

Student Organizations

Students celebrate breast cancer awareness

20

recommended age women should begin clinical breast exams every three months

114

the rate of invasive breast cancer cases per 100,000 women in Tennessee in 2004

1,990

cases of breast cancer in men that will be diagnosed in 2008

SOURCE: WWW.KOMEN.ORG

AKA sorors held events to educate the campus about breast cancer risks

By JENELLE GREWELL
Staff Writer

The week of Oct. 27-31 was Breast Cancer Awareness week and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Kappa Rho chapter sponsored an event-filled week to inform the APSU community. Samantha Henderson, a senior social work major and member of AKA, said the sorority is focused on women's health. "Picking breast cancer in my chapter is another way we can come into contact with women and uplift them and be of service," Henderson said.

Breast Cancer awareness at APSU

Robyn Meeks, a senior political science major and member of AKA, said Dr. Gretta Manning spoke to the APSU community on Monday, Oct. 27. Henderson said Dr. Manning discussed potential risks contributing to breast cancer, gave instruction on how to do a self-breast exam and held a Q-and-A session. A candlelight vigil including prayer and poetry concluded the event.

Henderson hosted a special Peay Soup with music and poetry by individuals inspired by fight against breast cancer on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the African American Cultural Center. Henderson said a mental health forum was held on Wednesday Oct. 29, at the AACC. Kim Clark, counselor at counseling services, held

a Q-and-A session to receive feedback from students.

Meeks said a walk for breast cancer was held around the APSU campus on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 5 p.m.

Ashley Warren, a junior broadcast media major and AKA member, said the walk was the first such event APSU has held.

"It is a big accomplishment for people to actually come out and walk for the cause," she said. "It is one thing to ask people for donations, but another for people to come out [and support breast cancer]."

Meeks said the people who participated in the walk chanted "breast cancer 2008" while walking, and at the end of the walk, balloons were released for victims of breast cancer.

Friday, Oct. 31, AKA members set up an informational table in the UC lobby consisting of informational pamphlets on breast cancer and bottle for donations. Warren said all donations went to the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, one of 41 National Cancer Institute's designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers, according to the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center Web site (www.vicc.org).

"[The booth] has done pretty good," Warren said. "People are more willing to give to breast cancer because people have had more personal experiences [with breast cancer]."

Henderson said she believes breast cancer awareness is important to the APSU community because so many women do not take time to check their breasts or get mammograms. "[Breast cancer] is a disease that can sneak up on you," she said.

Members of the APSU community

attended various events throughout the week. "I had a very close friend who died [from breast cancer]," Tiffanie Wilson, a senior political science major, said, "It is a cause dear to my heart. I want to see APSU's take on breast cancer and support the cause."

"I have [a] relative who lost both of her breasts," Shir-earn Rainey, a junior elementary education major, said. "She was so young, only 32 and [the breast cancer] was a shocker. It makes you think about you have to take care of yourself."

Beulah Oldham, director of African American Cultural Center and Disability Services, is a breast cancer survivor. She said when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, it did not take her long for her to deal with the diagnosis.

"I am thankful for the support from my family," she said.

"The hard thing about [having breast cancer] was that I did not share [having breast cancer] with my son." Oldham said when she was diagnosed her son was deployed in Iraq.

Oldham said a person should check for abnormalities of the breast even younger than suggested if a person has a family history of breast cancer.

According to www.komen.org, if a woman or man has had an immediate family member diagnosed with breast cancer, the risk of developing breast cancer is doubled when compared to women or men who do not have any relatives with breast cancer.

Oldham said her advice to breast cancer victims is to establish a support system with family, or within the immediate community. Oldham said

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Academics

New faculty grace APSU classrooms

By NICOLE JUNE
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The APSU faculty has grown significantly this semester with the addition of 33 new tenure-track members. New faculty have joined the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Science and Mathematics, the College of Professional Programs and Social Sciences and the School of Technology and Public Management.

The decision to hire the faculty members came from the changes President Timothy Hall introduced last year upon his inauguration. Hall said additional academic support was one of the many goals he would like to achieve at APSU. "We've added a significant number of new faculty positions to help teach students. More than \$1 million in salaries was committed to hiring new people to help our students succeed," Hall said.

