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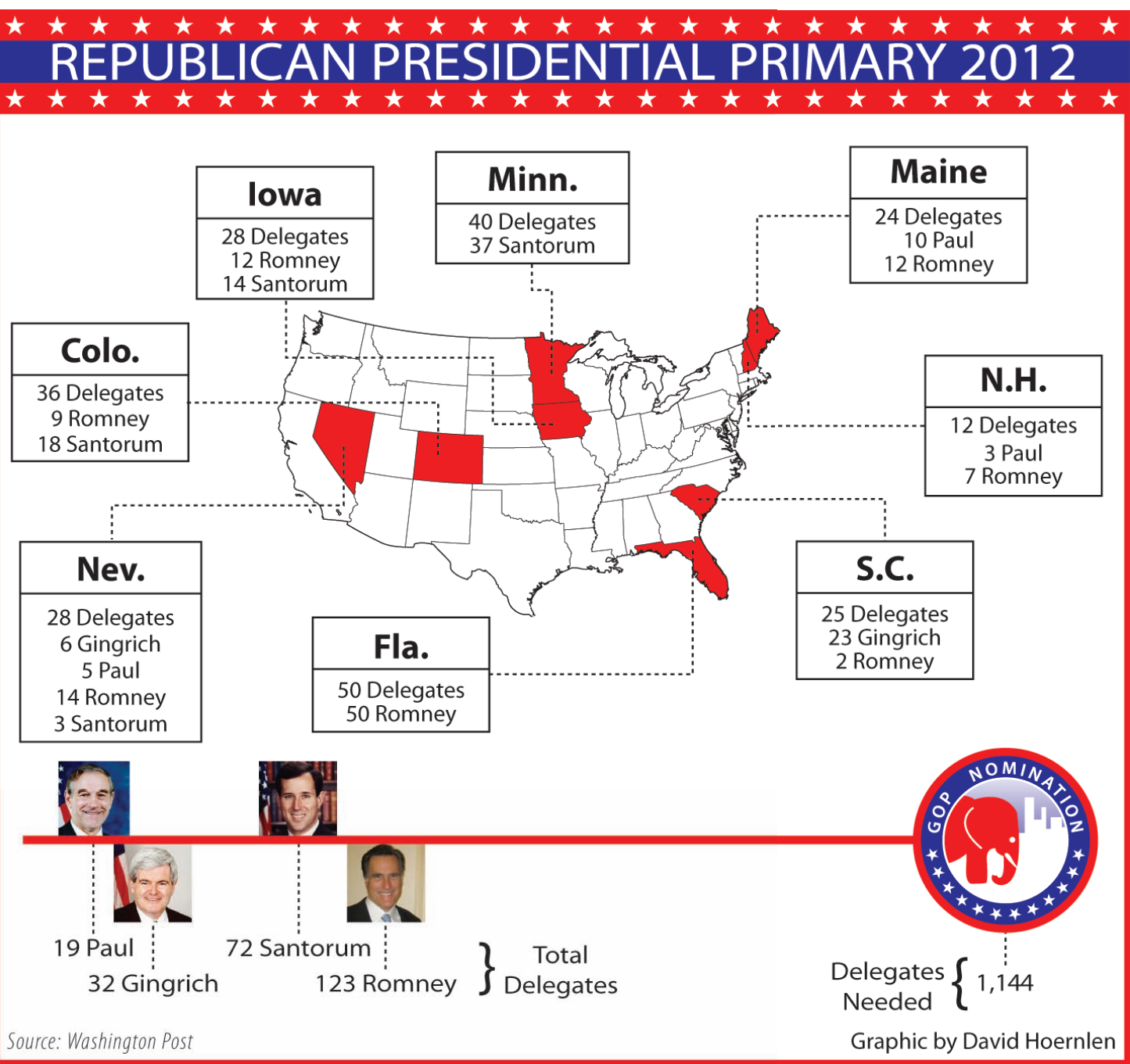
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College Republicans weigh in on candidates

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The race for the Republican presidential nomination has been narrowed to four. Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul are all vying for delegates in the primary races to reach the 1,144 needed to clinch the GOP nomination.

Gene Blanchard, senior History and Geography major and president of the APSU College Republicans, said, “I’m very excited because it looks like our primary vote’s going to really matter for the first time since I’ve been voting.”

Blanchard, Jacob Winters – sophomore Political Science major and vice president of the APSU College Republicans – and Justin

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Littlejohn – senior Criminal Justice and Online Security major and member of the APSU

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#CHILDRENSARTS

Program aims to bring the arts to area children

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APSU recently started a new program called “The Children’s Arts Interaction Program,” created by Eric Branscome, coordinator of Music Education and assistant professor of Music.

“It was created to provide the highest quality music and art enrichment in a child-centered environment that encourages participation, stimulates creativity and focuses on fun,” Branscome said. “We do not strive to turn young children into Beethovens or Rembrandts. It is simply our desire to increase each child’s awareness and enjoyment of the arts and to instill in each child a desire to continue artistic involvement for a lifetime.”

The program is geared towards children in preschool and early-elementary school. The program includes music, singing and other activities. In addition to teaching and motivating children in the area of arts and music, the Children’s Arts Interaction program allows music and art education students to gain experience working with children.

Activities are based on ideas formed by the Montgomery County library staff. Jennifer Snyder, assistant professor of Art, coordinated the event. Snyder also works together with Branscome, in cooperation with the Children’s Library staff at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library, to

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#CHILDLearningCENTER

Child Learning Center playground goes green

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The APSU Child Learning Center is more than just ordinary childcare. It is a place for children to start life with their “right foot forward.”

One thing that makes the APSU Child Learning Center stand out among other centers is their playground, which is in the process of going green.

“When the director before me was here, she was in a car wreck and had a very bad head injury. I did some research and was trying to find a way to help her. I found out that the number one cause of head injuries in young children come from swings. Needless to say, I came back and the swings had to come down. The tire swing is OK for now,” Sanders said.

A pile of dirt replaced the swings. The children play king of the mountain, roll down the hill and get very creative. Instead of using premade toys, they create their own games out of their own imagination, Sanders said.

