states like Arkansas, South Carolina, Virginia, Florida and Georgia.

Tennessee has been ranked sixteenth in the nation, but students, parents, politicians and educators must not stop there. ♦



POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Would you like a lawsuit with that?

Ever been tempted to “run for the border” around midnight and ring the Taco Bell? Ever drive past McDonald’s and swear that Mayor McCheese was ready to cite you for breaking the McDonald land law? You know, the one that makes it illegal to pass up the double Big Mac with cheese? How about when you and your pals decide to dine in one of the many “neighborhood” franchise bar-eateries? Do you crave the “sampler platter” appetizer that could feed a family of five for a week, even before you order the main dish?

Well, would you still say a resounding “yes” to all these scrumptious offerings if the actual caloric count of each of these treats was prominently displayed on the menu? And, what if, like the Surgeon General’s warning on all packs of cigarettes, there was also a compulsory warning of the health hazards that could strike you if you actually choked down say a full basket of double-deep-fried, cheese-saturated, salty-seasoned chicken nuggets in one sitting? Would you still throw caution and perhaps some salt to the wind for good luck and refuse to be intimidated by some Washington, D.C. bureaucrat? Hey, if the stuff wasn’t so tasty, why would the “Hamburglars” keep trying to get their sticky fingers on them?

There is a legal food fight brewing right now in New York City that could very soon impact the way all Americans eat. The NYC Health Commissioner has passed rules that make it mandatory for all food chains operating within its jurisdiction to clearly label every food offering’s actual caloric count. So, that double Whopper with cheese grilled up by the King, as in the Burger King, will soon have to disclose that the burger alone has nearly 1,000 calories. Add fries and a drink and you’ve just consumed nearly your entire suggested caloric intake for a day.

Attorneys for health food activists and lobby groups have been threatening fast food restaurants across America for some time now, attempting to hold these companies legally liable for the health consequences their clients claim they now suffer as a result of eating their tasty treats. Diabetes, heart failure, high blood pressure, kidney failure, even loss of sexual appetite have been blamed on these chains’ food offerings and lack of disclosure as to not only what is in each bite, but also how much each bite weighs in caloric terms.

Recently, many in NYC applauded the commissioner who sought to aggressively enforce compliance rules in fast food eateries and fine dining establishments where trans fats have been banned in all food preparation.

But just when you think everyone is now ready to relax and munch away, armed with the full knowledge of what sits before them on their plate, in comes Dr. David B. Allison, president of the Obesity Society of America. He is weighing in with criticism and a lawsuit against the commissioner’s action.

What? The president of the Obesity Society wants no part

of knowing the caloric count of food? What next? Will Richard Simmons actually start wearing “big boy” pants?

Seems Dr. Allison is an adherent of a counter theory which believes that one of two things tend to happen when people become aware of actual caloric counts: 1) They actually eat more from the menu because the food now takes on a sort of “forbidden fruit” (or forbidden Whopper) attraction to the diner. 2) The caloric count turns diners away from the extra weighty meal but only temporarily.

Dr. Allison, who recently filed on this matter with the U.S. District Court in New York, cites studies that suggest such diners then eat “surreptitiously” or secretly at other places to satisfy their hunger and sense of loss if they initially chose the lower caloric options, like a salad. There is also a theory in the world of food which suggests that when diners are stressed and distracted, say by work, problems at home, relationship trouble, they will actually “subconsciously” seek out food options with greater calories and fat.

Apparently, our brains, based on years of evolutionary “schooling,” know that when we are stressed and anxious there’s nothing like a basket of greasy fries, a plate of deep-fried gorditas (by the way, gordita is Spanish for fatty, just a fact folks) or a bucket of sugar-injected liquid to soothe us through another day in the modern jungle.

So, what to make of all of this food fighting? Over 20 states are considering legislation to better “police” fast food chains and even fine eateries to provide open caloric disclosure labels and health risk warnings. Organizations like the American Medical Association, the Public Citizen and The Center for Science in the Public Interest all continue to support an increase, not a decrease, in such proposals and food content disclosures. Closer to home, well, Tennessee has not been known as the most health-conscious state in the Union but perhaps, with the rising cost of health insurance that could change.

What do you think? Would disclosure impact your food choices at all? What about your dining choices on campus? Would more disclosure on all meal items make a difference to you? Me, I’ll never pass up authentic Greek food. Maybe it’s a good thing for my waistline that I have a better chance of running into say, Ashley Judd one day than I do into an authentic Greek restaurant here locally.

Either way, courts continue to wade through lawsuits calling for increased disclosure in dining choices and countersuits claiming that such notification or even removal of high caloric, fatty foods violates one’s right to indulge without guilt.

Perhaps they miss the days when they could stand with their hands planted firmly on their love-handles, with double-chin held high and confidently assert their right as an American to have their fries “supersized.” Are we or are we not still a “superpower?”

And you, are you going to eat all of your “Ranch Supremo”? I’m a little stressed, er, hungry. ♦

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Context is key

Don’t judge a man by his emotions

William Golding was once asked why his novel “Lord of the Flies” was without any female characters. His answer was “because sex would rear its ugly head.” And it’s true. Human beings are sex crazy. We tend to make everything about it.

Being the ever-diligent cultural observer (which is a fancy way of saying that I spend a lot of time online), I’ve noticed an absurd trend in which people and



Devin Walls

organizations attach homosexual identities to characters that exhibit strong emotional bonds to members of the same sex. Don’t ask me why, because I don’t know either.

Even the most innocent (if not most annoying) cartoon characters are targeted. In 2005, SpongeBob SquarePants was attacked by Dr. James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family (or as I like to call them, “crazy”), for promoting the homosexual lifestyle.

This idea made its way into Dobson’s loosely screwed head one day when he discovered the existence of a video tape featuring some of today’s favorite cartoon characters that promoted diversity and tolerance. The tape was mailed to thousands of elementary schools across the country along with an eight-page document full of generic dialogue for teachers to read.

However, nowhere in the video is there any mention of sex or sexual identity as Dobson claims. And the eight-page document contains only three passing references to same-sex households as a way to illustrate that all homes are different in appearance, but are still built on a foundation of love. Other than that, Dobson had no evidence to support his ridiculous claim.

Sometimes this stuff catches on. In April 2006, the Turner Broadcasting System ran an ad campaign for “The Lord of the Rings” that featured Sam and Frodo being emotional with the ‘80s song “Secret Lovers” playing in the background. The video went viral on the internet with Web surfers proclaiming things like “it totally rocks” and “good to know that so many other people out there must have taken note of the [homosexual] subtext.”

Now, I have to admit that a commercial on a superstition (ha ha) like TBS with a suggestive song in the background isn’t exactly subtle, but the commenters on these Web sites forgot one simple thing: It was an ad campaign. It was designed to get people’s attention, which it obviously did, and nothing else. I think we have all seen enough television to know that nothing on it is ever based in reality.

Some things like this actually create intellectual debate. Especially when religion comes into the picture. The “Old Testament” books 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel feature, among other things, the interactions between David, who is destined to be king after Saul, and Jonathan, Saul’s son.