New faculty members in the College of Arts and Letters are Jackie R. Booker, Emily Hanna Crane, Warren Greene, Sharon Laor-Sirak, Harry Clark Maddux, Stacie Wilson Mumpower, Kristofer Ray, Daniel P. Shea, Lynn Sims, Cameron M. Sutt, Kevin P. S. Tanner Jr., Antonio S. Thompson and Jeanette Zyko.

Zyko, an assistant professor of double reeds, came to APSU from New York City, where she was both an active teacher and performer. Zyko taught at Long Island Conservatory and apprenticed as a teaching artist with the New York Philharmonic. Before relocating to New York City, she taught oboe at the University of Costa Rica, where she also edited and supervised the publication of music by Costa Rican composers.

Zyko said she chose APSU because she loves not only performing music, but teaching it as well, and that APSU is a great place to do so.

"I am surrounded by so many great musicians here. I also enjoy the close proximity to Nashville and the music offered there," Zyko said. "The students and faculty here are excellent, and I'm excited to work with them."

Zyko said her position was a previously vacant spot that needed to be filled, and not a position created this year.

"I'm hoping to increase the number of oboe and bassoon players, so I'm trying to recruit people. I would just like to get my name out there and meet other people," she said of her plans for this year.

Zyko said she really likes that APSU has a faculty mentor program for new members. "They hold informational meetings, give tours and even give instructions about using Desire2Learn to help familiarize new faculty during their first year."

Zyko has already performed in ensembles on campus this year, and she plans to hold a recital on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 23, in the Music/Mass Communications building with fellow new faculty member Emily Crane.

New faculty members in the College of Math and Sciences are Wei Ding, Christopher M. Gentry, Meagan Mann, Christine Mathenge and Justin R. Oelgoetz.

Allyn Smith, interim chair of physics and astronomy, said the changes in his department were long overdue. Justin Oelgoetz is the new tenure-track faculty member in the department and Smith said his position is a new one created this year. "Oelgoetz will be working to revamp the college physics program here," Smith said.

Smith said the department received a grant from the National Science Foundation that allowed it to purchase a computer cluster that he said will benefit the department. Several projects are being planned.

"All of the projects being worked on will involve students," Smith said.

Smith said there is some concern about budget cuts. "It's too early to tell what exactly will happen, but what we've heard from the Tennessee Board of Regents doesn't sound good."

"Our concern with new faculty members is being able to retain all of them. We have some really good members this

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Student Government Association

Provost interviews, Senate resolutions discussed

By TINEÁ PAYNE
News Editor

Oct. 22 meeting

The Student Government Association met on Wednesday, Oct. 22 to discuss the provost candidate student forums and plans to appoint a new senator for the College of Science and Mathematics.

EC reports

SGA President Chris Drew said students should attend the forums for the interviews of provost candidates. Students can give their opinion of each candidate, and the candidates' resumes are available for review if a student cannot attend the forums. He announced

the last student forum would be Thursday, Nov. 6.

Vice President Steven Biter announced that Sen. Kelley Cleland of the College of Mathematics and Science resigned. Biter said there would be an open position available.

Oct. 29 meeting

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, SGA presented Senate Resolution No. 4 and discussed the ratification of SR 2 and 3 and the SGA Campus Talk.

EC reports

Secretary Hykeem Craft said the Public Relations Committee would meet to discuss promotion

of the SGA Campus Talk.

Hykeem said the event would be held Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Drew said the event is "an opportunity for students to talk with campus administrators and members of SGA," according to the SGA minutes. Drew asked senators to encourage students to attend.

Drew announced the Unity Dinner would be held Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 5 p.m. He said SGA would be would work with Gova Organizational Council on the event. The dinner would host

approximately 300 students.

Also, Drew said SGA has requested bus maps for the Clarksville Transit System. He said SGA would have a pamphlet made for all students by Spring semester 2009.

Sen. Aaron Taylor presented SR 4, which the Senate tabled until the Wednesday, Nov. 5 Senate meeting. Drew said SGA would move forward with ratifying SR 2 and 3.

Drew opened discussion regarding promotion of the Governors basketball team. Sen. Emmanuel Romanus suggested placing banners around campus to promote the team. Sen. Kevin Criswell said at another campus, housing promoted the basketball game and if students attended a

certain number of games, he or she was eligible to win a housing scholarship. Sen. A.J. Wolfe said giving away promotional items would increase attendance.

Announcements

Sen. Wolfe announced that Student's Helping Students would collect non-perishable items for students who can't afford Thanksgiving dinner.