Sanders said there are crates of chopped wood on the playground to show the kids different textures and different sizes. Some of the pieces are chopped up and some

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#REDISTRICTING

Montgomery County gains representatives in state House

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Numbers from the 2010 census indicate Tennessee is growing, specifically the Middle Tennessee area. Meanwhile, districts in both East and West Tennessee have lost seats in the House of Representatives, as the population shifts more heavily to the middle of the state.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Clarksville has grown by nearly 30 percent since the 2000 census, while Nashville and Murfreesboro grew by 10 percent and 58 percent, respectively.

In order to remedy the now disproportionate representation for each district, state legislators set about re-drawing the district lines to more accurately represent the number of people and where they live. Though the number of members in the Tennessee State House of Representatives will remain at 99, the number of representatives per district will change.

In the Clarksville-Montgomery County area, this means a third representative will be pulled from the 74th district and added to our district’s representation until the elections in November.

Currently, Montgomery County’s representation is split between the 68th and 78th districts.

State House Representative Joe Pitts,

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CRIME LOG

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

- 12:15 p.m.; Feb. 7; Shasteen lot; theft of property
- 10:42 p.m.; Feb. 7; Hand Village; aggravated burglary
- 8:57 p.m.; Feb. 7; Sevier Hall; aggravated burglary
- 2:08 a.m.; Feb. 3; Govs Lane; burglary
- 2:22 p.m.; Feb. 2; Marion Street apartment; alcohol violations
- 9:07 p.m.; Feb. 1; Hand Village; simple possession/casual exchange
- 9:07 p.m.; Feb. 1; Hand Village; alcohol violations
- 9:07 p.m.; Feb.1; Sevier/Blount lot; drug paraphernalia
- 8:46 p.m.; Feb. 1; Hand Village; unlawful drug paraphernalia
- 3:56 p.m.; Feb. 1; Meacham apartments; aggravated burglary

Visit TheAllState.org to see an interactive of the campus crime log.

Phi Kappa Phi plans event to announce new inductees

APSU receives \$1.74 million grant for safe rooms in new dorms

Award-winning CBS News correspondent Byron Pitts to speak Feb. 20

NEWS

Candidates

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College Republicans – all said that they will support any Republican candidate in the general election against Obama. “Each one of these men are great at what they do and would make a great president,” Winters said. “I feel as though any of the candidates would better represent me in the White House than President Obama or any other Democrat nominee.” The College Republicans feel that the field has candidates with specific appeal to each corner of the party and some with broader appeal. “I’m happy with the candidates we have. I think they pretty much show who is in our party. We have moderates in Romney, social conservatives represented by Santorum, libertarians by Paul and I think Gingrich represents all three in a way,” said Blanchard. Blanchard and Littlejohn both said

that there are people not in the race that they would support. Blanchard likes Tim Pawlenty and Mitch Daniels, while Littlejohn would have liked to see Colin Powell as a candidate, citing his service in the military and as a member of President George W. Bush’s cabinet. “I’m going to vote for Mitt Romney even though I prefer Santorum, because Mitt Romney can play politics ... he’s not as conservative – I consider him a moderate – but he actually has a chance of beating Obama. I don’t think Santorum ... could beat Obama,” Littlejohn said. The College Republican members disagree with choices made by President Obama on numerous issues including “Obama-care,” foreign policy, reductions to the military and his handling of the economy. “I like Newt Gingrich’s ideas. I like Romney’s general record as a job creator. If I had to pick favorites, those would be my two favorites. Santorum

[is] really good on social issues, but this isn’t going to be an election about social issues,” said Blanchard, explaining that this election is about the economy, the deficit and whether students will have jobs to look forward to when they graduate. “We just can’t keep passing the buck to our grandkids. Eventually all this money is going to have to come due.” Littlejohn said that the main issues are “foreign affairs and our country’s debt.” “Paul [is] right about a lot of the economic issues,” Blanchard said, but admits that he disagrees with Paul’s foreign policy. This sentiment is echoed by Littlejohn, who cited Paul’s plans to scale back the military as a major point of dissent. The members of the College Republicans give different reasons for becoming attracted to the Republican party, but all express agreement with conservative social, economic and

foreign policy to varying extent. “My mother was 40 when she had me and her OBGYN wanted her to abort me because he said that I was probably going to be handicapped ... so it’s a very personal issue for me,” Blanchard said. “If you don’t want to raise a child, the child still deserves the chance to have a life and so that’s why I’m a Republican for the most part” Winters identifies with the Republicans on “almost every issue” and that they represent his family and community and refers to his “small town” upbringing as the root of his support for the party. “I’m not really a Republican. I’m technically a conservative,” Littlejohn said, making a distinction between party affiliation and the opinions that drive his voting. “I vote Republican because I believe in America’s conservative values ... that the Constitution is the law of the land.” **TAS**

Playground

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have flakes. Across from the crates is a story time circle, made up of log seats. When they are not having story time, children walk on the logs. There is a set of wind chimes, a musical set of pots and pans hanging on a fence, a bale of hay growing grass and a “Very Hungry Caterpillar” made of logs. There is also a bug rug, where underneath, bugs such as worms and “rollie polies” come out, said Sanders. A recent addition is the “Right Foot Forward Garden.” The graduating class of 4-year-olds will bring in a right shoe and will be able to plant a flower in their shoe, which will then be placed next to the sidewalk. There are two other gardens, including a vegetable garden and a flower garden. Last year the staff grew

tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and green beans. According to Sanders, the children would eat the tomatoes and leave the other vegetables alone. This year, the staff is adding corn and peas. The flower garden is maintained by the children. Parents bring in the seeds and help their children plant them. In 2011, the center was ranked fifth in the state of Tennessee and the center is constantly working to keep the rank up. “The most important thing we can give a child is attention. A safe environment and letting them know that they can trust us are probably the most important and beneficial things that we offer here,” said Annette Frees, childcare aide at the Child Learning Center. The center requires all staff members have a degree in Early Childhood Education. In addition, every year the staff is required by

