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Possible roundabout coming to APSU campus

» By **ASHLEY LIGON**
Staff Writer

The City of Clarksville is looking into the possibility of constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Drane Street and Marion Street. This intersection leads into the playing fields and sports complex on the APSU campus.

This change will come in the form of a one-lane roundabout no later than 2016, according to Tom Hutchins, director of the Physical Plant.

According to Federal Highway Administration data, converted intersections have an 82 percent reduction in fatal collisions and a 44 percent reduction in injury collisions.

Drane Street and Marion Street are city streets, so the City of Clarksville would be in charge of the funding and construction.

However, there are currently budget

constraints, so the project is up in the air.

If the project were given the go ahead by the city, the Student Government Association and traffic safety committees, among others, would examine the project.

According to Hutchens, the roundabout would be a one-lane construction with pedestrian crossings.

Hutchens said this type of construction would be safer for pedestrians as they would only have to consider one direction of traffic when crossing.

The diagram is a concept design provided by the city and shows the one lane design with sidewalks.

The city will be in charge of construction and maintenance of the road materials, but the APSU community will have control of the center-raised area. **TAS**

Computer science program welcomes new concentration

» By **SYDNE SCIVALLY**
Staff Writer

Computer science students will soon have the option of a new degree concentration.

Last month, the Tennessee Board of Regents created a new computer networking concentration in the existing Bachelor of Science. The decision was reached after students expressed interest in a degree with a computer networking curriculum. The concentration will be more extensive than the minor, requiring 40 hours where the minor only needs 21.

Students will study the technology and skills needed

for networking, including wireless networking, security and applications such as email and file transferring. “[The new concentration] will help computer programers learn real-world skills that will help them corporation-wide and freelance-wide,” said student Candice Snow. Students who graduate with a computer networking concentration can potentially work for any business with a computer network as a manager or programmer. The concentration itself requires a minor, but the minors can be in any department.

Additionally, the only math requirement for the concentration are core math

classes. “We’re excited here because some two-year schools have programs in networking,” said Bruce Myers, the chair for the computer science department. “We think we’ll provide them a place to get a degree.” The new concentration will be implemented in the fall of 2014.

Any student who chooses to enroll in the concentration will need to meet the requirements for the 2014 catalog.

The classes are not available online, so the students will need to use the lab to complete classwork. Students with questions can call the Department of Computer Science at 931-221-7840. **TAS**

Recent campus crimes include robbery, assault, panhandling

» By **PHILLIP SWANSON**
Staff Writer

On Friday, April 4, at 11:40 p.m., an individual reported being robbed in the parking lot behind Castle Heights. The victim said three suspects brandished two handguns and took his money and a few personal belongings.

The suspects were described as three black males in a red Honda Accord.

Campus police are currently investigating this incident and no further information has been reported.

On Friday, April 4, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., four APSU police

officers arrived at the Foy in response to an alleged assault.

A male student reported he had been assaulted by a female student. A verbal confrontation between the two escalated into a physical altercation. They were escorted out by Sgt. Leston Winters.

On Thursday, April 10, 2014 campus police at Shasteen received a complaint of panhandling.

A commuter student said that on Wednesday, April 9, at 2:30 p.m. in the 8th Street lot, a six-foot black male with a medium build and short hair stopped the student by his truck and asked for money. The student

told him he didn’t have money. The panhandler asked for a ride down to the gas station. The student refused.

Then the panhandler requested a ride to the stop sign down the road and the student allowed the male to enter his vehicle. When the student had finished driving him down the street, the panhandler spoke to the student about drugs and would not back away from his vehicle. The student grabbed his pocket knife and told the male to move away and drove off.

The officer requested a warrant for criminal trespass. A warrant was taken out with a bond of \$1,000. **TAS**

SGA proposes new sheltered smoking areas on campus

» By **MATTHEW GORDON**
Staff Writer

In the Wednesday, April 16 Student Government Association meeting, the first order of business was to address the senators who have not yet submitted legislation this year.

They were asked to stand up and explain what they are currently working on or why they haven’t written any legislation yet.

Pieces of legislation mentioned included the idea to

put bicycle pumps at every rack around campus. There was also an idea for legislation that would change SGA meeting times next semester. The deadline for all new legislation to be submitted is Monday, April 21.

The next order of business was the announcement that APSU President Tim Hall will be holding a farewell event

Thursday, May 1 from 3:30 to 4 p.m. in Clement Auditorium.

SGA then discussed ideas for a farewell gift to be given to Hall at this event.

The next order of business was the committee meetings.

The committee met and learned the air conditioner on the first floor of the library is going to be replaced. While this is occurring over the summer, a collection of various documents will be put into storage.

There were also ideas about

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Scouts ban church that allows gay lead troop

» By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — The Boy Scouts of America has revoked its charter agreement with a Seattle church that refused to remove a gay troop leader after the organization withdrew his membership.