Sen. Casey Green announced the College of Science and Mathematics search committee would discuss selecting a new senator this week.

The next SGA Senate meeting will be held at 12:20 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5 in UC room 307. ♦



Chris Drew

Community Calendar

11/05/08

Students Helping Students food collection

Students Helping Students is collecting non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving food donation drive. Sites are setup in the African American Cultural Center, Disability Services, Sundquist Science Center Lobby, Music/Mass Communication Lobby and the psychology department office in Clement. Contact Kathleen Evans at 221-1242 for more information.

National Radiologic Technology Week Open House

The APSU radiologic technology program is celebrating National Radiologic Technologist Week from 12 p.m to 1:20 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5 in the Sundquist Science Center. Students can tour the x-ray room and free pizza will be served in room B127. Students will be there to answer questions. Visit www.apsu.edu/rad_tech for more information.

Global Passport Series: Dr. Ming Wang

The Global Passport Series will be hosting Nashville Lasik Surgeon Dr. Ming Wang. He will talk about the globalization of China. Wang will speak at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5 in UC rooms 303 and 305. Contact Leslie Cragwall at 221-7431 for more information.

Secular Humanism interest group

Luis Morán, a computer science major, invites students to an interest meeting to establish a secular humanist group at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5 in Harned Hall room 245. The purpose of this group is to provide a platform for atheist, agnostic and other non-religious groups to work for the advancement of reason and science as religious faith alternatives. Contact Clark Maddux at 221-7215 for more information.

11/08/08

S.E.R.V.E. Final Street Clean Up for Fall

S.E.R.V.E. will have its final street clean-up for the semester at 12 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8. Students interested in helping can stop by UC 211 to sign up by next Friday. Contact Heidi Leming at 221-7431 for more information.

Cancer: diagnosis; national, local statistics

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she once went in for a follow up at the doctor's office and met a young woman who needed a double mastectomy. "[The young woman's situation] was sad because she could not get a hold of her husband. [People in the doctor's office] tried to support her," Oldham said.

Breast Cancer Facts

According to the Susan G. Komen Web site (www.komen.org), Breast cancer develops when breast tissue cells grow and divide without normal control. The two types of breast cancer are invasive and carcinoma in situ. Invasive is when abnormal cells from inside the lobules or ducts break out into surrounding breast tissue. Carcinoma in situ is when the abnormal cells grow inside the lobules but have not spread.

In 2004 the number of overall incidents of breast cancer was 124 per 100,000 women. The cases of breast cancer in men were 1.4 per 100,000. Morality rates due to breast cancer were 24 per 100,000 for women and 0.3 per 100,000 for men.

In the state of Tennessee the rate of invasive breast cancer is 114 per 100,000 women.

Breast cancer in men is rare. An

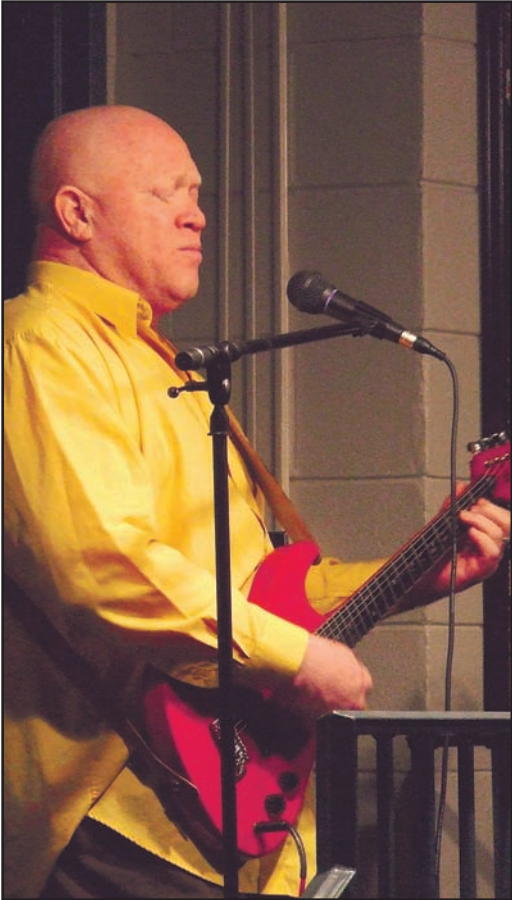


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Shir-earn Rainey, an elementary education major (above), and David Williams, senior interdisciplinary studies major performed at the Tuesday, Oct. 21 Peay Soup, hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

estimated 1,990 cases of breast cancer in men will be diagnosed in 2008. The breast cancer tumor in men usually develops under the nipple. The treatment most often used for men is mastectomy or removal of the breast.