the state to participate in 20 hours of professional development. Students are also given the opportunity to work with the children through the Work Study Program. Many of the student workers who come through have Nursing or Education majors. Throughout the year, those students attend seminars and training sessions to work at the center. In order to complete the training, the students must also take part in a three-hour training program required by the state. Between student workers and full-time staff, the center includes an above average adult-to-child ratio, sometimes having two to four times more teachers per student than the state-required minimum, said Connie Sanders, manager of the Child Learning Center. “The most rewarding part of being a student worker is the children,” said

freshman Rebecca Hallburg. “We get to be a part of their learning process. Interacting with them just makes it worth it” Security is a big aspect with the center. Every door in the center has a card reader, and in order to get in and out, your APSU faculty or student ID must have approved access. Parents must be buzzed in or have their student ID card ready to swipe. The center has a growing library based on seasons, months and colors. Each classroom has certain themes they follow throughout the year, and their library is the place to get the children involved. All of the books and videos can be checked out by parents to take home to keep the current theme going while at home. The center is nonprofit, so all of the books and movies have come from donations or yard sales. **TAS**

Redistricting

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head of the redistricting committee, said effective November 2012, parts of Montgomery County will also be represented in the 74th district, and registered voters will receive new voter cards with the new House district and precinct number. The revised 74th district will encompass part of Montgomery County, as well as all of Houston County and Humphrey County. Representative Curtis Johnson,

currently a representative for Montgomery County in the 68th district, said he expects Montgomery County to have its own district and representatives within 10 years, if the same trend of population growth continues. Johnson said Montgomery County is already close to having three representatives and a senator within the county. Both Johnson and Representative Pitts stressed Montgomery County voters will only be affected by the change in district number and will now have more representation in the state legislature. **TAS**

Arts

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coordinate the theme or topic of each month’s activities. From there, music and art education majors work with faculty to design and implement related music and art activities. Many schools and daycare centers do not provide programs which teach children music. This program will help children learn the fundamentals of music and allow them to express themselves musically. The first program was held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m and included about 100 preschool and elementary school children and their parents.

The program included a brief performance by members of the APSU Phi Mu Alpha Barbershop Quartet composed of Music Education majors Henry Rives, Kardero Jefferies, Brandon Reynolds and T.J. Lawrence. There was also a “song time” led by Branscome and assisted by Kortney Knight, senior Music Education major, and an art activity led by members of the APSU chapter of the National Art Education Association composed of Sabrina Papescas, Bobby King, Melanie Perry and Melisha Hillenburg. The next programs will be held at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Library at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, Tuesday, April 10 and Tuesday, May 8. It is free and all children are encouraged to attend. **TAS**

Washington state legalizes marriage of same-sex couples

» By ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Gov. Chris Gregoire handed gay rights advocates a major victory Monday, Feb. 13, signing into law a measure that legalizes same-sex marriage in Washington state, making it the seventh in the nation to allow gay and lesbian couples to wed. Gregoire signed the bill surrounded by gay rights supporters. “I’m proud our same-sex couples will no longer be treated as separate but equal,” she said. It’s a historic moment for the state, but same-sex couples can’t walk down the aisle just yet. The law takes effect June 7, but opponents on multiple fronts already are preparing to fight. Opponents filed Referendum 73 Monday afternoon. If they collect the more than 120,577 valid voter signatures by June 6, the law will be put on hold pending the outcome of a November vote. Separately, an initiative was filed at the beginning of the legislative session that opponents of gay marriage say could also lead to the new law being overturned. Gay marriage supporters said that while they are ready for a campaign battle, they are allowing themselves to celebrate first. “You have to relish this moment,” said 31-year-old Bret Tiderman of Seattle. The state reception room at the Capitol was packed with hundreds of gay rights supporters and at least 40 lawmakers from the House and Senate to watch Gregoire sign the bill. Sen. Ed Murray, a Seattle Democrat who is gay and has sponsored gay rights legislation for years, told the cheering crowd: “My friends, welcome to the other side of the rainbow. No matter what the future holds, nothing will take this moment in history away from us.” The House passed the bill on a 55-43 vote last Wednesday. The Senate approved the week before. As the Democratic governor signed the legislation Monday, a man shouted, “Do not betray Christ!” However, his voice was overwhelmed by gay-marriage supporters who cheered and spoke loudly during his outburst.

Bob Struble, 68, of Bremerton, was removed from the room and said he was given a warning by security. Struble said he believes the state will halt gay marriage in a public vote. “We’ll be doing everything we can to overturn this unfortunate law,” Struble said. Audrey Daye, of Olympia, cried as she watched Gregoire sign the bill into law. Daye, who grew up with two moms, brought her 7-year-old son, Orin, with her to watch the bill signing. “I am so proud that our state is on the right side of history,” she said. Meanwhile, Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum, who opposes gay marriage, was in town speaking with conservative voters. Santorum also met with Republican lawmakers at the Capitol Monday, Feb. 13, afternoon. Santorum said he encouraged gay-marriage opponents “to continue the fight.” “There are ebbs and flows in every battle, and this is not the final word,” he said. Gregoire’s signature comes nearly a week after a federal appeals court declared California’s ban on gay marriage unconstitutional, saying it was a violation of the civil rights of gay and lesbian couples. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals gave gay marriage opponents time to appeal the 2-1 decision against Proposition 8 before ordering the state to allow same-sex weddings to resume. The judges also said the decision only applies to California, even though the court has jurisdiction in nine Western states. Washington state has had domestic partnership laws since 2007, and in 2009 passed an “everything but marriage” expansion of that law, which was ultimately upheld by voters after a referendum challenge. The coalition of opponents that filed Monday’s referendum is called “Preserve Marriage Washington.” “I think in the end, people are going to preserve marriage,” said Joe Fuiten, senior pastor at Cedar Park Church in Bothell who is involved in the referendum effort. **TAS**

Ice, ice, baby



After weeks of unseasonable warmth, winter has come to campus. The fountain outside of the Sundquist Science Complex was frozen due to frigid temperatures on Monday, Feb. 13. Highs can be expected in the 50s, with lows near freezing for the next week, according to the National Weather Service’s website. **BRANDON CAUTHEN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of **religion**, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of **speech**, or of the **press**; or the right of the people peaceably to **assemble**, and to **petition** the Government for a redress of grievances.”
— First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution

Half-time message lost on politicians

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It has been over a week since the “Halftime in America” ad featuring Clint Eastwood aired during the Super Bowl.