A Boy Scouts attorney told Rainier Beach United Methodist Church last week that it no longer could host troops under the Boy Scouts name.

The church has stood by Geoff McGrath, 49, a Seattle software engineer and Eagle Scout, after his membership in the organization was revoked last month, setting off an impasse between the church and one of the country’s most popular youth organizations.

The Boy Scouts of America told McGrath in a March letter that it “no choice” but to revoke his registration after he said he was gay while being profiled by NBC News.

Boy Scouts of America officials said McGrath violated the group’s leadership qualifications. They also said he “deliberately injected his sexuality” into the scouting program when he made statements to the media and the organization about his sexual orientation.

“As a Reconciling Congregation, it’s important to us that we are open to all people,” said the Rev. Monica Corsaro of Rainier Beach United Methodist.

The church supports McGrath because his work reflects its spirit and values.

McGrath has been leading Seattle Troop 98 since its formation last fall. The church also sponsors a Cub Scout Pack for younger boys. A total of about 15 youths participate in the units.

The church has obtained legal counsel to evaluate its options, she added. The Boy Scouts began accepting gay youth for the first time this year but has continued to exclude openly gay adults from leadership positions.

Gay-rights groups applauded the decision to allow gay youths to participate, but the move angered people who consider homosexuality a sin and a violation of Scouting values. Some participants eventually left the organization.

McGrath said Monday he will continue to participate in the church’s youth program even if it can’t use the Boy Scouts name.

“Just because the BSA doesn’t want to be involved with this church and these kids, we will still have a robust youth program for our kids,” McGrath told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

“It’s one of the best things I do. One of the things that really makes my week is spending time with these kids.”

The Boy Scouts of America told the church it violated its charter agreement with the organization by allowing McGrath to continue to

serve as an adult leader.

It told the church it could no longer use the Scouting program or any of its registered marks or brands.

Boy Scouts spokesman Deron Smith said in a statement Monday that “we are saddened by this development, but remain committed to providing all youth with the best possible Scouting experience where the Scouting program is the main focus.”

He said the organization has identified a new chartered group to sponsor the Boy Scouts units that were affiliated with the church. It is contacting parents and unit leaders to let them know.

Corsaro said parents who received those letters were upset by it, but that “it’s emboldened them even further.”

“Our first priority is the kids and that the kids have a consistent quality program with good male role models, and we’re going to keep that going,” she said.

McGrath, who is married to his longtime partner, said his removal from the Boy Scouts “was a blow.”

“Nobody likes to be rejected from the company of people that you have valued,” he said.

“That said, it’s two weeks later. I’ve had to move on and accept that BSA, both national and regional, is not ready to be properly fully inclusive for all youth and adult leadership.” *TAS*

Affordable Care Act only chips away at a core goal

» By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — Swan Lockett had high hopes that President Barack Obama’s health overhaul would lead her family to an affordable insurance plan, but that hasn’t happened.

Instead, because lawmakers in her state refused to expand Medicaid, the 46-year-old mother of four from Texas uses home remedies or pays \$75 to see a doctor when she has an asthma attack.

“If I don’t have the money, I just let it go on its own,” Lockett said.

The federal health care overhaul has provided coverage for millions of Americans, but it has only chipped away at one of its core goals: to sharply reduce the number of people without insurance.

President Barack Obama announced last week that 8 million people have signed up for coverage through new insurance exchanges, but barriers persist blocking tens of millions of people around the nation from accessing health care. Questions of eligibility, immigrant coverage and the response from employers and state legislatures mean considerable work lies ahead for health care advocates and officials — but cost remains a particularly high hurdle for low income people who are most likely to be uninsured.

“We think that most people will get insurance once it’s affordable to them,” said Cheryl Fish-Parcham, of Families USA, a health advocacy group.

There are myriad ways people fall into coverage gaps. Some are eligible for discounted policies but say they still can’t afford their share of exchange plans. Others earn too much for subsidies. Immigrants living in the country illegally can’t obtain care under the law.

Dozens of states haven’t expanded Medicaid. And some employers have reduced staff hours to avoid being mandated to provide care.

“I’m a nurse, but my employer doesn’t offer health insurance,” said Gwen Eliezer, 32, who lives north of Asheville, N.C.

Eliezer works an average of 29 hours a week at a nursing home, so her employer isn’t required to cover her. She qualifies for a subsidy but says the plan she found with a \$200 monthly premium and

\$6,500 deductible is too expensive. So while her 6-year-old son qualified for Medicaid during open enrollment, she goes without. She pays cash to see a doctor for gastrointestinal pain but says she can’t afford to get the problem diagnosed.

“If I went through an emergency room, I can claim acute pain,” she said. “But then I’d end up with a lot of debt to a hospital.”