The warning signs of breast cancer include changes in the feel or look of breast such as shape, size, development of a lump, or a warn sensation; changes in the look or feel of the nipple and areola



such as tenderness, shape becomes sunken or irregular, a rash, or discharge other than breast milk secretion; and breast pain may be a symptom or condition of breast cancer.

For more information on breast cancer students, faculty, and staff can visit www.komen.org. ♦

Faculty: new department hires speak about APSU

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semester. In order to attract better students to the university, we need to have a world-class faculty," Smith said. "The way to do that is to maintain them within the limits of the budget."

Smith said the department also has several programs in the works. "We have applied for several grants," he said. "Hopefully the budget will allow for these programs to be created."

New faculty members in the College of Professional Programs and Social Sciences are Roxanne Gerbrandt,

William Gordon, Kevin Harris, Stephanie Hicks, Deborah Hood, Joe F. Jerles, Charmaine Lowe, Greta Marek, Grace Moodt, Merriel Bullock Neal, Patty M. Orr, Jody Piro and Blair Allyn Thornton

William Gordon joined APSU as an instructor of political science. Most recently, he was an instructor at Washington State University in Pullman. He currently is a doctoral candidate in American politics at The New School for Social Research in New York City. He holds memberships in the American Political Science Association, Social Science

History Association and the American Bar Association.

"Of all the interviews I had with different institutions, I really felt at home the most here with this [political science] department," Gordon added.

"I feel in sync with the department members and I really appreciate their intense desire to serve students and their sense of mission. I also like the students here."

Gordon plans to use a multimedia approach in his classrooms. "I don't think an oral tradition of learning is enough. I like to instruct with the use of multimedia tools like

PowerPoint slides and other technology. There is a more concrete foundation with the screen and it gives visual reinforcement."

Gordon also said he plans to take the Tennessee Bar Exam and work in legal mediation to share his academic abilities through community service.

Other new faculty members are Victoria McCarthy, assistant professor of professional studies, from Central Michigan University and Jeffrey P. Rush, assistant professor of public management, from the University of Louisiana. ♦

Congratulations to all the participants and winners of the Shriek Week events!

Participants in the Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Lauren Foltz
Antonia LaRocca
Kourtney Sadler
Belinda Neblett
Heidi Colby
Elizabeth Boom
Nicole Moreland
Chris Gombash
David Dueker
Drew Cloud
Anna Edwards
APSU 1000 06J
Kyle A Davis
Caroline Downes
Alison Frederick
Lyddia Wilson
Ashley Schmidt
Emily Houston
Casey Broome
Heather Roby
Leslie McKinley
Justin Cary
Jordan Wyatt
Ronald Hester

Darlana Gary
Julie Coleman
Tom Payne
Christopher Crawford
Sophia Franzone
Rosemary Deppler
Krista Hayes
Donna Dey
Jenn Littleton Diaz
Kirby Ingram

Winners in the Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Most Creative: Lyddia Wilson
Scariest: Ronald Hester
Best Overall: Christopher Crawford & Sophia Franzone

Participants in the Sidewalk Chalk Contest

Alpha Kappa Psi
Zach Scouten
Ashley Lopez
Zack McElroy
Jena Buchinger
Lindsey Cotton

Kevin Alexis
Krista Hayes
Elise Webster
Andi Swinart
Mateen Sidiq
Brie Vogt
Arlisha Faulkner
Phyliscia Johnson
Candace Dandridge
L.A. Gilbert
Kelsey Kemmer
Brandon Ward
Candice Schmidt
Justin Cary
Emily Bishop

Winners in the Sidewalk Chalk Contest

1st: Zach Scouten, Ashley Lopez & Zach McElroy
2nd: Kevin Alexis & Krista Hayes
3rd: Emily Bishop, Justin Cary & Candice Schmidt

Winners in the Thriller Dance-Off

Group 1 — 1st: Stephanie Roberts
2nd: Aaron Lopez-Stoner
3rd: Joseph Briggs & Jasmine Noble
Group 2 — 1st: DeShiia Coleman
2nd: Melanie Morris
3rd: Jonathan Biemesderfer