For those who missed it, the aging “Man of Men” reminded us of the struggles our nation has faced over the years and how we can make a comeback.

Immediately, the ad was panned by critics from both left and right wings of the political spectrum, attempting to attribute a political agenda to the message.

Karl Rove, the former Senior Advisor to President George W. Bush, attacked the ad, claiming it echoed one of the central themes of President Barack Obama’s re-election bid.

The left wasted no time in trying to lay claim to the ad, with liberal filmmaker Michael Moore and Obama’s Communication Aid David Axelrod claiming the two-minute spot seemed to be “a call to give [Obama] his second half.” Eastwood, a long standing Fiscal Conservative and Social Liberal, denied any political agenda whatsoever.

This is why we can’t have nice things.

Personally, I didn’t see the ad as political in any way, shape or form. If anything, it was a welcome breath of fresh air.

In a highly personalized society, it seems we as Americans are ever so earnest to unjustly attribute everything to some sort of political agenda, we often forget to stop and appreciate the honest-to-goodness hard work and spirit many Americans put

forth on a daily basis.

We are often so caught up in in our factions and ourselves, we often miss the point we are more than just political parties and individuals. We are Americans.

It only seems this is evident in the face of disaster.

On Dec. 8, 1941, we were not Republicans or Democrats. On Sept. 12, 2001, we were not liberals or conservatives. We were Americans, united together in the face of danger and uncertainty.

In World War II, people put down what they were doing and put their differences aside in order to produce and utilize great resources in a war against tyranny and oppression.

People took pride in their work and etched their initials in the rivets that held our planes, tanks and ships together. In 2001, men and women of all walks of life scurried to Ground Zero to aid rescue services in the cleanup.

In 2007, I can proudly tell you firsthand there were no Republicans or Democrats in a war zone. Only Americans, and brothers at that. You know the old mantra “stand by your man?” The same applies to your country.

This country has the potential to be everything we want it to be, to be great again. We just have to set aside this petty bickering and move forward as a nation.

To end a football-related topic with a football quote, I believe it was a line from “Any Given Sunday” — “Either we heal now as a team, or we will die as individuals.”

If you missed the “Halftime In America” ad, you can find it at www.youtube.com/user/chrysler?feature=pvchdk. **TAS**



Green campus takes student ideas

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Over the course of the last few years, fixtures have been added to several bathrooms across campus to reduce the amount of water used.

In fact, a number of ongoing projects have been put together by students and faculty and are ready to be put into action.

But who is responsible for all these “green” additions on campus?

Each semester, students pay \$10 to the Sustainable Campus Fee. That’s \$20 yearly of student tuition going toward a fee very few people actually know exists, let alone what it does.

According to APSU’s Governance page for the Sustainable Campus Fee Committee, “the committee has the responsibility for advising the president relative to the development of on-campus sustainability initiatives in accordance with the Tennessee Board of Regents

It’s become evident the APSU campus is becoming more “green.”

Sustainable Campus Fee Program Guidelines.”

The idea is to report proposals fit for campus to President Tim Hall so students’ money is put to good use while making campus greener.

I happen to be a voting member on the Sustainable Campus Fee Committee. I’ve seen and voted on proposals that would be ideal for this campus.

Proposals for the committee can be sent in by anyone with access to a computer.

“It literally takes a few minutes to develop an idea ... and submit it.”

It’s as easy as checking D2L to see how you did on your last quiz. As a student at APSU, you are encouraged to send in proposals because this campus belongs to you just as much as it does the faculty and staff who work here.

What needs to be understood is the fact there are more than 10,000 students attending APSU, and at \$20 a year, that’s well over \$200,000 the Sustainable Campus Fee Committee has to make proposals a reality.

That’s a lot of money which can be

used for the betterment of campus, and with your help, it could make more of a difference.

To give you an idea of some proposals already on the voting list this year, there was a bike share program created to eliminate the amount of carbon in the air and my personal proposal for the removal of paper towels in the bathrooms by replacing them with Dyson Airblade hand dryers.

A couple years ago, it was the bathroom fixtures to reduce water consumption. Next year, it could be your idea.

I urge you to take the initiative to help make campus greener. Every individual on campus has a different mindset on how things can be done, but if all these ideas are brought together, so much more can be accomplished.

It literally takes a few minutes to develop an idea, write it up in the proposal format and submit it.

You can make a difference, not only to APSU, but to the environment as a whole.

For additional information about the Sustainable Campus Fee Committee or to get a proposal form, visit www.apsu.edu/governance/committees/sustainablefee and click on the link. **TAS**

Americans disregard importance of right to peaceful protest



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Rebellion as a means to reform has always been an irresistible ideal for Americans as a society, especially among the younger generations.

America itself was founded on a revolution against the British, and since then the United States has had a tradition encompassing several revolts, including the rock ‘n’ roll subculture that surged in popularity in the 1950s and the hippie culture that emerged in the 1960s.

There is no doubt uprisings have been established for important reasons, such as fighting for the rights of minorities and women, but many adults look on the concept with fear, dread and disdain because the word has become loaded with connotations

implying immature teenagers disrespecting authority in dramatic ways.

The Leaf Chronicle reported one bizarre incident this past July in Chattanooga when people in zombie costumes protested the Tennessee Valley Authority’s plans to open up the Bellefont Nuclear Plant. The company has since forbidden these costumes in an effort to circumvent commotion and unprofessional distraction.

Yet that following August, four TVA workers attempted to enter a board meeting in Knoxville wearing zombie costumes. They were not admitted entry, and another worker was forcibly ejected from the meeting after affecting a zombie impression.

Obviously, strange events like this have done nothing to staunch the fear of outspoken opinions that defy the mainstream consciousness. But what about the movement that began to gain momentum last year known as “Occupy Wall Street?”