Before the launch of the Affordable Care Act, about 48 million people, or 15 percent of the population, went without health insurance, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The number of people recently enrolled includes those who switched from previous plans, and it’s not clear how many previously uninsured people are now covered.

The share of adults without insurance shrank from 17.1 percent at the end of last year to 15.6 percent for the first three months of 2014, according to a Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index released this month.

The decline would translate to about 3.5 million people gaining coverage, according to the study. Another study by RAND Corp. shows a larger number of adults gaining coverage.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services spokeswoman Erin Shields Britt said Monday that the law has brought greater security for millions of Americans but more work remains. In addition to 8 million people who signed up for private insurance through exchanges, Medicaid enrollment has increased by at least 3 million.

“As we look to next year’s open enrollment, we will continue to target outreach efforts to encourage the uninsured to explore their coverage options and enroll in a plan that meets their needs and fits their budget,” Britt said. For hair salon owner Lola Smith of Palo Alto, in eastern Pennsylvania coal country, budget is her chief concern.

She said she couldn’t afford a policy from the federal exchange. Instead, she bought a cut-rate plan for \$148 a month that helps pay for hospitalizations and doctor visits. “It doesn’t cover very much. It’s just basic,” she said.

The plan doesn’t qualify as health insurance under Affordable Care Act

regulations, and Smith expects to be hit with a fine until she qualifies for Medicare next year.

Immigrants living in the U.S. illegally are ineligible for coverage.

The Migration Policy Institute estimates that more than 7.5 million people fall into this category and rely on emergency rooms and safety net clinics.

About 1 million members of this population are from California.

“When I see there are American citizens who don’t have access to health care because they can’t pay for it, I figure that I’ll have even less of a chance to have access to health services,” said Jose Diaz, a 67-year-old day laborer in Pomona, Calif., who came to the U.S. illegally from Mexico City nearly a decade ago. “It’s very sad.” Nearly 5 million low-income, childless adults are without health care, according to a December survey by Kaiser Family Foundation.

A Medicaid expansion could help close that gap, and the federal government has offered to pay states nearly all of the costs for covering individuals who earn up to \$16,000 a year, 138 percent of the federal poverty wage.

However, 24 states have opted against it, saying they don’t trust the federal government to deliver on its promises and don’t want to be stuck with a program they can’t afford. Health advocates say getting those states to expand would reduce hospitalization and emergency costs across the system.

“That affects all our pocketbooks, because we all pay for uncompensated care when people don’t have timely access to preventative care,” Fish-Parcham said.

Texas is among the states to reject the expansion, and Lockett says she’s been shut out.

The Houston woman earns too much for Medicaid or a subsidy but can’t afford a full plan.

She earns \$1,225 a month and takes her children — a 5-year-old daughter, 18-year-old twin boys and a 19-year-old son — to the emergency room or a clinic when they need care.

“I was disappointed,” Lockett said, “because I was kind of excited about getting on the Affordable Care Act on the marketplace.” *TAS*

Smoking

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making the library more faculty friendly so faculty will want to use the library as much as students.

Resolution No. 27 was discussed, which is a piece of legislation that would send a recommendation letter to the Physical Plant asking them to redo the paint on Drane street that currently reads “Ahead hump speed,” and changing it to “speed hump ahead,” also changing the size of the text so that it is less distracting to drivers and pedestrians.

The next piece of legislation

was Resolution No. 28, which would send a letter to the Physical Plant asking them to develop sheltered smoking areas on campus.

The argument was brought up that while APSU has designated smoking areas, most of them are in parking lots and do not shelter smokers from the elements, such as rain.

The last piece of legislation introduced resolution No. 29, which would send a letter of recommendation to the Physical Plant to install a spirit rock on campus.

This would allow for select groups to use it for campus purposes and also allow for more event advertisement. *TAS*

Student ate more pot than recommended

» By ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — A Wyoming college student who jumped to his death at a Denver hotel had eaten more of a marijuana cookie than was recommended by a seller, police records show — a finding that comes amid increased concern about the strength of popular pot edibles after Colorado became the first state to legalize recreational marijuana.

Levy Thamba Pongi, 19, consumed more than one cookie purchased by a friend — even though a store clerk told the friend to cut each cookie into six pieces and to eat just one piece at a time, said the reports obtained Thursday.

Pongi began shaking, screaming and throwing things around a hotel room before he jumped over a fourth-floor railing into the hotel lobby March 11.

An autopsy report listed marijuana intoxication as a “significant contributing factor” in the death.

Marijuana cookies and other edibles have become increasingly popular since Colorado allowed people 21 and over to buy recreational marijuana this year at regulated stores. Federal authorities don’t regulate the edibles because marijuana remains illegal under federal law.