Student Affairs



OUR TAKE

APSU weighs options for provost position

We at *The All State* believe the ongoing search for a new APSU provost is important. The responsibilities of the provost are numerous; he or she must facilitate interaction between the student body and the APSU faculty, appropriately budget money to reinforce academic and student service programs and serve as chief academic officer. As chief academic officer the new provost will be expected to oversee faculty, programs, the APSU curricula and library services. The new provost

will face a number of challenges. APSU has adjusted to absorb recent TBR budget cuts without eliminating programs or instructors, but the budget cuts are likely to continue. We believe the new provost should take an active role in maintaining programs and faculty in coming years by working to increase retention rates and enrollment. We understand this job description is intimidating, but we want to see a candidate selected who will not only maintain status quo but exceed these expectations and

work to advance our growing university. We are all aware that APSU is among the fastest growing state universities in Tennessee, and the four remaining candidates are undoubtedly aware of this too. The provost position is an important one, and the qualifications of the candidates should be carefully considered. The remaining candidates are John de Castro of Sam Houston State University, Krista K. Rodin of Northern Arizona University, Tristan Denley of the University of Mississippi and Galan

Janeksela of West Virginia University Institute of Technology. All the candidates are published academics with respectable degrees and proven ability in the field of academic leadership, but we want more than just an academic. Since President Tim Hall began working at APSU, expectations of our campus administration have changed. We think President Hall has done an excellent job. He has fulfilled the day to day requirements of a university president, and found time to visit with students and

student organizations. We believe this intimate approach to campus leadership has been successful and we want to see a provost who is equally as accessible. We believe the job requirements of the provost dictate that he or she should be the primary link between campus administration and the student body. The working environment of our new provost should not be the office, but the campus. The provost should interact effectively with students and President Hall in order to facilitate the continuing growth of

APSU. APSU has allowed students access to the selection process by hosting forums for each candidate, and keeping students up to date on the selection process via e-mail. President Hall recently visited TAS, and like the reporters we are, we peppered him with questions about the provost selection. He reassured us that appropriate attention is being given to the process, and we believe our administration will make the appropriate choice. We look forward to getting to know a new provost. ♦

United States unites church and state

America is arguably the most religious-minded nation in the entire Western world. According to the CIA fact book, nearly 79 percent of our population belongs to the Christian faith, and, according to a study sponsored by the University of Michigan, 53 percent of our population believes politicians who do not believe in God are unfit for office. This is quite a contrast from the second highest ranking nation in the survey, Ireland, where only 26 percent of the population believes politicians who do not believe in God are unfit for office.

We have laws inspired by religion at the state and national level. These laws range from counties prohibiting the sale of alcohol on Sundays all the way to the national government placing a ban in 2001 on federally-funded stem cell research. While there are humanist arguments against abortion and stem-cell research, the primary argument against things like same-sex marriage is completely rooted in religion.

In discourse, I have often heard people say that we have a “separation of church and state,” but this is not the exact wording is found in the Constitution. The “establishment clause” in the Constitution states “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibit the free exercise thereof.” Certainly, not all of Americans are in agreement with the intentions of this statement, but it is important to weight the costs of ignoring such a guideline.

The two major presidential candidates of this election both take stances against same-sex marriage. Obama and McCain are both in favor of civil unions, but this does not change the fact they both favor laws instituted solely on the behalf of religious dogma. Civil unions are a step in the right direction, but this halfway-in, halfway-out approach still allows the religious beliefs of a few to govern the entire nation. While Obama does separate religion from government in much of his politics, it is still disappointing to see candidates holding onto the dangerous idea that religion and government should mix.

I am concerned with our haste to remove so many of these rights and freedoms without properly understanding the repercussions

of doing so. As a nation, we tend to look down on the Middle East countries that have set up totalitarian theocracies in the name of God, yet in public policy and legislation, we are eager to create the same sort of religious theocracy here in the United States. How can a body of people who started this nation in hopes of fleeing religious tyranny recklessly vote to turn more religious doctrine into law? There are many concepts found in religious texts that do serve well in governance. For instance, murder is a sin according to the Bible, as it is in many religious texts, and laws against murder are completely functional in society. However, it does not take a religious text to explain why laws against murder are logical at the state level. From a secular standpoint, murder is a blatant violation of an individual’s right to life. So, when there is rationality and logic at work when passing laws like this, there is no problem with religion and government sharing common ground. It becomes volatile when laws are being passed, biased to the religious dogmas of a few, that forcefully impede on the freedoms and rights of the people as a whole.