Occupy Wall Street is a more serious and wide-reaching example of modern-day rebellion. Whether one agrees with what the

movement stands for or not, many people are predisposed to view the movement negatively because of prejudice, ignorance and misconception.

Many think it is just as immature, absurd and ineffective as wearing zombie costumes to protest a nuclear plant, but society needs to learn agitation among the people rises for a reason.

One common notion is Occupy Wall Street consists of mainly young people. While many rebellions have started as youth movements, they have often grown to include a wide range of ages.

A possible reason for this may be, in general, the young tend to be less set in their ways than the older generation. In any case, Occupy Wall Street subverts this tradition because, from the beginning, adults as well as teenage and college-age students were a part of this movement.

Related to the first misconception is the mistake some make of assuming that Occupy Wall Street is made of a bunch of rebels without a cause.

This confusion stems from the fact the movement has no single cause, but serves as an umbrella term for loosely-related grievances, such as taxing corporations as if they were individuals and the wealth inequality in America.

What some may fail to realize is many historical, successful movements included a unity of protestors with different but complementary causes.

Whether one is a supporter or opponent of rebellion, it is important to combat ignorance on the subject. Acknowledging there are wrong, ineffective and ridiculous ways to protest — such as dressing up as zombies — there are also legitimate, powerful, and even necessary ways — such as peaceful occupation.

As long as this country is imperfect, there will always be issues to contest, and rebellion is an inescapable part of our culture and history.

It should be examined rather than blindly hated, and perhaps even accepted, if not embraced. **TAS**

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UNITY CELEBRATION

“It was August 25, 2006, my **first on-camera studio open for the CBS News broadcast **60 Minutes**. Executive Producer Jeff Fager poked his head in the dressing room. ‘Good luck, you’ve **come a long way** to get here. You’ve earned it’ ... If only he knew. My **mind flashed back** to elementary school, when a therapist had informed my mother, ‘I’m sorry, Mrs. Pitts, your son **cannot read**.’”**

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BYRON PITTS

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FEATURES

On Valentine’s Day, **a museum for broken hearts**
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EVENT CALENDAR

#FOOTLOOSE



William Ladd poses with choreographer Jamal Simms and two fellow dancers on the set of the 2011 remake of “Footloose.” CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ladd makes dancing debut in ‘Footloose’ remake

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One could say the life of William Ladd is a life full of luck. Ladd’s luck began when he was only 4 days old, and was adopted into a family that provided a big sister to help lead him in life. Ladd started dancing under the inspiration of his sister when he was 5 years old, and that inspiration landed him a scholarship to APSU and many professional dance roles.

In June 2010, Ladd said he confidentially walked into an audition for a dance role in the remake of “Footloose.” A few months later, he received a call and learned he had attained the role. “Surreal” is the only word that came to mind when Ladd found out he had landed the role.

Ladd said he was then faced with the task of finding an agent, but this task was quickly achieved when he signed with Jason Lopez of DDO Artists Agency of Nashville. Backed by his new agent, Ladd was able to start his adventure on the “Footloose” set in October 2010. On set, Ladd, along with 40 other dancers, immediately got to work on the performance that would appear in the “cowboys” scene of the movie.

“Set lasted six long, hot days, but it was all worth it because it provided an experience I will never forget,” Ladd said.

From the set Ladd said he was able to take away with him a newfound confidence in himself, experience with successful dancers such as

“It was all worth it because it provided an experience I will never forget.”
— William Ladd, teacher/choreographer at The Dance Force

Jemalle Sams and Don Draco and the knowledge first impressions mean everything. “The whole experience was amazing; everyone on set was very professional and down to earth,” Ladd said.

The film premiered in theaters a year later in October 2011. Ladd went to the premiere with his best friends and his parents. When he saw himself on the screen all he could do was smile, while his friends and mom were freaking out. “I couldn’t believe it was all real until I saw my face on the screen,” he said.

Ladd said he hopes to further his career in dancing and looks forward to experiencing new roles. You can see him dancing again soon in the upcoming film “The Three Stooges.” *TAS*

Wednesday, Feb. 15

- 6 p.m.; **Peay Soup Neo-Soul Edition;** Clement Auditorium
- 7 p.m.; **Govs Basketball** vs. Morehead State; Dunn Center

Saturday, Feb. 18

- 5:15 p.m.; **Lady Govs Basketball** vs. Morehead State; Dunn Center
- 7:30 p.m.; **Govs Basketball** vs. Youngstown State; Dunn Center

Monday, Feb. 20

- 5 p.m.; **Wellness Class: Stress Mgmt.;** Foy 202
- 7 p.m.; **Unity Celebration** Keynote; Clement Auditorium

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#RELOVEHAITI



ReLoveHaiti cofounder Zac Gillman fires the starting gun in the organization’s 2011 5k race. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Rainier, Gillman donate to Haiti

» By KATELYN HAMAKER
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An earthquake of a 7.0 magnitude took the lives of over 300,000 people and devastated the third world country of Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010.

Within the next month, two of APSU’s current students, Zac Gillman and Mike Rainier, organized and developed today’s successful charity organization: ReLoveHaiti (formerly known as Show Haiti Some Love).

Knowing there was great need in Haiti, Gillman began this organization based on Mark 16:15 which states, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

“That simply states that no matter where we go or what we do, we should always be a living example of what Christ is,” Gillman said. “During every event, we live it out and bring many people together for the greater cause of being more Christ-like and helping the less fortunate.”

Their first benefit concert was held a mere month after the earthquake and raised over \$1,600; this year their goal is to raise \$7,000. Often see organizations raising money but the difference they make are not.

“We have decided to donate to Water Missions International so we can receive

pictures and feedback from Haiti on exactly how we are making a difference,” Gillman said.

“This year we wanted to shift our focus towards rebuilding instead of relief. We have selected Water Missions International for the charity we will donate to. They specialize in bringing water purification systems to entire communities.”

ReLoveHaiti has made an impact on the Clarksville community and is growing rapidly.

Their website, www.relovehaiti.com, has several opportunities on ways to make a difference for Haiti as well as other organizations.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, ReLoveHaiti organized the second annual 5k and One Mile Fun Run. The run will take place at the Beachaven Winery at 9 a.m. Registration is available at www.relovehaiti.com.