After voters approved recreational pot, Colorado lawmakers tasked regulators with setting potency-testing guidelines to ensure consumers know how much pot they’re eating.

Those guidelines are expected to be released next month.

Lawmakers also required edible pot to be sold in serving sizes of 10 milligrams of THC, marijuana’s intoxicating chemical.

The cannabis industry tries to educate consumers about the potency of marijuana-infused

foods. But despite the warnings — including waiting for up to an hour to feel any effects — complaints by visitors and first-time users have been rampant.

Investigators believe Pongi, a native of the Republic of Congo, and three friends from Northwest College in Powell, Wyo., traveled to Colorado on spring break to try marijuana.

Within an hour, he began speaking erratically in French, shaking, screaming and throwing things around the hotel room. At one point he appeared to talk to a lamp.

“This is a sign from God that this has happened, that I can’t control myself,” Pongi told his friends, according to the reports. “It’s not because of the weed.”

One of his friends told investigators it may have been his first time using the drug — the only one toxicology tests found in his system.

All three friends said they did not purchase or take any other drugs during their stay.

“The thing to realize is the THC that is present in edibles is a drug, and as with any drug, there’s a spectrum of ways in which people respond,” said Michael Kosnett, a medical toxicologist on the clinical faculty at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

He said a person’s genetic makeup, health issues and other factors can make a difference, and first-time users might consume too much, unaware of how their bodies will react.

Authorities, however, said they would not press charges against Pongi’s 23-year-old friend who told police she bought the cookies while he waited outside the store.

Denver district attorney’s spokeswoman Maro Casparian said investigators determined there was no crime. She declined to elaborate. *TAS*

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Restaurants can help hunger

» By **CHELSEA LEONARD**
Staff Writer

They go unnoticed every day. He may be standing outside the doors of Kroger waiting to have a conversation or even wishing to be handed a few groceries from those who look past him as if he isn't there. She walks every week to Dollar General where a local food pantry serves hot meals to ensure her children do not go hungry. As she reaches for the plate, she will not meet the eyes of the person serving. Society has taught her to be ashamed of her circumstances.

Homelessness plagues America and rears its ugly head here in Clarksville without exception.

With a poverty rate of 16.5 percent and a food insecurity rate of 17.6 percent, Tennessee has a long way to go in feeding every mouth, filling every pantry and sending every child to bed with a full stomach, according to feedingamerica.org.

There are several options for someone who wants to help.

Just going out and handing a sandwich to someone on the street seems like a good choice, but the problem is bigger.

What about restaurants with leftover food at the end of each day? What are they doing to help hundreds of homeless-going-hungry people every day?

The answer is: more than you know.

In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act.

"The Emerson Act provides protection for food and grocery products that meet all quality and labeling standards imposed by federal, state and local laws and regulations even though the food may not be 'readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus or other conditions,'" according to Foodtodonate.com.

Before this, businesses were hesitant to donate food for fear of receiving lawsuits for not meeting obscure federal requirements.

"Donating leftover food keeps it out of landfills and incinerators and also reduces the need for additional food production, thereby reducing the environmental impacts associated with agriculture, including water pollution and habitat destruction," according to the National Resource Defense Council.

Several organizations and restaurants partner with food pantries across the U.S. to help reduce waste and feed the hungry.

"The food is perfectly edible. Fast-food restaurants that precook hamburgers or chicken amass tons of leftovers every year. Ritzy restaurants that prepare huge pots of soups or bowls of salads also often have

leftovers at the end of the day," said *New York Times* staff writer Chris Woodward.

Food pantries can use the help of restaurants to cover areas where

opportunities to serve the homeless.

Manna Café partners with local businesses, Second Harvest Food Bank and Feeding America First to provide meal boxes and hot meals to the community twice a week.

Your Daily Bread and Loaves & Fishes also work to feed those in Clarksville who are in need.

It comes down to a lack of responsibility. The legislature is there. The programs are there. The hungry people are everywhere. What are we doing about it?

"The best way to support hunger relief in your community is by making a financial donation to your local food bank and encouraging your friends to do the same," said feedingamerica.org.

Manna Café also encourages citizens to "donate smart" by giving money instead of offering canned goods bought at retail price.

These pantries are able to buy food at a discounted rate and can stretch the money they receive further than you can at your local grocery store.

Of course, if you can only donate one can, that is better than not donating at all.

Before walking past another outstretched hand, consider how it would feel if that hand were your own. Give graciously. Be purposeful. Feed someone today. *TAS*

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Necessary: background checks

Background checks should be necessary to openly carry weapons



AP IMAGES

» By **VALERIE MCALLISTER**
Staff Writer

All Americans want to feel a sense of safety no matter where they go, and some have taken extreme measures to do so.

From carrying guns and knives to owning home security systems as well as other weapons, American citizens have gone above and beyond to ensure personal safety in their everyday lives. With the constant and ever-increasing battle over Second-Amendment rights, how far is too far to protect your own life?