In the first book, the two young men become intimate friends. You probably know where this is going. One school of thought says that they were lovers. Several verses in 1 Samuel are used to support this, including one in which the pair swears loyalty to each other (18:1), and in another Jonathan and David part ways and cry (20:41).

In 2 Samuel, David laments the death of Jonathan by saying, “I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women” (1:26). But David was just a boy and had been married for only a short time to Saul’s daughter Michal. How much did he know about the “love ... of women?” Even if that doesn’t annihilate the argument (which admittedly it doesn’t) I think it is a valid question at least. Could they not have been simply, close friends?

This stuff happens in real life as well. I’ve seen two guys hug in public then some redneck nudges me and says, “They must be homo-sec-shuls.” Give me a break.

The only thing this kind of stuff is showing is that if you are a man you cannot be emotional with another man unless you are gay. I know plenty of emotional straight guys to declare that officially untrue.

Context is key. Obviously SpongeBob only wants to make the world a better place, and TBS wants more people to tune in. And maybe David and Jonathan were gay, but until someone can ask them (they’re dead, by the way), all we can do is speculate. Trust me; there are better ways to spend your Saturday nights. ♦

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There is no hope for ‘Blonde Ambition’

By SAMANTHA PARIS
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In the less than funny romantic comedy, “Blonde Ambition” starring Jessica Simpson, the motivation is lacking. Simpson plays Katie, a native Oklahoma country girl.

Katie visits her high school sweetheart who lives in Manhattan pursuing his modeling career. Once there, Katie finds out her friend has found a new love.

Since she has nowhere to stay, Katie calls on her actress cousin Haley, played by Rachael Leigh Cook, for a place to stay in New York City.

Soon Katie fills in for Haley’s bike messenger job, which brings her to a run-in with a

charming guy and a career opportunity.

Luke Wilson stars as the love interest, Ben. It was shocking to see Wilson in a movie like this. Movie roles must be scarce.

While on messenger duty, she runs into two company executives — played by Penelope Ann Miller and Andy Dick — who think Katie would be perfect to work at their company.

She will work out great in their scheme to sabotage the company.

Katie soon sees the office politics in the corporation.

Simpson’s role in “Employee of the Month” was terrible. Her role in this movie is worse. This movie bottoms out as one of the worst.

The reason that most people would watch this movie would be for Jessica Simpson’s looks, and even those aren’t looking so great.

Throughout the entire movie she is more than noticeable in her bright, candy-red lipstick and orange-tan make-up. Even her tight blonde curls became irritating.

Her clothing choices were over the top.

Simpson was funny when her character needed a professional makeover and hair extensions were the simple answer.

She was given hair extensions by her real life hairstylist and business partner, Ken Paves. Was that a plug for their hair extension line?

Dominating this film more than the actors, was the product placement. It was like one big commercial.

Rock Star Energy Drink was the beverage of choice in the film. Product placement came in handy when Simpson’s character carries an Aquafresh toothbrush everywhere, brushing her teeth whenever she gets nervous. Everyone does, right?

Willie Nelson plays Simpson’s grandfather. His character is extremely boring and forgettable.

The only character that was actually funny was Simpson’s boss played by Larry Miller. Known as the father in “10 Things I Hate About You,” he is a true comedic actor.

Simpson brought Wilson’s acting down to her own level.

I did not see ambition in this film, only luck.

The only ambition displayed was when Simpson’s character came up with an idea for the company, and the company thought it was great.

The idea was simply common sense.

In this film Simpson overplays the dumb blonde character. This film is her pitiful attempt at physical comedy. Her character is more embarrassing than funny.

Simpson’s continuous baby faces and constant humiliating accidents are irritating.

One of those humiliating accidents occur when Simpson’s character walks down a sidewalk and drops all her belongings on a vent.

This regrettably signals the Marilyn Monroe tribute. As she is getting her things together, the air from the vent blows up her dress to flash everyone.

The acting, plot and characters are not very entertaining.

The film seemed to sample from other movies like “Sweet Home Alabama” and “Legally Blonde,” but Simpson proves she is no Reese Witherspoon.

Scott Marshall, son of legendary director Garry Marshall and nephew of Penny Marshall, directed the movie. Penny makes a cameo in the movie.

Overall the movie looked cheap, featured low-budget music and seemed to be of straight-to-video quality.

The film originally opened in a few theaters in Simpson’s native state of Texas in December. Due to lack of sales, the movie has gone straight to DVD.

Simpson has said that she hoped this movie would shift focus away from “tabloid world of [her] life” and prove her talent. The movie is rated PG-13. ♦

Lunar eclipse visible February 20

By RACHAEL HERRON
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On Christopher Columbus’ final voyage, he ran into tough times having to abandon ship due to a infestation. According to www.Space.com, he and his crew ended up on a beach on the northern coast of Jamaica. Though the natives where kind and took the sailors in and fed them, they overstayed their welcome by several weeks. After six months of unfair trades between Columbus’ men, famine was approaching and they had to do something to survive.

Columbus knew that a lunar eclipse was approaching. He had a copy of Regiomontanus Almanac which informed Columbus of the eclipse that was to happen within days. Naturally, Columbus went to the chief and told him that the Christian God was angry with the natives for not supplying him and his men with food and supplies. He told the chief that his god would send a sign.

The night of the eclipse came and the bottom of the moon was missing, and its “bloody” appearance naturally frightened the natives, and they agreed to define them Columbus and his people.

A lunar eclipse is to will appear Wednesday, Feb. 20. According to www.earthview.com, there are two common types of eclipses: A lunar and solar eclipse. Both are totally different, each type coming in different varieties. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes directly between the sun and Earth so that the moon’s shadow falls on the Earth. A lunar eclipse occurs when the



Earth passes directly between the sun and the moon so that the Earth’s shadow falls on the moon. The varieties include a total, annual and partial classification.

Solar eclipses occur only twice a year, but you can see it only if you are in the right place, according to associate professor Spencer L. Buckner of APSU’s physics and astronomy department.

The reason for this is that on Earth “the solar eclipse path is only two hundred miles wide, though it may be thousands of miles long,” Buckner said.

“Lunar eclipses, on the other hand, can be seen more frequently,” Buckner added. “Like solar eclipses, they occur only twice a year but you can see them from any place on the night side of Earth.”

“Lunar eclipses have a much larger footprint and so they are more widely visible than solar eclipses,” said J. Allyn Smith, chair of APSU physics and astronomy department. With that in mind, Buckner also mentioned you can only see one about every 18 months from any particular place. The next total solar eclipse to been seen from Clarksville will be on Aug. 21, 2017.

If the weather allows, the department of physics and astronomy will be hosting lunar eclipse activities in the field in front of the Dunn Center. The activities will be cancelled in the event of cloudy skies or rain.