The third-annual benefit concert will be held at the Riverview Inn in downtown Clarksville.

This concert will feature The Beautiful Refrain, Chris Crow, Bryce Merritt, Joel Crouse and there will also be a special surprise performance.

The entry fee is \$10 at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. For more information, contact ReLoveHaiti at relovehaiti@gmail.com. *TAS*

#CONORSTRAVELS

CONOR’S TRAVELS

Conor takes a journey through the Customs House Museum

» By CONOR SCRUTON
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Since the semester started, *The All State* has sent me to various hallmarks of Clarksville culture I might not have visited otherwise, despite living in the city. When I stopped by the Customs House Museum last week, I had the familiar feeling of wondering why I hadn’t gone earlier.

The Customs House is located at 200 South Second St. and includes one of the most striking pieces of old architecture in downtown Clarksville. The original building was a post office in 1898, and includes all manner of turrets and arches that make it truly stand out against the downtown landscape.

The original Customs House building is actually closed for renovations until March 30, but there is still plenty to do in the newer branch of the museum. The art gallery is a good place to start. It has a lot of exceptional artwork from oil paintings and watercolors to sculpture and woodworking and now regularly features the work of local artists.

On a more practical level, the Customs House is a great way to really look into Clarksville history. The “Challenges and Champions Sports Gallery” highlights the athletic achievements of Montgomery County natives, including legendary runner Wilma Rudolph and racecar driver Jeff Purvis. The room also features some really cool artifacts and photos from Clarksville schools’ earliest organized sports teams.

For anyone interested in history, the lower level of the Customs House is featuring a Civil War exhibit through March. While it’s not usually my favorite subject, the exhibit actually has a cool way of incorporating modern design and real artifacts to present the Civil War in a new light. Also downstairs is a model train setup that, honestly, is pretty impressive in size and detail even for a professional. The trains run from 1-4 p.m. every Sunday afternoon around a track that mirrors Clarksville in certain spots.



Conor strikes a triumphant pose in the “Challenges and Champions” sports exhibit. BRITTNEY SPARN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

While I’m admittedly kind of a museum nerd, the Customs House is still worth visiting for any Clarksville resident. It’s the second-largest general museum in Tennessee, and I’m willing to bet it will be even cooler once the original building reopens with a lot of their main exhibits.

Still, perusing the Customs House’s offerings was a relaxing way to spend an afternoon and — if you’ll excuse my corniness — learn a little bit. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, so feel free to stop by if you’re lacking something to do, or for any reason at all. *TAS*

IT’S TIME FOR YOU — THE READER — TO TAKE PART IN CONOR’S TRAVELS. WHERE SHOULD HE GO NEXT? HAVE A TRAVEL STORY OF YOUR OWN? SEND YOUR IDEAS AND STORIES TO CONOR AT CSCRUTON@MY.APSU.COM

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Hawaii Minnesota Texas Wisconsin
Louisiana New York Utah

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals U

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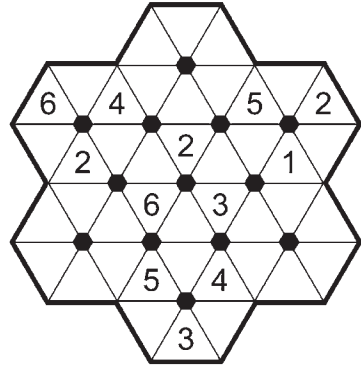
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SNOWFLAKES
by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



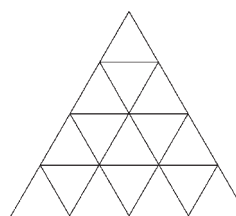
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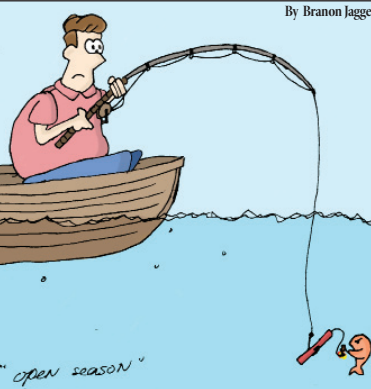
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STICKELERS
by Terry Stickels

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2012 Positional Players

C | P.J. Torres and Matt Wollenzin
1B | Tyler Childress
2B | Jordan Hankins
SS | Reed Harper
3B | Greg Bachman
LF | Cody Hudson
CF | Michael Blanchard
RF | Rolando Gautier
DH | Jon Clinard

Pitching Rotation:
Casey Delgado, Zach Toney, Ryan Quick and
Andy Cox

Upcoming Home Games

Feb. 17		Illinois St. - 3 p.m.	March 9		N. Illinois - 2:30 p.m.
Feb. 18		Illinois St. - noon	March 10		Dayton - 2:30 p.m.
Feb. 19		Illinois St. - noon	March 11		Arkansas St. - 2:30 p.m.
March 2		Youngstown - 2:30 p.m.	March 14		Evansville - 6 p.m.
March 3		Iowa - 2:30 p.m.	March 21		Western Ky. - 6 p.m.
March 4		Akron - 2:30 p.m.	March 27		Alabama A&M - 6 p.m.

PLAY BALL!



The Bat Govs begin the 2012 season this weekend as preseason favorites

» **By TRENT SINGER**
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Following a 2011 season that brought an Ohio Valley Conference championship to APSU, the Govs baseball team will look to make it two in a row as they prepare to begin play this week against visiting Illinois State on Friday, Feb. 17.

The team returns with senior outfielder Michael Blanchard, senior starting pitcher Zach Toney, junior shortstop Reed Harper and sophomore second baseman Jordan Hankins, who were all named to the conference's 14-member preseason team selected by OVC coaches.

Blanchard enters the 2012 season coming off a breakout year that saw him

lead the league in stolen bases with 28 and a .331 batting average.

Toney, the No. 3 starter last season, finished the year with a 6-2 record and 3.72 ERA. Harper ended the season with 43 RBIs and was named to the Atlanta All-Region team.