Last week, the Tennessee legislature nearly put into effect a bill that would allow anyone of legal

gun-owning age to carry a gun openly, without any training or background check. With the increase in crime, school shootings and mentally unstable suspects, allowing anyone to carry a gun openly is simply outrageous and extremely dangerous.

This is doing nothing but inviting crime into the streets. Imagine walking through the mall or near the river when every person you come across is packing a gun.

The Second Amendment is good for those who are of sound mind and proper training. If someone mishears something said or someone feels another individual looked at them the wrong way, shots could be fired for no logical reason.

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Owning a gun is the right of every American citizen, but background checks should be performed on every consumer prior to the purchase of a gun.

If negative information appears on the background check, the consumer should not be allowed to purchase a firearm.

The same goes for proper training. I have never personally owned or shot a gun.

Under this potential bill, I could purchase a firearm and without knowing how to properly handle or use it. That would cause more harm than good in the face of imminent danger.

"Anyone of sound mind should be able to carry a gun, but if a background check comes back negative, then they shouldn't be able to carry one," Julianne Evans, junior APSU student said.

I partially agree with Evans. The only issue is that there must be standards and a way of evaluating soundness of mind.

The only logical way to do so is through a background check.

However, this potential bill no longer would require that to be completed, allowing people

the right to own a gun. *The Washington Times* reported that the bill was defeated and taken off the table.

Thankfully, that was the case because a bill allowing anyone to openly carry a firearm with no prior training or background check is inviting an increased crime rate to the cities of Tennessee. *TAS*

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EVENTS

**Wednesday,
April 23**

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Registration
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10 a.m.-3 p.m.
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**Plant the
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2:30 p.m.
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MTAC in Love

Middle Tennessee Anime Convention brings cosplay, Anime, Manga, culture to Murfreesboro



Above: Kaylee Weinberg, senior costume design major, attended Middle Tennessee Anime Convention in an original design based on Assassin's Creed games. Weinberg made the cape, gloves and bracers from scratch. She said the gloves and cape are made from her own patterns, she sewed the red stitching and Assassin's patch and the bracers she made with vinyl and craft foam. Weinburg said cosplaying is what sparked her interest in theatre in the first place. "The techniques I've learned from cosplaying have helped me make costumes for theatre and vice-versa," she said. **MEAGHAN MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**



Top: A contestant in the Cosplay Contest wins in the Best Prop category for his Shiny Red Gyarados from Pokémon. Above left: A cosplay play group enters the contest as bunny versions of the female characters from Batman. Above right: Best In Show was won by a cosplayer with a My Little Pony cosplay. Left: The award for Best Couple went to Date Grape Cosplay for their Queen of Hearts cosplay. Right: A cosplayer who was Vash the Stampede from Trigun won Best Stage Presence. **MEAGHAN MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

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Student Organization and Leader Awards

Student Ariel Duke overcomes adversity to obtain degree, wins 2014 Valor Award

» **By PAYDEN HALL**
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 16, APSU hosted the 2014 Student Organization and Leader Awards Ceremony in the MUC Ballroom.

This event was meant to recognize outstanding students and organizations on campus for their respective achievements.

The recipients of the Valor Award were "students who have demonstrated action, belief and steadfastness while faced with adverse situations."

The first of the Valor Awards went to Ariel Duke, a woman who showed remarkable stamina facing obstacles of every kind. Duke persevered through the deaths of close family members, health problems, working full time and going to school while pregnant when her military husband was deployed overseas.

Many people would collapse under such pressure, but Duke

persisted no matter what came her way.

Each obstacle just served as more motivation for her to earn her degree, Duke said.

When asked what kept her going, Duke said, "I'm stubborn. When I want something, I am going to accomplish it no matter what it takes. I knew I had to just keep going."

Despite her struggles, Duke said she can now see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Duke's daughter, Jocelyn, is now 16 months old, her husband is home and she will graduate with her degree in health and human performance with a concentration in exercise science this year.

When asked what she would say if she could encourage anyone who is facing what she has faced, Duke said, "I would tell them to appreciate the good times through the bad because they will get you through." **TAS**

Dillingham wins Governors Pride Senior Leadership Award

» **By PAYDEN HALL**
Staff Writer

One of the premier awards given to seniors or graduate students during the 2014 Student Organization and Leader Awards Ceremony was the Governors Pride Senior Leadership Award.

This award is designed to recognize "senior or graduate student leaders who have established a long-term record of service and leadership in student organizations and campus activities."

This year, it was given to senior Jessica Dillingham.

Dillingham graduates in May with her psychology degree, which took her three years to earn.

Dillingham won the Governors Pride Senior Leadership Award as well as a Distinguished Student Leader Award in the Peer Mentor/Supporter category.