For more information contact professors Spencer Buckner or J. Allyn Smith. ♦

NONA’S COOKING

By SHANNA MOSS
Photo Editor

Garlic Cubed Steaks

- 1/4 Cup Butter or Margarine
- 2 TBSP Worcestershire sauce
- 2 TBSP Lemon Juice
- 1 TSP Finely Snipped Parsley
- 1/2 TSP Celery Salt
- 1 Clove, Minced Garlic
- 6 Beef Cubed Steaks
- 6 Slices Fresh Bread, Toasted

In a saucepan melt butter. Stir in Worcestershire, lemon juice, parsley, celery salt, and garlic. Brush butter mix on both sides of stakes. Fry steaks till done in sauce. Spoon remaining butter mixture over steaks.

Union University

Austin Peay State University is one of the many colleges across the country who have the opportunity to help Union students replace their textbooks. To assist with such textbook drives, Union has posted a list of textbooks that can be found at www.uu.edu/recovery under the academics section. If you have books to donate, you can contact S.E.R.V.E. or send to the address listed at the above website.

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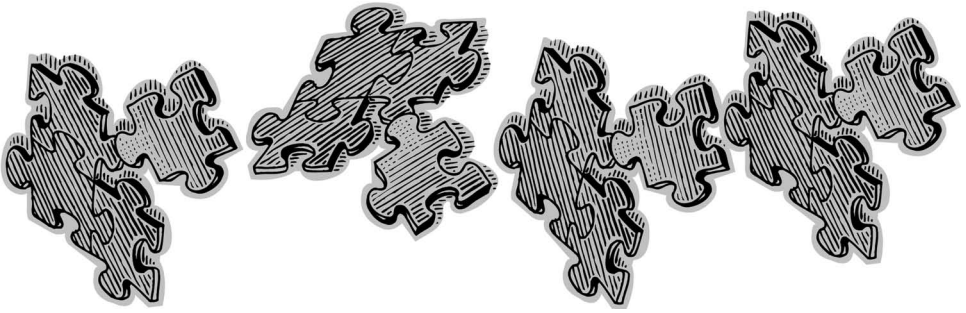
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Uffleman Estates is the currently adopted facility. If you are looking for an alternative option during Spring Break (the week of March 3rd-7th), you have the opportunity to volunteer then or anytime throughout the semester.



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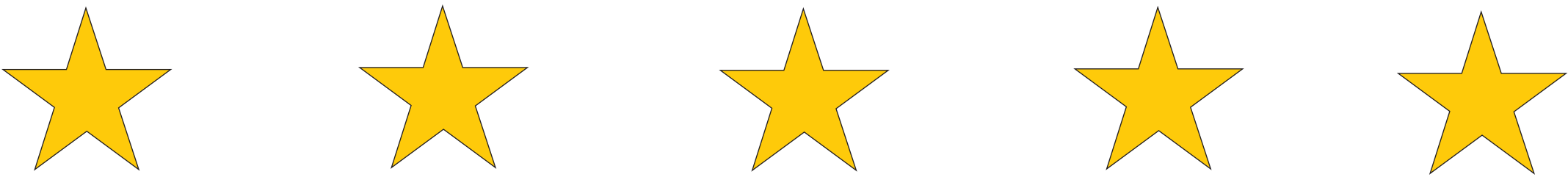
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Academy counts down to 80th ceremony



By **PATRICK ARMSTRONG**
Features Editor

“Frankly my dear, I don’t give a damn.” “Hello Clarice.” “The hills are alive with the sound of music.” “Here’s looking at you, kid.” “Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get.” “I’m the king of the world.” These lines come from some of the most memorable movies in the history of the Academy Awards.

“Old school Hollywood comes to mind,” said Kourtney Smith, freshman communications major.

Each year millions of movie-goers flock to theaters to enjoy the work and talent put into film. The biggest event of the year in the movie industry airs live on Sunday, Feb. 24 from Hollywood’s Kodak Theatre.

Hundreds of stars, directors, producers and others will walk down the red carpet to hopefully hear their name called to come on stage and hold an Oscar. Before the winners are announced, a long nominating and voting process takes place behind the scenes.

According to The Academy Awards of Motion Picture of Arts and Sciences Web site (www.oscars.org), the movies shown in American theatres from Jan. 1, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2007 were eligible for nomination.

The academy is comprised of 6,500 filmmakers whose accomplishments have placed them at the top of their field. Those members are divided into different branches of specific filmmaking.

These branches include actors, art directors, cinematographers, directors, documentary, executives, film editors, make-up, music, producers, public relations, short film and features animation, sound, visual effects and writers.

A reminder list of eligible releases was mailed out to academy members Dec. 26, 2007 and they were given until Jan. 12 to turn them in. Members can nominate up to five films from each category.

Only academy members from their field can nominate films for each category. For example actors can only nominate for the best acting categories. The ballots were then tabulated and narrowed down into no more than five nominees in each category.

The nominations were then announced at a live press conference Jan. 22.

Then the final ballots were mailed out to academy members Jan. 30 and they had until Feb. 19 to turn their ballots into PricewaterhouseCoopers accounting firm.

From there, only two partners tabulate the ballots and the winners are revealed live as the famous envelopes are opened.

Winners for best acting and directing in past Academy Awards include: Audrey and Katharine Hepburn, Clark Gable, Sidney Poitier, Robert Redford, Jack Nicholson, Anthony Hopkins, Steven Spielberg, Julia Roberts and Peter Jackson. Additionally this year, new winners will be added to the elite society in filmmaking.

“They have to be a public figure, but they have to be a role model for younger kids,” said Marilyn Perry, senior public relations major.

This year will be a hot race in the best actor and actress in a leading role categories. The nominees for best actress in a leading role are Cate Blanchett in “Elizabeth: The Golden Age,” Julie Christie in “Away From Her,” Marion Cotillard in “La Vie En Rose,” Laura Linney in “The Savages” and Ellen Page in “Juno.”

Page captured the hearts of many in this story of teen pregnancy but it stil might not be enough to take the Oscar.

Blanchett’s role as Queen Elizabeth most likely will not receive an Oscar but her role in “I’m Not There” should earn her best



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actress in a supporting role.

It really comes down to Christie and Cotillard. Both played exceptional parts and won Golden Globes this year. Winners at this awards ceremony often hints towards the winners of the Academy Awards.

Though Christie played a woman with Alzheimer’s to the “T,” Cotillard should prevail with her role as a brothel girl turned into a singing star with an addiction to morphine.

The best actor in a leading role category features an elite group of men of which three have won an Oscar and another having been nominated twice in past ceremonies.

The nominees are George Clooney in “Michael Clayton,” Daniel Day-Lewis in “There Will Be Blood,” Johnny Depp in “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street,” Tommy Lee Jones in “In the Valley of Elah” and Viggo Mortensen in “Eastern Promises.” Mortensen’s full frontal nude made some viewers stomach turn so this will probably cost him the Oscar, and Jones’ and Clooney’s movies were not that popular.

Depp and Day-Lewis are the only serious ones left, each having won a Golden Globe earlier this year. Day-Lewis sounded a lot like John O’Hurley throughout the whole movie and it was a mediocre performance.