Perhaps the youngest and most intriguing player, Hankins enters his sophomore season with high hopes. After one of the most outstanding freshman campaigns in APSU history, Hankins will have to work hard to beat last season's .361 batting average and game-winning home run against Georgia Tech.

The Govs return with eight positional starters from last year's team, and will look to rekindle the magic from last year's

unscripted run.

After rallying to win the regular-season conference title last year, the Govs won the OVC tournament and went on to shock Georgia Tech in the opening round of the NCAA Baseball Tournament in Atlanta.

OVC coaches also picked APSU as this year's preseason favorite, meaning everyone will certainly have their sights set on beating the Govs.

"Being picked first basically guarantees everyone is going to give us their best shot during the season," head coach Gary McClure said.

"Not that they wouldn't give you their best anyway, but being picked first insures you'll see their best effort. We want to be a good baseball team and that means

you have to go out and play your game. I believe if we can do that we'll give ourselves a chance to win. As a coaching staff, we are going to try and instill in our guys that this is a process and you can't win it all in one day."

McClure, who is entering his 25th season as head coach, believes last year taught his team a valuable lesson about what it takes to succeed at a high level.

"I believe our experience will help us — they've been there," McClure said. "They understand the level you have to play at to win."

"The thing you have to guard against is being complacent. However, they have shown all year the ability to practice hard, stay focused and play hard." *TAS*



Top Right: Senior LHP Zach Toney played an important role in last year's successful season. He returns to the pitching rotation this year for APSU. Above: The Governors comes together shortly after beating Jacksonville State in the 2011 OVC Tournament, 7-3. The team is projected as this year's preseason favorite. **FILE PHOTOS | THE ALL STATE**

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Vols drop No. 8 Gators in Gainesville, 75-70

No. 16 Racers lose first game of the season to Tigers

No. 1 Kentucky beats Vanderbilt at Memorial Gym, 69-63

SCORE BOARD



OVC BASKETBALL STANDINGS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Murray St.	12-1 (24-1)
Tennessee St.	10-4 (17-10)
Southeast Mo.	9-4 (14-11)
Tennessee Tech	8-6 (16-11)
Morehead St.	7-6 (14-13)
Eastern Ky.	6-7 (14-13)
Jacksonville St.	6-7 (11-16)
Austin Peay	6-7 (9-18)
SIUE	5-8 (7-15)
Eastern Illinois	4-9 (11-14)
UT Martin	0-14 (3-24)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UT Martin	11-1 (17-8)
Eastern Illinois	11-1 (20-5)
Tennessee Tech	9-4 (13-14)
SIUE	8-4 (14-9)
Murray St.	7-5 (11-14)
Eastern Ky.	7-6 (12-12)
Morehead St.	5-7 (8-16)
Tennessee St.	4-10 (8-18)
Southeast Mo.	3-9 (6-19)
Austin Peay	2-10 (5-20)
Jacksonville St.	1-11 (4-21)

OVC BASKETBALL STATISTICS

MEN'S SCORING (PPG)

1.) K. Murphy (TTU)	21.0
2.) I. Canaan (MUR)	19.6
3.) J. Dillard (TTU)	18.0
4.) R. Covington (TSU)	17.7
5.) J. Jones (EKU)	16.1
6.) J. Granger (EIU)	15.1
7.) T. Stone (SEMO)	15.0
8.) M. Liabo (UTM)	14.9
9.) M. Yelovich (SIUE)	14.3
10.) D. Poole (MUR)	13.7

MEN'S REBOUNDS (RPG)

1.) J. Dillard (TTU)	8.7
2.) R. Covington (TSU)	7.8
3.) T. Stone (SEMO)	7.2
4.) A. McKinnie (EIU)	7.1
5.) L. Powell (SEMO)	7.0
6.) M. Yelovich (SIUE)	6.0
7.) J. Jones (SIUE)	5.9
8.) M. Baker (APSU)	5.9
9.) I. Aska (MUR)	5.8
10.) D. Shaffer (SIUE)	5.6

WOMEN'S SCORING (PPG)

1.) H. Butler (UTM)	22.9
2.) J. Newsome (UTM)	19.8
3.) W. Hanley (APSU)	18.6
4.) T. Hayes (TTU)	17.1
5.) E. Burgess (MUR)	16.2
6.) C. Lumpkin (MOR)	16.0
7.) L. Dixon (MOR)	15.8
8.) T. Nixon (EIU)	15.4
9.) J. Shuler (TSU)	15.1
10.) M. Robinson (MUR)	14.2

WOMEN'S REBOUNDS (RPG)

1.) A. Harris (MOR)	12.4
2.) D. Vaughn (JSU)	9.1
3.) R. Berry (SIUE)	9.0
4.) M. Herrod (SIUE)	8.2
5.) A. Jones (EKU)	8.0
6.) J. Barber (EKU)	7.8
7.) B. Morrow (JSU)	7.7
8.) M. King (EIU)	7.5
9.) B. Harriel (SEMO)	7.2
10.) C. Pressley (EIU)	6.9

NCAA BASKETBALL AP TOP 25

- 1.) Kentucky
- 2.) Syracuse
- 3.) Missouri
- 4.) Kansas
- 5.) Duke
- 6.) Ohio State
- 7.) Michigan State
- 8.) North Carolina
- 9.) Baylor
- 10.) Georgetown
- 11.) UNLV
- 12.) Marquette
- 13.) San Diego State
- 14.) Florida
- 15.) Wisconsin
- 16.) Murray State
- 17.) Michigan
- 18.) Indiana
- 19.) Louisville
- 20.) Florida State
- 21.) Saint Mary's
- 22.) Virginia
- 23.) Notre Dame
- 24.) Gonzaga
- 25.) Wichita State

UPCOMING BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 15 MOREHEAD ST.	7 p.m.
Feb. 18 YOUNGSTOWN ST.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23 @UT Martin	6 p.m.
Feb. 25 SOUTHEAST MO.	7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 18 MOREHEAD ST.	5:15 p.m.
Feb. 23 @UT Martin	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 25 SOUTHEAST MO.	5:15 p.m.