She was also recognized for being selected as a Who's Who student.

"I was excited and surprised," Dillingham said. "Although I have been an involved, dedicated student during my time at APSU, I know many other student leaders who deserve to be recognized for their hard work. I knew how tough the competition would

be with the other outstanding nominees, so hearing my name called for these two awards was an incredible way to finish my last year at APSU."

The current Student Government Association vice president, Dillingham is also a resident assistant.

Dillingham has worked as a peer mentor with APSU freshmen and completed her degree in three years instead of the traditional four while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

As an active student, Dillingham said the key to time-management is her planner.

"I don't know what I would have done without my planner," Dillingham said. "I write down all of my assignments, meetings, classes and other obligations in my planner, and I make daily to-do lists. I also think that a large part of time management is learning to say, 'No.' I've had to say, 'No,' countless times in order to complete assignments on time and keep my grades up. Time management is a huge part of minimizing stress."

Dillingham said she encourages other students to become involved.

"I can honestly say that becoming involved has been the best part of my undergraduate experience, and I encourage my fellow students to do the same," Dillingham said. **TAS**



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Boston Marathon: 1 year later



Left: Holding an American flag, Boston Marathon bombing survivor Jeff Bauman, left, bumps fists with Carlos Arredondo near the finish line of the the 118th annual Boston Marathon, Monday, April 21, in Boston. Right: Runners in the first wave of 9,000 cross the start line of the 118th Boston Marathon Monday, April 21, 2014, in Hopkinton, Mass. AP IMAGES

» ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Under heavy security that included a battery of surveillance cameras and police officers on rooftops, nearly 36,000 runners hit the streets Monday in the first Boston Marathon since last year’s deadly bombing, sending a powerful message of resilience. In what some saw as altogether fitting, an American won the men’s division for the first time in more than 30 years, dominating a field that included many athletes who were prevented from completing the race last year.

“I showed up, I’m back, and I am going to finish what I didn’t finish last year,” said Mary Cunningham, 50, of St. Petersburg, Fla., who was stopped a mile short of the finish line by the explosions on April 15, 2013.

The two pressure-cooker bombs that went off near the end of the 26.2-mile course killed three people and wounded more than 260 in a hellish spectacle of torn limbs, smoke and broken glass. This year, police were deployed in force along the route, with helicopters circling above and bomb-sniffing dogs checking trash cans.

A total of 35,755 athletes were registered to run, the second-largest field in its history, with many coming to show support for the city and its signature sporting event. “Boston Strong” — the unofficial slogan adopted after the terrorist attack — was everywhere.

“I think I’m going to start crying at the starting line, and I’m not sure I’ll stop until I cross the finish line,” said Katie O’Donnell, a doctor at Children’s Hospital who was stopped less than a mile from the end last year.

At 2:49 p.m., the time the bombs went off, spectators observed a moment of silence at the finish line. It was followed by some of the loudest cheers of the day as people whooped,

clapped and rang cowbells. Joe Ebert, of Hampton, N.H., was cheering on his son-in-law near the spot in downtown Boston where the bombs went off. He was there last year, too.

“Just wanted to let them know that they can’t beat us down. I think it makes us all stronger when something like that happens,” he said. Also among the spectators near the finish line was Jeff Bauman, who lost his legs in the bombing. It was the first time he had returned to the area since the attack.

“All of today’s runners showed the world the meaning of #BostonStrong.”

— Barack Obama, President on Twitter

“It feels great” to be back, he said. “I feel very safe.” Sabrina Dello Russo, 38, of South Boston, was running her first marathon for a good friend, Roseann Sdoia, who lost her right leg in the bombing. “She is my inspiration from day one last year when I saw her in the ICU. Every run I do, she is in the back of my head, and she will be keeping me going today,” Dello Russo said.

While Gov. Deval Patrick said there had been no specific threats against the race or the city, spectators at the 118th running of the world’s oldest annual marathon had to go through tight checkpoints before being allowed near the starting and finish lines. Police along the route examined backpacks, particularly outside subway station exits. And runners had to use

clear plastic bags for their belongings. More than 100 cameras were installed along the course in Boston, and race organizers said 50 or so observation points would be set up around the finish line to monitor the crowd. Alabaman runner Scott Weisberg, 44, said he had trouble sleeping the night before.

“With everything that happened last year, I can’t stop worrying about it happening again. I know the chances are slim to none, but I can’t help having a nervous pit in my stomach,” Weisberg said.

Race organizers expanded the field from its recent cap of 27,000 to make room for more than 5,000 runners who were still on the course last year at the time of the explosions, for friends and relatives of the victims, and for those who made the case that they were “profoundly impacted” by the attack.

Kenya’s Rita Jeptoo won the women’s race in a course-record 2 hours, 18 minutes, 57 seconds, defending a championship from last year. She had been hoping this year for a title she could enjoy.