The odds are in Depp’s court for fantastic acting abilities and singing throughout this musical. According to The Academy Awards of Motion Picture of Arts and Sciences, singing that is dubbed will not affect the performer’s eligibility unless it constitutes the entire performance. This should push Depp out in front toward his first Oscar win.

“[Best picture has to be] advertised big. People talk about it a lot,” said Sheryl Mack, sophomore elementary education major.

The most anticipated award is for best picture of the year. Winners of this award in the past include: “Gone with the Wind,” “Casablanca,” “My Fair Lady,” “The Godfather Part I and II,” “Chariots of Fire,” “The Silence of the Lambs,” “Forrest Gump” and “Titanic.” Will “Atonement,” “Juno,” “Michael Clayton,” “No Country for Old Men” or “There Will Be Blood” go down in movie history as winning best picture of the year? “Juno” captured the hearts of many fans, but it will not be enough to beat “Atonement.”

This movie’s scenery is impeccable with an old 1900’s style mansion in England and a beach scene leaves viewers in tears. During the picture, several scenes leave viewers asking, “How did this happen?” The next scene then answers. The ending was as big of a twist as “Psycho,” unless viewers have read the book. This should qualify “Atonement” to win the Oscar.

The 80th Annual Academy Awards could surprise everyone. Who would have thought “It’s Hard Out Here for a Pimp” from “Hustle & Flow” would beat out Dolly Parton’s “Travelin’ Thru” for best original song in 2005? Either way, if the favorite nominees don’t win, viewers are still watching movie history in the making. ♦

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MISTER AND MADAM GOVERNOR AWARDS
Nominations are now being accepted

The Governor Awards will be presented at the annual *Student Organization & Leader Awards*, April 10, 2008

- The selection committee looks for the extent to which nominees have contributed to the University community through leadership, diversity and service.
- May 2008, August 2008 and December 2007 graduates are eligible to apply. Nominees must possess a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and have demonstrated participation in a leadership role on campus.
- **STUDENTS MAY NOMINATE THEMSELVES**
- Applications are now available online at www.apsu.edu/sga or in the Office of Student Affairs, Morgan University Center, room 206
- All applications MUST be received by Friday, February 29, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

‘Habitat’ opens doors to ‘ReStore’ resources

By **KIMBERLY SHUEL**
Staff Writer

It’s time to “restore” our community. Clarksville is going to be the new site of a Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Opening March 1, 2008, the center will supply surplus building materials, furniture and appliances for prices drastically below retail.

The organization’s mission in opening the center is to provide a place for donating and purchasing building materials, increasing funding for decent homes, serving low-income residents and providing good stewardship of sustainable resources in the community.

ReStore’s focus is to create a push in the community. Joe Davidson, the Clarksville ReStore manager, feels passionate about helping people and the environment. Davidson knows ReStore will not only help many people in the future, but it will also greatly impact the environment.

Recycle
Everything
So
Tomorrow
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Almost all the items that end up at ReStore would have otherwise gone to a landfill. By salvaging these items, ReStore is not only helping those in need, but recusing large items that would



MATEEN SIDIQ/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore is located at 408 Madison St. It is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

only add to the mess of a landfill.

Habitat for Humanity allots \$25,000 per house built. This same amount of money was given to start the Clarksville ReStore.

Located at 408 Madison St., the center is currently being stocked and is preparing for its grand opening.

Donation times are held weekly at the new ReStore building, on Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Once the center opens on Saturday, March 1, donation times will be Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Because ReStore runs solely on donations, help is both greatly needed and appreciated.

A full list of items that can be donated includes large appliances in working condition, cabinets and vanities, new carpet and large remnants, doors, windows and shutters, door accessories, lumber (larger than 4 ft.).

Also tools, kitchen and bath fixtures, furnaces and air conditioners, new tile, vinyl floor covering, trim and siding, light fixtures, wall paper (full rolls), hardware (nails, screws, bolts),

shingles and electrical accessories.

They take “anything that goes into building a home,” Davidson said.

Volunteers are welcomed anytime. Before the opening in March, volunteers are needed to clean and move donations. Once the center is open, volunteers will be needed for many different jobs.

Located just down the street, this would be a fantastic opportunity for APSU students to volunteer their time and efforts to a greater cause. By offering to willing help, the volunteer work would look great on a resumé.

Staff and cashiers are needed to greet customers and answer phones. People will also be needed to clean and check incoming donations.

Volunteers will drive the “Habitat” truck around Clarksville and pick up donated building materials and appliances. All of the volunteer jobs would make a huge difference on the impact ReStore could have on the community.

For more information about ReStore, or to volunteer or donate, you can call ReStore at 645-4242, or e-mail them at clarksvillerestore@hotmail.com. ♦

Retreat, beach resort or comfortably relax at home for break

By **BRANDON MEGGS**
Guest Writer

It is about that time of year when college students start saving every penny and dime to get away from midterms and cold weather in effort to escape to their favorite tropical paradise.

College students rely on many different things to get to their destinations.

Anywhere from part-time jobs to coin searching in the couch, young adults will do anything to get away from the boring daily routines.

Not every student, however, wants to retreat to a warm climate or experience a crazy week of adolescent fun.

Some would rather take a well deserved trip to their hometown where they can reunite with their loved ones.

One APSU student, who has decided to go home for spring break, is 21-year-old Daniel Lambert. The business major has decided to go home to Franklin, Tenn., to spend time with his family and friends.

“I’m going home for spring break to hang with my friends from Paramore,” Lambert said.

Lambert, a junior at APSU, happens to be friends with upcoming rock/pop group Paramore. “They are going to be in town shooting a video, so I will get a chance to hang out with them.”

While many students like Lambert don’t mind settling for going home, many others can’t wait to arrive in Florida or any tropical paradise of their choosing.

Young adults can’t wait to indulge in a week full of drinking and non-stop partying. Sophomore Kevis Buckley is looking for a little bit of everything.

The health and human performance major is going to Panama City Beach for spring break with a group of friends.

“I am looking to get away from the school atmosphere and enjoy the beach and the sun,” Buckley said. “I saved up some money from my refund check. But my dad is going to give me some more money.” Buckley isn’t looking to go crazy once he reaches the beach. “I’m looking for a relaxing atmosphere. I’m not looking to get too wild. I want to relax and chill.”

Students have many different choices that they can make when picking a place for their spring

break get away.