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Feb. 29 - March 3
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6-5 (13-12)

VS.



Austin Peay Governors
6-6 (9-16)

Wednesday,
Feb. 15,
7 p.m.

#APSUBASKETBALL



Top: Isaiah Canaan defends freshman Herdie Lawrence in Murray. Lawrence ended the night with 12 points. Bottom: John Fraley and Josh Terry take a break during a timeout. The two seniors combined for 26 points in the loss.

PHOTOS BY TRENT SINGER | SPORTS EDITOR



The Govs take a timeout to strategize against the Racers on Saturday, Feb. 11. The team's 18 turnovers and inability to produce rebounds were ultimately the reasons APSU lost, 82-63, to Murray State.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW MCEWING | STAFF WRITER

Govs lose on the road to No. 16 Racers

» By MATT MCEWING

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The Governors traveled to No. 16 Murray State to take on the Racers in a packed CFSB Center on Saturday, Feb. 11, as the Racers were coming off of their first loss of the season to TSU, and the Govs were looking to end a three-game losing streak.

The Govs started off the game with a pretty solid defense, pressuring the Racers to make quick decisions early on in the game, forcing a few turnovers in the process.

Although APSU was able to get

early points on the board, they could not stop the perimeter shooting of Murray State fast enough.

The Racers capitalized on five first-half three-pointers, most of which came from OVC Player of The Year, Isaiah Canaan, who finished with 23 points and six assists.

The Racers were able to build an early 21-point lead over the Govs, which was cut down to 13 by the end of a very emotion-driven first half that saw a skirmish between the coaches.

APSU's late first-half rally was short-lived. The Racers came out in the second half scoring the first 11 points,

and stopping an APSU comeback for the night.

Turnovers and rebounding is what beat the Govs in this game. In the first half alone, the Govs turned the ball over 10 times, totaling the amount they had the entire game in the first meeting between the two teams on Jan. 7.

Murray State was able to out-rebound APSU 37-23. By turning quick rebounding into even quicker points, the Racers went on to win, 82-63.

Although APSU was handed their fourth consecutive loss, they did have

some bright moments in the game.

Freshman guard Herdie Lawrence scored a career high 13 points, while sophomore guard Alton Williams sunk five second-half three-pointers in an attempt to rally APSU back. Williams ended the night with a perfect shooting percentage from behind the arc.

Both Josh Terry and John Fraley scored in double digits with 13 points on the night.

APSU will play host to Morehead State this Wednesday, Feb. 15, as they look to end their current losing streak and head into the OVC tournament on a positive note. **TAS**

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Sports Perspective: Why Manning should come home

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It's inevitable. When Jim Irsay formally announces Peyton Manning is available to the rest of the NFL, there will be speculation in almost every NFL city for a reason to lure the four-time MVP.

For the amount of criticism you will hear about why Manning shouldn't come to Tennessee, there should be just as much support for such an idea.

You're probably under the impression this is coming from a Tennessee homer; someone who bleeds the brightest orange and believes Steve McNair is king. But it's not.

This is coming from a fan of the sport; someone who just doesn't understand why it shouldn't happen.

When the idea first dawned on me, I happened to be listening in on the radio. Paul Kuharsky, the AFC South blogger for ESPN.com, was doing his afternoon radio show on 104.5, so I decided to call in and immediately got through.

I asked Kuharsky what he thought about the possibility of Manning coming to Tennessee.

Of course, Kuharsky was skeptical and he had every reason to be. He doesn't see the Titans' front office as the kind that goes after a big-name free agent like Manning.

Kuharsky is right. They really aren't that kind of organization. But why aren't they?

Do they not understand what Manning brings with him? NFL owners are all about the business. Throughout the entire 2011 lockout, we saw the horrifying effects of that.

It's understood he was inexpensive, but by going out and getting Matt Hasselbeck, the Titans have already proven they believe they can win now with a veteran quarterback who can steer these younger players in the right direction.

Manning is far more expensive than Hasselbeck, but whether or not he loses, Bud Adams would still turn a hefty profit in ticket sales alone, not to mention the memorabilia.

If Adams is so business driven, then why not take a risk on a guy who's going to pay off regardless?

The Titans have plenty of other needs, and the city of Nashville might not be capable of even handling the high-profile quarterback. There are plenty of cons to consider, but these are different circumstances.

I don't believe Manning is done playing football. I can't believe it. For as many years as I've watched him play, Manning has been one of the most competitive quarterbacks I've ever witnessed.

But he got hurt and took a year off. Since the injury, the Colts have decided to move on.

It makes sense to everyone that Andrew Luck should be drafted to replace Manning. Coming to Tennessee would give Manning the opportunity to play Luck twice a year.

Last week, Titans General Manager Ruston Webster spoke to season ticket holders on a conference call, praising his current quarterbacks and showing Manning some respect as well.

"Obviously [Manning] is a great player in the league," Webster said. "But on the flip side of that, we're excited about our quarterback situation.

"I think Matt brought us through a difficult time, especially once we lost Kenny Britt last year, and I think everyone saw glimpses of Jake Locker. We're really



Peyton Manning is 13-5 against the Titans with a QB rating of 100.9. Many teams in the NFL will consider the possibility of adding Manning to their roster. Why not Tennessee? **PHOTO BY ASSOCIATED PRESS**

excited about his future, so you know, obviously Peyton is a great player, but we also feel like we're in good hands."

For now, the Titans have Hasselbeck, which works if they decide to stick with continuity.

There will be plenty of chatter about where Peyton will go. Every city will state their best case. I'm simply making the case for Tennessee. It all seems to make sense.

Nashville is less than four hours from his college town, and there is huge support and respect for the veteran throughout the state.

People are under the impression he will be far too expensive for everyone. However, because Manning admires Tennessee, he might be enticed by a cheaper offer. It could work.

We just don't allow ourselves to think it will work, and deny the possibility because it's not how we normally operate.

But Manning breeds success. The Titans have the tools on offense to do great things, and adding Manning brings an inherent stability and consistency to the offense. It takes all the pressure off of Chris Johnson.

And it sets up a Super Bowl run. **TAS**