“It was very difficult to be happy. People were injured and children died,” she had said of last year’s marathon. “If I’m going to win again, I hope I can be happier and to show people, like I was supposed to last year.”

American Meb Keflezighi won the men’s title in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 37 seconds. Cheers rose up as word of the first American man to win in Boston since 1983 spread through the pack of runners. Keflezighi had the names of last year’s victims written in black marker on the corners of his race bib.

On Twitter, President Barack Obama congratulated Keflezighi and Shalane Flanagan, the top American finisher among the women, “for making American proud!”

“All of today’s runners showed the world the meaning of #BostonStrong,” Obama wrote. **TAS**

Bat Gavs

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where it’s make or-break time,” Robles said. “I think we needed to buckle down tonight and get a good win and get off on a good note to start this second half of the season.”

APSU-3 Belmont-2

It took APSU six and two-thirds innings to record its first hit at Rose Park. Senior catcher P.J. Torres broke the tie in a pitching duel with a two-run home run to right field, leading to a 3-2 victory over Belmont on Friday, April 18.

The Gavs (16-23, 8-9 OVC) were held in check until the seventh inning as Belmont starter James Buckelew pitched effectively despite walking five batters.

Even with the wind blowing in most of the game, Torres hit his sixth homer of the season.

“The wind wasn’t blowing when I hit it,” Torres said. “It was good for us right there.”

Sophomore pitcher Jared Carkuff put APSU in position to win with six strong innings. The right-hander allowed just one run on four hits with 83 pitches thrown, and the deep fly by Torres allowed him to earn the first conference victory of his

career.

“I’m proud of Carkuff,” McClure said. “He did something he hasn’t necessarily done. He just came out and was a strike thrower and pounded the zone with all three pitches. He had a really good fastball and threw his slider for strikes, and he got some swings and misses on his changeup against left-handed hitters, which was huge.”

Relievers A.J. Gaura and Ryan Quick combined to pitch the final three innings, allowing no hits.

But the Bruins (16-22, 7-10 OVC) pushed one run across against Quick in the ninth with a sacrifice fly to center field, cutting the deficit to 3-2. However, the senior threw a fastball by Spencer Petett to strand the tying run at third base and end the game. It was the second save of the season for Quick.

“A. J. Gaura and Ryan Quick are probably two of the best bullpen guys in the conference, so it didn’t worry me at all,” Carkuff said. “I knew they were going to get it done. That’s really nice when you can have that kind of trust in your bullpen.”

Carkuff allowed one run in the first inning after Jamie Ritchie singled, but the defense behind him played an error-free game.

Torres made a diving catch on a pop up in foul territory,

while thirdbaseman Kevin Corey made a diving catch to his left to rob a base hit.

APSU-2 Belmont-4

One statistic continues to hold APSU baseball from taking a leap forward in the standings.

The Gavs have yet to complete a three-game winning streak this season and missed a prime opportunity to correct that against Belmont on Saturday, April 19, at Rose Park.

However, APSU faltered down the stretch to lose 4-2 in the series finale after winning the previous two games.

The Gavs (16-24, 8-10 OVC) have lost the final game of the last five series. Although a series win over the Bruins (17-22, 8-10 OVC), a team the Gavs are battling for the sixth spot in the standings, is helpful, consistency remains a problem for APSU.

“Play smarter and bear down a little bit more,” said McClure. “Bottom line: We’ve got to finish. I think when it comes down to it, sometimes we just make a few too many mistakes.”

After two solid games from the pitching staff, it was the back end of the APSU bullpen that led to the Gavs’ demise. The Gavs held a 2-0 lead, but Belmont turned the tide by scoring four runs in



Robles prepares to swing in a game against Southeast Missouri. Gavs currently sit 8-10 in Ohio Valley Conference play. ELIJAH RODNEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the eighth inning, three coming off of Ryan Quick. The senior walked off the mound after just a third of an inning, and the offense wasn’t able to find its groove all weekend. APSU had just six hits on the afternoon, with two by short-stop Logan Gray, who went 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles, while Cayce Bredlau also had two hits.

Belmont starter Austin Cooley seven batters in his five and one-third innings, which allowed Chase Cunningham and closer Greg Brody to finish the job.

“[Cooley] was a pretty good

pitcher, and our bats just kind of came out flat today,” Gray said. “But that’s what we’ve got to work on to come out in the third game of a series: still waiting more instead of being satisfied.”

However, the starting pitching for APSU continued strong as senior Alex Belew made his first start on the mound since March 22, 2011. The left-hander pitched four and one-third innings, allowing just two hits and two walks, and struck out three batters.

Belew followed the lead of Robles and Carkuff, who

were dominant in the two prior games and finished off the weekend with the starters allowing just seven hits in 19 and one-third innings.