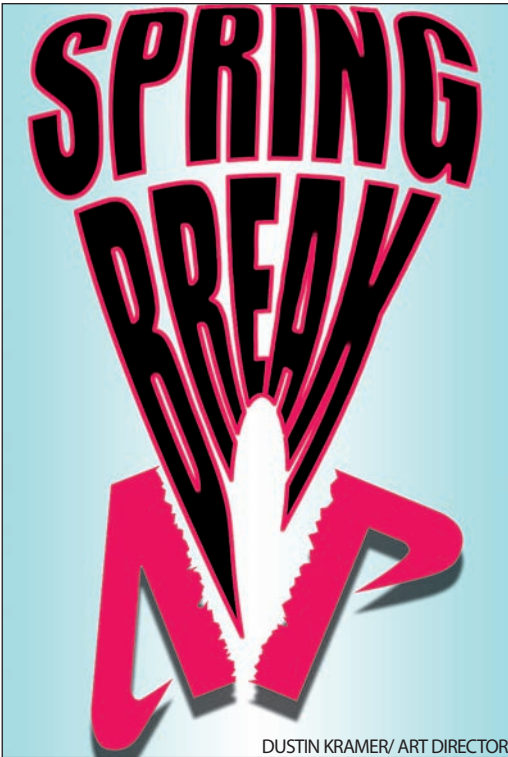
While Lambert is retreating to the suburban confines of Franklin, Tenn., and Buckley will be sprinting to Panama City Beach, Fla., there are many choices for those seeking to get away.

According to About.com, the Top 10 Spring Break Hot Spots 2008 are Cancun, Acapulco, Panama City or Miami, Rosarito Beach, Baja, any North American Ski Resort, Europe, Negril, Jamaica, Puerto Vallarta and South Padre Island.

While some trips may obviously cost more than others, these locations are considered the top spots you want to be.

So whether you decide to head to your favorite hot spot and live the wild life with thousands of other college students on spring break or head to your hometown to catch up with your loved ones, remember that spring break is what you make of it.

We all have our different preferences and should decide if we want to stay in our own comfort level or experience something new. Either way, make sure that your week of spring break is one that you will appreciate for the rest of the semester. ♦



DUSTIN KRAMER/ART DIRECTOR

Writers strike out a deal

Guild wins battle for endorsements concerning online payments

By **MARSEL GRAY**
Assistant Online Editor

Film and television writers have settled on a deal in their favor and have chosen to return to work, ending at three-month strike.

When old contract expired, Nov. 5, over 10,000 writers stopped working.

The strike revolved around payment for work that was distributed on the Internet.

Because of the strike, many film workers became unemployed.

In addition the strike resulted in the cancellation of January’s Golden Globe Awards.

A deal was finally agreed upon and passed, the Academy Awards ceremony, planned for Feb. 24, will air as originally scheduled.

Recently, the Writers Guild of America members discussed the settlement plan at meetings in both New York and Los Angeles.

The strike has left the film and TV industry wounded with at least \$650 million lost in wages.

“The writers definitely deserve all this recognition and more money,” said Michelle White, a sophomore English education major.

According to an online BBC article, “the agreement was approved by 92.5 percent of the

3,775 WGA members” who voted after leaders struck a deal.

Union leaders agreed to the deal this past weekend giving writers exactly what they wanted all along.

Writers will now receive an increased share of the profits from TV shows and films offered over the Internet and other new media.

The union did give up some of its demands, including one that writers working on reality shows should be represented by the WGA.

Also, many studios will have to decide if such hits as “House” and “Desperate Housewives” will take priority.

The strike was the most damaging event in the industry to hit Hollywood in 20 years.

If writers return to work this week, the thousands of production staff who were put out of work as scripts were left unwritten will take weeks to reassemble while new work is prepared.

“I am really excited that all the shows I like will have new episodes,” White said.

In any case, now that the strike has ended, many fans will eventually see the return of their favorite television shows, many of which should return around April. ♦

Remember when . . .

Topics that were highlighted in past issues of *The All State*



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Govs clip Golden Eagles 80-76



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Senior Derek Wright scored 18 points against the Golden Eagles. He also broke Lamonte Wares single season steals record.



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Drake Reed scored a double-double against the Golden Eagles: 15 points-10 rebounds.

By **NIKITA TANKS**
Guest Writer

The Govs maintained a perfect 9-0 record at home against Ohio Valley Conference opponents when they defeated the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles Saturday, Feb. 16, 80-76.

The win improved the Govs record to 18-9, 14-3 OVC and guaranteed them at least a first-place tie for the OVC regular season title. Senior Derek Wright led the Govs with 18 points, five assists and seven steals. Wright was recognized before the game for breaking LaMonte Ware's single season steals record (68). With 12:30

remaining in the first half, Wright added another steal to the record and then capped it off with a nasty one-handed dunk that had the crowd on its feet. As the first half continued to wind down, the Govs held on to the lead, but Tennessee Tech started to gain momentum. Will Barnes made back-to-back three-pointers to cut the Govs lead, 30-24. Tennessee Tech's score and the tension inside the Dunn Center continued to grow. At halftime the Govs led 47-41. Barnes finished the game with 18 points including 4-of-5 from three-point range. He was one of five Golden Eagles who scored double-digit points in the game. The Govs were sharpshooters from three-point range. They made 50 percent (7-of-14) of their three-point shots in the game. Their defense also generated 21 Golden Eagle turnovers. A layup by Daniel Northern tied the game 65-65 with 8:21 remaining. He was fouled by Fernandez Lockett while making the shot. When he converted the three-point play with a successful free throw, Tennessee Tech gained their first lead of the night. A three-pointer by Todd Babington gave the lead back to the Govs with just over five minutes left in the game. Clutch free throw shooting and rebounds helped the Govs maintain the lead and eventually earn the win. Appropriately, Wright made his final steal of the game in the last few seconds insuring the Golden Eagles could not comeback.

The Govs can clinch the OVC regular season title with one more win. They play their last home game of the regular season 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, against Georgia Southern. ♦

Eagles eliminate Lady Govs from OVC tournament

By **GINGER MCQUISTON**
Staff Writer

The Tennessee Tech Eagles soared above the Lady Govs Saturday, Feb. 16, and took home a 17-point victory, 69-52.

The Lady Govs played with defensive intensity throughout the game finishing with six blocks and four steals. Offensively, the ball could not find the net. Only 19-of-65 (29 percent) field goal attempts reached their target.

Two Lady Govs scored in double-digits. Janay Armstrong finished with 11 points, and Ashley Herring scored 10. Golden Eagle Blair Bowens scored 20 points, shooting 100 percent from both the free-throw line and three-point range. All 10 Golden Eagles players scored in the game.

Herring made a short jumper for the first shot of the game. It was one of the few leads the Lady Govs would have all night. With 10:53 left in the first half, Tennessee Tech's Allison Price made a three-pointer that gave her team a 10-8 lead. From then, the Golden Eagles took over and refused to let the lead go. They outscored the Lady Govs 19-14 in the rest of the first half and led at halftime 29-22.

In the second half, Nicole Jamen made a layup at the 13:11 mark to bring the Lady Govs within five points, 40-35. But that would be as close as the Lady Govs would get for the rest of the game.

"We kept fighting," said Lady Gov senior Ashlee McGee. "That's what we can be proud of, that we didn't give up."