A perfect example of this is the constitutional bans some states, including Tennessee, have passed on same-sex marriage. We may not all agree or understand the lifestyle choices of other Americans, but this is not a reason to abolish the rights to make such decisions. I understand some people have an idea of traditionalism they would like to hold onto, and they are more than free to live their lives in a traditional manner. The problem emerges when people fail to recognize their rights to live as they want to live are every bit as important as the next person’s rights to the same.

Passing constitutional bans on same-sex marriage has devastating consequences. The primary reason for banning same-sex marriage is rooted in the religious notion that the “sanctity” of a marriage is between one man and one woman. On that same token, sex, according to Christianity, is a bond only to be shared in marriage. There is no reason at this point not to ban pre-marital sex, because sex out of wedlock violates the bond that is only to be shared within the “sanctity” of marriage. If laws like those against same-sex marriage are continually passed and strengthened, what is to stop every sin in the Bible from becoming law? ♦



New president faces old international problems

Well, seeing as the great election is over, I would like to inform people about some of the great challenges ahead for our new president.



First, he will have to overcome the damage dealt to America’s reputation during the Bush administration. After all, we did invade Iraq without approval of the United Nations, and at the protest of many European nations. And I’m not saying Saddam didn’t have it coming, or that the UN doesn’t deserve getting the shaft every once and a while, but to brazenly disregard the world arena does some damage to America’s reputation. That’s not to mention the presence of multiple “black sites” throughout the world that recently came to light last year, as reported by *Newsweek*. These black sites were used to torture prisoners on foreign soil, in places like Russia. Examples like this harm America’s reputation. A poll conducted by the Pew Research Center in 2006 concluded Great Britain’s opinion of us slipped from 83 percent approval to 56 percent. France was similar. They went from 62 percent to 39. In Germany, approval went from 78 percent to 37. Finally, in countries where our image really should matter, like Indonesia, it went from 75 percent to 30 percent. In Turkey, it went from 52 percent to 12 percent. This indicates serious damage done by the Bush administration, but this is only the tip of the iceberg. The war in Afghanistan has been raging since 2001 and has now begun to reach a second wind, but this time it’s worse. According to the BBC, we have been launching missiles via Predator drones based in Afghanistan

into Pakistan, while also launching commando raids into the northern regions of Pakistan. Pakistan is a country attempting to stabilize as the civilian government solidifies control after years under military rule while trying to fend off the growing influence of Islamic radicals in their northern provinces. Currently, according to the Associated Press, the White House is vocally critical of Pakistan and its efforts to quell terrorism. These tactics only further the growing animosity between the nations. I can only hope Gen. David Petraeus’ visit, on Nov. 2, has done some good.

The next president will have to deal with all the mess that is the Middle East post-Sept. 11. Now we live in a world where we can’t just say let Israel do whatever they want, or ignore the Turkish conflict with the Kurds. Because of our troop presence in Iraq and Afghanistan, and because of the nature of Islamic terrorism, we Americans can’t just ignore what’s going on in the world. We need to be educated on the different crises around the world, because like it or not, we are the world superpower with a sphere of influence unmatched by anyone. So our actions as a nation reflect the attitudes of our citizens, as a whole, to the world. When we stand beside Israel when they starve a population of a million people in Gaza and say nothing, that tells the world a little about who we are — not just our leaders. When millions are chopped up because they’re Hutu or Tutsi and we do nothing, we are judged. Whether we like it or not, as the world power we have a responsibility to help our fellow man, especially if they don’t have the power to help themselves. So let’s do that, or at least look to see what’s going on and not limit ourselves to caring about how many games the Titans have won. ♦

New president will not change America overnight

You, the reader, know more than I do at this point. You are reading this the day after the election and you know who won. I am writing this on Friday, and the election is still four days away. So, I am going to act as a fortune teller and predict the outcome of the election. I will dazzle you with my insights into the workings of the future. I will paint you a picture that will tell you exactly how the country is going to end up. So, my prediction will not include one major detail, the winner of the election. Now some of you may be wondering how I can tell you