“Alex Robles and Jared Carkuff set the bar pretty high for me,” Belew said. “It’s a lot of confidence, too, knowing they did it, and I could do it too. They weren’t a great offensive team, but we pitched well all weekend.”

The Gavs will begin a five-game homestand on Wednesday, April 23, as Middle Tennessee State University comes to town scheduled at 6 p.m. **TAS**



Daniels was a player on the 1996 Ohio Valley Championship team. She then coached two consecutive teams to an Ohio Valley Conference title. ELIJAH RODNEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Daniels receives contract extension for 2014-15 season, prepares to return to OVC summit

» By **ANDREW THOMPSON**
Staff Writer

Lady Govs Head basketball Coach Carrie Daniels has had her contract extended through the 2014-2015 season. The extension comes as a surprise for some, who questioned if the coach would be retained after missing the Ohio Valley Conference tournament two consecutive seasons.

The Lady Govs finished the 2013 campaign with a 9-20 record and fell short of the conference tournament due, in large part, to a six-game OVC losing streak to conclude the season.

Daniels said she attributes the extension to several factors, including the team's youth and overall pool of talent. Daniels said she believes the team's young roster will grow from the pains of last season, and that when they do, that natural talent will shine through.

"We're very confident in these players and the talent that we have and very confident that we can get things turned around and get going in the right direction," Daniels said. "The talent's here. We can compete when we put it all together."

It was this specific talent that reared its head several times throughout the year, and when things fell into place, the results were positive for the program. "At times, during this year, we went on a four-game OVC winning streak and showed that we could compete with the

top in the conference," Daniels said.

In addition to the potential of the players on the court, Daniels said she believes their upstanding effort in the classroom and the community helped demonstrate she had her team on the right track.

"There's a lot that we're doing right," Daniels said. "These players are getting it done in the classroom, these players are getting out in the

“There's a lot that we're doing right. These players are getting it done in the classroom, community and serving the community. They're great role models and and they're great young ladies.”

— Carrie Daniels, Lady Govs Head Basketball Coach

community, serving the community. They're great role models, and they're great young ladies. They're great representatives of this athletics program, of this community, of this university." Looking to the 2014-2015 season, Daniels said she knows her current extension only covers one year, but isn't thinking about it in that way.

"I'm excited," Daniels said. "I'm very thankful for Derrick, giving me the extension, giving me the opportunity to stay on with the program and, you know, just to work on obtaining the goals that this team has." **TAS**



Daniels, who will be entering her ninth season as head coach at the beginning of the 2014-15 season, stands on the Dunn center floor wearing the newly released APSU Governor logo. Daniels is the longest tenured head coach in Lady Gov basketball history and the only coach in Lady Govs history to own championships as a player and coach. ELIJAH RODNEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Robles shines in series opener against Belmont

» By **COREY ADAMS**
Staff Writer

APSU-3 Belmont-0

In a 3-0 win against Belmont on Thursday, April 17, at E.S. Rose Park, Alex Robles pitched a complete game, a one-hit shutout to silence the bats of the Bruins.

Robles said he didn't have a firm grasp on his slider when warming up, but used it, along with his splitter and changeup, to record a career-high nine strikeouts in the game.

"In the bullpen, it looked kinda shaky, but he's a bulldog when it comes to the game," said senior catcher PJ. Torres. "(But) once he's on the pitching mound to start the game, he's locked in."

Belmont's lone hit was a single to right field by Drake Byrd, that dropped in front of Rolando Gautier.

Robles walked two batters, but the defense was solid despite one throwing error by Torres. Alex Ferguson reached third on the play, but that was as far as any Bruin went.

"I think the big thing you saw tonight was

Alex Robles stay under control," said APSU Head Coach Gary McClure. "Throughout the whole ballgame, [he] never got in a rush or pitched with a lot of emotion and just stayed under control. It was a special appearance on the mound. The guy was down in the zone all night, ahead of the hitters, and threw every pitch he wanted for strikes."

The second batter of the game, Kevin Corey, got to Belmont starter Patrick McGrath early with a solo home run to left. The Govs were able to load the bases with two outs, but a pop-up stranded three in the first frame.

Leaving runners in scoring position became a factor early on, despite a 1-0 advantage. In the second inning, the Govs played small ball to put runners at second and third, but a couple of ground outs wiped them away. After two innings, APSU had left five on base.

Timely hitting came in the sixth, as the Govs brought home two to give Robles some insurance. Torres flied out to left center to score a run, while Ridge Smith singled through the right side for an RBI.

"We're right at a point in the season

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Alex Robles delivers a pitch on the road against conference foe Belmont on Thursday, April 17. Robles allowed only one hit, no runs and a career-high nine strikeouts in a complete game pitched. COREY ADAMS | STAFF WRITER