McGee was one of five senior Lady Govs who were playing in their last home game at APSU. McGee, Megan Anderson, Amber Bacon, Keri Reese and Kellea Reeves were all recognized with their families at halftime for their basketball career. The loss drops the Lady Govs record to 5-20, 2-14 OVC and eliminates them from a spot in this season's OVC tournament. ♦

Maycock and Loos inducted into Hall of Fame

By **MARLON SCOTT**
Sports Editor

The Austin Peay State University's Athletics Hall of Fame now has 89 members. Former track star Ayesha Maycock and current Govs basketball coach and Athletic Director Dave Loos were both inducted into the APSU Athletics Hall of Fame at 9 a.m. Saturday morning, Feb. 16.

The induction ceremony was held in the front lobby of the Dunn Center. In addition to the induction ceremony, both Loos and Maycock were honored during halftime of the Govs basketball game against the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles Saturday night.

Maycock helped lead the Lady Govs track and field team to the 2001 Indoor Championship. She was the anchor of a 16-person roster and participated in almost every track and field event. She was named Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track Co-Female Athlete of the Year. Specializing in the long and triple jumps, she won three straight OVC indoor long jump championships and captured two outdoor long jump championships as well. She currently holds the school record in both indoor and outdoor events. Maycock was named APSU's Most Outstanding Female Athlete twice. She was also nominated for Academic All-America six times. Her academic prowess was acknowledged as an Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar recipient. She was also a recipient of both the OVC and APSU Scholar-Athlete Awards. This is Loos' fourth Hall of Fame membership. He is also a member of the St. Louis Baseball Amateur Hall of Fame, the Missouri Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and the University of Memphis Athletics Hall of Fame. As the Govs basketball head coach for 18 seasons, Loos is the program's all-time wins leader and the only coach in league history to earn five OVC Coach of the Year honors. He has 370 wins as a college head coach. He is on the verge of leading the Govs to their fifth OVC regular season title during his tenure. Under his coaching reign, the Govs have had four 20-win seasons and two berths into the NCAA tournament. Only two other coaches in OVC history have won more games. He has been the APSU athletic director for the last 10 years and is the only dual athletic director and basketball coach in Division I schools.



LOIS JONES/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Ayesha Maycock was inducted into APSU's Athletic Hall of Fame Saturday, Feb. 16 in the Dunn Center.



LOIS JONES/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Govs head coach and current Athletic Director Dave Loos was inducted into his fourth Hall of Fame Saturday, Feb. 16.

The complete, impressive list of achievements for both Loos and Maycock are now available online along with the rest of the APSU Athletic Hall of Fame members at the official site of APSU athletics: www.apsugovernors.com. ♦



LOIS JONES/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Lady Gov seniors (Back L to R) Kellea Reeve, Keri Reese (Front L to R) Amber Bacon, Meagan Anderson and Ashlee McGee all played in their last game in the Dunn Center against the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles Saturday, Feb. 16. The Lady Govs lost the game 69-52.

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Students competitively climb in Ascension

By JACKIE FURLONG
Guest Writer

Rope, rock and chalk merged at Ascension, APSU's first indoor rock climbing tournament. The competition was held Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Foy Fitness Center's 26-foot top-rope climbing wall. The event was open to the public and included 13 competitors. Numerous spectators watched and cheered throughout the competition.

The Foy rock climbing staff designed routes that tested the skill levels of all climbers. The competition separated male and females and divided the participants into three categories based on their skill level. Routes ranged from 5.7 to 5.9 in difficulty for beginners, 5.9 to 5.10 in difficulty for intermediate climbers and 5.10 to 5.12 in difficulty for the advanced climbers. The tournament's atmosphere was relaxed while music played in the background.

First place in the beginner category went to

Rebecca Fisher and Josh Boyd. The intermediate winners were Angella Lovell and Sunshine Feltman. In the advanced category, Chris Ono took first place. He began climbing eight months ago.

"I climb as much as I possibly can, about four to five times a week," Ono said.

The advanced climbers displayed impressive and seemingly impossible skills showing both their incredible flexibility and strength.

The beginner's category featured a close competition between Boyd and Mathew Swells. Boyd and Swells "flashed," or completed, every climb in the first attempt prior to climbing the final route. Swells was one move away from completion when he attempted a dynamic move or "dynode" to the last holds, but was unable to stick it and fell. Since bonus points are awarded for flashing, all Boyd needed was a flash in order to win.

The audience watched in suspense as Boyd reached for the last hold and completed the route

sealing his victory.

"Climbing is a social sport and that is why I like it," Boyd said.

The climbing staff put an incredible amount of effort into hosting the tournament that was sponsored in part by "Rock and Ice magazine." All participants received a free chalk block, a free issue of the magazine and a T-shirt. After the competition, there was a drawing for prizes ranging from a D-ring to a rock climbing wall board.

"We were not sure what to expect, it being the first year, but we had a pretty good turnout," Jason Wills said. Wills is the Adventure Recreation Coordinator at APSU.

The event was open to the public and included 13 competitors and numerous spectators. The Foy climbing staff plans on making Ascension an annual event.

They are also considering introducing an annual bouldering competition in Fall 2008. ♦



ASH WRIGHT/ PHOTOGRAPHER
Chris Ono won first place in the Ascension, advanced.



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Do you see what I see?

As a sports photographer I can shoot thousands of photos in a week. It is a difficult process to narrow down which ones to use. When photos are chosen for the sports pages, more often than not they will be an action shot. This is about sports photos beyond the action shot. Every week I will select and write about a photo I have taken. I will share why that photo, for whatever reason, makes me smile and says something to me.

This week's photo was taken at an APSU Lady Govs softball practice. The team, after finishing several hours of practice, began a job they have to do after every practice and every game: They started raking the field. I don't think the majority of fans know the team is responsible for the maintenance of the field. Tired from practice, the team still manages to rake the field and cover it if bad weather is looming. They accept and appear to even enjoy the task.

I would name this photo "Well, somebody's got to do it." It has Ashley Taylor mugging for the camera, Brittany Williams looking out from behind and Jessi Couch raking away. What some



fail to realize is athletes not only have to practice and play their games both here and away, but they also must maintain equipment, fields (depending on the sport) and maintain high academic standards just to stay on the team.

I have had the pleasure of being in classes with several APSU athletes and know first-hand how hard they work. My schedule is hectic and I just photograph home games. When you add in all the practices and travel, I wonder how they do it semester after semester with such success.

I want to personally congratulate the APSU athletes and coaches not only for persevering successfully, but also for making my job such a great one. I love what I do. ♦

Intramural activities multiply in February



By MARLON SCOTT
Sports Editor

Hoop dreams are nice, but the reality is not everyone can play basketball. With that in mind, University Recreation has several upcoming tournaments and events for those who are allergic to making jumpshots.

For the people who do not giggle when they hear the term "shuttlecock" and can swing small skinny rackets at light speed, a Badminton tournament will begin Monday, Feb. 25. The entry fee is \$5 per person. It is a small price to pay for the privilege of evoking the fear of personal injury due to shuttlecock.

It is hard to envision the skills necessary to excel in wiffleball. Maybe an uncanny accuracy when throwing a ball with holes in it? Regardless of what the necessary skills



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are, teams with the skills who are bold and daring enough to compete can sign up for the wiffleball tournament also starting Feb. 25. For \$5 per team, students can swing all the multicolored plastic bats they want. Some people call it life size pinball. Others call it indoor soccer. Whatever the name preference, the league begins Feb. 25. All the kicking costs \$30 per team. Shin guards and crutches sold separately. Students rejected by the Lady Govs softball team for various reasons have the opportunity to oil up their gloves for the intramural softball season. Rumors say the competition is tough and the umpires are susceptible to bribes. Entry fee is \$30 per team.

Maybe a league is too much of a commitment. Test the cliché that women dig the long ball and sign up for the Home Run Derby on Feb. 25. For only one dollar students can polish the guns and swing for the fences with no worries about drug tests and congressional hearings. ♦



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by Marsel Gray

The aerobic benefits of tennis

The numerous benefits of aerobics on the human body are well documented. The physiques of people who do aerobics are a testimony to those benefits as well. Almost all sports use some sort of aerobics. Tennis is one such sport and is effective for both weight loss and physical fitness. For this week's "Pregame Warm-Up," I will be examining tennis.

Although many argue that tennis' roots trace all the way back to Ancient Egyptian times, the game, with the universally recognized fluorescent green, fuzzy, vulcanized rubber ball, is credited to Walter Clopton Wingfield. One of Tennis' grandest competitions is called Wimbledon, which started over 100 years ago in 1877.

Compared to actually playing the game, tennis rules are quite simple. The 78 by 28 ft. court is usually made of various materials including grass or clay and are the center of a lot of aerobic action. Courts appear short, yet when players spend hours running up and down it, they build both agility and cardiovascular endurance.

A tennis match consists of several games in sets. A game is won by the first player to score four points. The often long series of games and sets force players into building endurance which allows them to play for hours and not tire out as quickly. Tennis is famous for its use of the term "love." Yet, love in tennis is not spectacular because it actually means zero. The remaining points are 15, 30 and 40. However, when plays have the same number of points, the score is known as deuce.

There are three main shots in the game of tennis. The serve is a shot to begin a point. Throwing the ball into the air and then hitting it into the service box diagonally opposite the server, without touching the net, initiates the serve.

The forehand is a stroke that begins on the right side of the body, continues across the body as contact is made with the ball and ends on the left side of the body. The backhand is opposite of the forehand. The stroke begins on the left side of the body, continuing across as contact is made and ends on the right side. Like any repetitive arm motion, these different shots build arm muscles all the way from the forearm to the shoulders. Muscle tone is not the only thing strengthened. Flexibility is increased as well since players must stretch to reach far off shots and run in an array of directions. Overall, tennis is an excellent sport that is both fun and physically beneficial. Since it can be played both indoors and out, tennis is never limited to the weather. People can enjoy the health benefits it provides all year round. Grab some rackets and a friend for a great aerobic workout. These statements are a general guideline for exercising and wellness programs. As always, consult your physician before beginning any diet or exercise regimen. ♦

2008 BASEBALL PREVIEW

GRAPHIC BY DUSTIN KRAMER/ART DIRECTOR



Senior Gov Tyler Farrar slides into third base, avoiding the tag of the Samford third baseman. Farrar is one of seven seniors from last season's Ohio Valley Conference Champion team. Farrar led the team in runs scored, hits and batting average last season. This season he is part of a lineup with the potential to have more power than last season's team. The Govs play their first series against Valparaiso Saturday, Feb. 23.

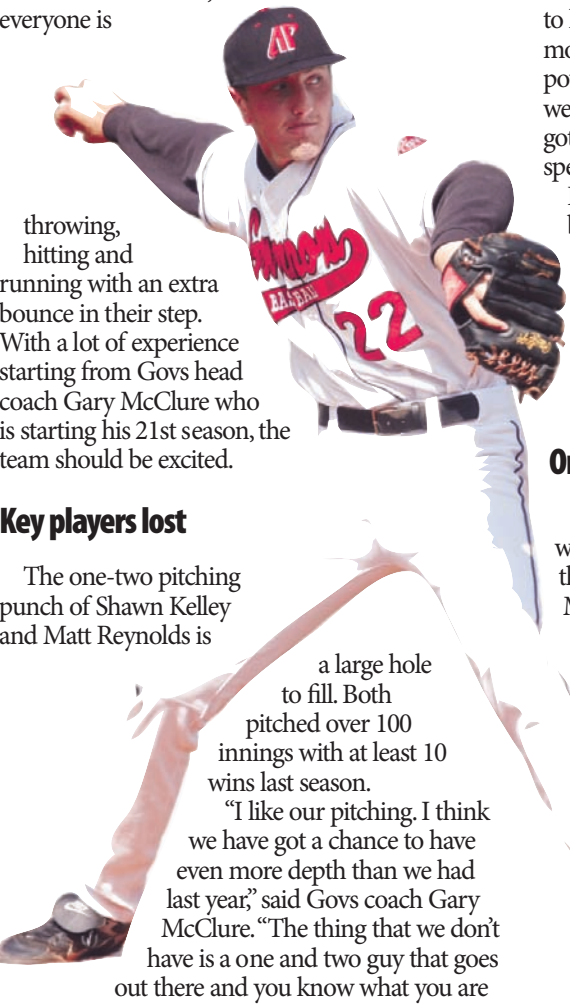
Bat Govs ready to slide back to top of OVC

By MARLON SCOTT
Sports Editor

There are a lot of benefits that come with being a champion. Notoriety, awards and the right to walk with a confident swagger are just a few. The difficulty occurs when trying to remain a champion. There is no element of surprise. No one underestimates a champion's ability. Instead, they always bring their best, hoping to be the ones who take down the reigning king. This season everyone will be gunning for the Govs.

The Govs are the returning Ohio Valley Conference Champions. Finishing last season with a 40-22, 19-8 OVC record, they not only captured the regular season OVC Championship title, but went on to win the 2007 O'Reilly OVC Tournament as well. They earned a spot in the NCAA tournament and were the first OVC team in five years to win a NCAA game when they beat Memphis.

Right now, they have the swagger of champions as they scrimmage against each other in inner-squad games, counting down the days until Saturday, Feb. 23 when they play their first game of the season against Valparaiso. Even when the temperature drops forcing them to don Under Armour and coats, there is an excitement in the air. With a confidence born from winning the OVC title last season, everyone is



throwing, hitting and running with an extra bounce in their step. With a lot of experience starting from Govs head coach Gary McClure who is starting his 21st season, the team should be excited.

Key players lost

The one-two pitching punch of Shawn Kelley and Matt Reynolds is

a large hole to fill. Both pitched over 100 innings with at least 10 wins last season. "I like our pitching. I think we have got a chance to have even more depth than we had last year," said Govs coach Gary McClure. "The thing that we don't have is a one and two guy that goes out there and you know what you are

going to get every time because they have been there before. We lost three really good arms. But I think we have guys that have the ability to replace them. The question is do they step up and show the mental toughness that those guys had day in and day out."

On the other side of the ball, big hitters Matt Lane and Matt Smith have taken some of the Govs offense with them. Lane's .328 batting average was second only to Tyler Farrar, and he led the team with eight home runs. Smith batted a .321 with two home runs and 28 RBIs.

The Govs experience this season more than makes up for their losses. There are 18 players returning this season including seven seniors. Among them are starters Raphael Hill, Farrar and Will Hogue. Hill, Farrar and Hogue combined to lead the team with 133 runs scored last season. They also led in stolen bases combining for 43.

"Offensively, looking at it, you never know. But I think we have a chance to be a better offensive club than we were," McClure said. "We have got more experience. I think we are going to have more power, and we have got more speed."

From top to bottom of the roster, the team has experienced depth at every position. There are only three freshmen on the squad, and two of them were drafted to compete for spots in the pitching rotation.

On the mound

The obvious answer to the question of who will fill the top two pitching spots for the team this season would be returning juniors Ryne Mantooth and David Vicini.

Mantooth was a solid third option for the team last season. He started 14 games, earning eight wins and four losses. Mantooth struck out 52 batters and finished last season with a 3.91 ERA. Primarily used as relief, Vicini struck out 37 batters and earned two wins, two losses and two saves.

However, Mantooth and Vicini have a lot of competition. Also returning this season are right-handed pitchers Daniel Tenholder, Jason Stoermer, Jeff

Lykins and left-handed pitcher Stephen Huff. When you add transfers Jeff Brooks and Brian Bernatowicz in addition to freshman Jeff Hughes and Ryne Harper, it is hard to pick an arm to bet on.

"It's exciting," Mantooth said. "We do have some young guys that are probably going to have to play some roles for us this year and we have some old guys that can hopefully help them through tough times."

Like coach McClure, the pitchers are ready to start play and see who is going to step up to be top gun on the mound this season.

"We've been working hard throughout the whole off-season," Vicini said. "I think everybody is about ready to get on the field and start playing some ball games that mean a little bit more than pride. We have a lot of new arms this year, but I don't think that is going to hurt us at all."

What to watch for

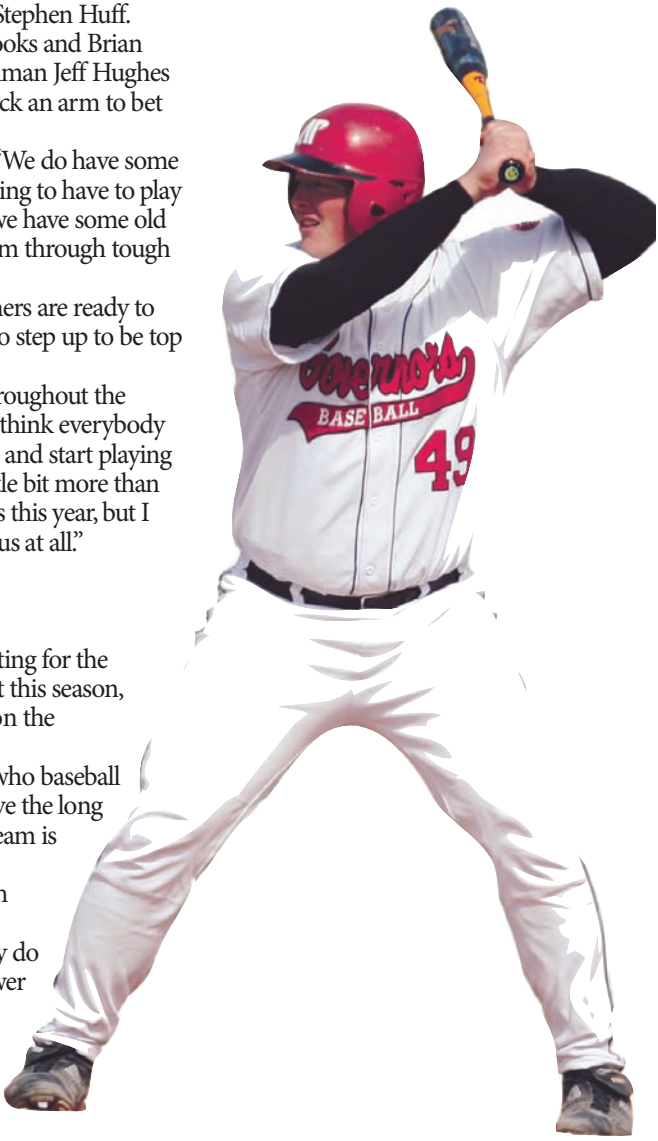
For those people who are waiting for the rematch against Vanderbilt this season, mark April 9 and 22 on the calendar.

For the women who baseball players claim to love the long ball, this season's team is worth watching according to coach McClure.

"I think we really do have a lot more power than we had consistently throughout the lineup," McClure said. The numbers support McClure's optimism. Four of the five leaders on the team in on base percentage, batting average and RBIs are back this season. J.B. Gilbert, Farrar and Hogue are just some of the sluggers to keep an eye on. Defense goes hand-in-hand with pitching. The odds makers in Las Vegas have declared Mantooth a favorite for Govs king of the mound, but the race has barely begun.

New faces like Chad Cunningham and Greg Bachman are turning some heads in practice, and everyone loves to cheer for locals like Clarksville High's Ryne Harper. There are a lot of different reasons to watch the reigning OVC Champions this season. If there are too many for some to chase from, then just listen to the players.

"It's going to be exciting. We've got a lot of guys that can hit the ball around the park," Mantooth said. "We've got a few guys that can hit the ball out of the park. We are going to play the game the right way and it's just a fun baseball atmosphere." ♦



Bat Govs Early Schedule

- Saturday, Feb. 23-24 vs. Valparaiso (3 game series)
- Tuesday, Feb. 26 vs. Western Kentucky
- Wednesday, Feb. 27 at Tennessee
- Friday, Feb. 29 vs. Valparaiso
- Saturday, March 1 vs. Indiana
- Sunday, March 2 vs. Illinois State
- Tuesday, March 4-5 at East Tennessee (2 game series)
- Friday, March 7 vs. Dayton
- Saturday, March 8-9 vs. Bradley (2 game series)
- Sunday, March 9 vs. Dayton
- Tuesday, March 11 vs. Lipscomb
- Wednesday, March 12 at Belmont
- Friday, March 14-16 vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (3 game series)
- Tuesday, March 18 vs. Indiana State
- Wednesday, March 19 vs. Middle Tennessee
- Friday, March 21-22 at Eastern Kentucky (3 game series)
- Tuesday, March 25 at Memphis
- Wednesday, March 26 at Western Kentucky
- Saturday, March 29-30 vs. Jacksonville State (3 game series)
- Tuesday, April 1-2 vs. Morehead State (3 game series)
- Wednesday, April 9 at Vanderbilt



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The Govs are sitting on top of the Ohio Valley Conference right now as both the regular season and O'Reilly OVC Tournament champions from last season. They finished last season with a 40-22, 19-8 OVC record. Despite key losses on the mound, the team is confident and ready to defend their title.