the future without knowing that important fact. It’s my contention that you don’t need to know that to see where our country is heading. It is going to be just fine, no matter who ends up in the White House. Now, there are some of you out there who are panicking over who won. Let me soothe your mind. If Obama has won, there are some things that won’t happen. He will not paint the White House black. He will not appoint cabinet members that are going to plot the takeover of the government by elitist-communist-Muslim-terrorist cronies. He will not make America a socialist government that seeks to rob us of our freedoms. He won’t immediately withdraw troops from Iraq. He will take things as a president should, step by step. He will be a capable commander-in-chief

and listen to his advisers. He will be stuck with one of the heaviest burdens a president has felt since FDR. He will do his best to pull us out. John McCain, on the other hand, as any president will do ...pretty much the same thing. He might have a different strategy, but in the end the goals will be the same, and that is all that really matters in the end. Some people are going to say he is going to be another George Bush; he won’t be. The current economic climate won’t allow it. He knows that he needs to approach this crisis with care and regulation, and he will. The fact of the matter is this: Through the times 42 other men have held this office, and we have turned out just fine. Yes, there have been trials and tribulations, and yes, mistakes have been made. But in the

end, we are still here. We are still one of the most powerful countries in the world and will remain to be so. So, my prediction comes to that simple phrase: We will be fine. I voted, if anyone is wondering, for Obama. That’s my preference between these two men. That doesn’t mean I hate John McCain and everything he stands for. I’m not scared by either of them as president. History tells me what is going to happen; one of them won the election, and if he fails at the job he will lose it in four years. The nation once ran itself for six months without congress or a president as Jame Garfield lay on his deathbed. It ran smoothly according to history. So in closing I must quote the immortal spokesman of “MAD Magazine” Alfred E. Neumann and say this, “What, me worry?” ♦

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T-shirts express hurt, hope

By **TANGELIA CANNON**
Staff Writer

According to The American Institute on Domestic Violence, 5.3 million women are abused every year. Abuse is not just bruises on the skin; it's words that shatter the heart as well as invasion of the body. Too often abuse is kept quiet for the fear of being mocked or called a liar.

Every year since 1997, the Women's Studies program at APSU has taken a stand against violence through The Clothesline Project.

"October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month," said Jill Eichorn, associate professor of English and coordinator of women's studies. "We do the Clothesline Project three times a year to raise awareness about the violence in our community and the impact that violence has on our all aspects of our life."

"The Clothesline Project also helps to remove the isolation that many abuse victims feel," Eichorn said. "We open the Clothesline Project to anyone who wants to make a shirt for themselves or for friends that might have been abused," she said. "We also invite men to make T-shirts because we believe that violence has an impact on all of us."

These shirts represent abuse of different degrees, each color standing for a different form. Red, orange and pink represent sexual assault; blue and green

represent incest; yellow, beige and gray represent physical assault or verbal abuse; lavender and purple represent violence experienced because of sexual orientation, and white represents murder.

Each shirt has a story and reading them allows people to see through the eyes of someone else, and feel the pain and agony they feel.

"I think it's a great idea," said Sarah Voight, a senior nursing major. "Being able to take the time to look at these shirts that the victims wrote on helps you feel a little bit of the way they felt. It makes you understand how nobody deserves to be hurt. It's a very touching and important thing."

Many cases of abuse go unnoticed and unreported. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest Network, only six percent of rapists will ever spend a day in jail and only 60 percent of sexual assaults are reported to the police.

"This is my third time doing the Clothesline Project," said Nicolette Tomaszewski, a senior psychology major.

"The one thing I always notice is the amount of shirts grow and what a sad statement that is," she said. "Hopefully one day, when I come out here, the number will decrease [and] we will have the same number of shirts as the following year for the women in the past, and that we will never have to add another shirt."

The point of the project

is to encourage people who have been abused to report it. It is also designed to educate people on how to respond to those who are the victims of abuse.

If a friend or family member has been abused, listen to them, get them help; do not blame them. But most importantly, believe them.

According to the Clothesline Project, false rape reports are no more or less common than false reports for other crimes.

If you're a man who wants to end this cruelty, get involved. The Handprint Project, also sponsored by Women's Studies, is just one way to stop violence.

"The Handprint Project is open to both men and women who pledge to help end domestic and sexual abuse against women and children," said Jessica Axley, a junior French major. "I think it is very important for people of the community to be aware of how much violence there is, and give them the opportunity to end it."

Despite violence being more commonly directed towards women, men are victims as well. According to National Violence Against Women, 37.5 percent of violence every year is directed towards males.

To learn more about the Clothesline Project or domestic abuse contact the Women's Studies office at 221-6314.

To report abuse, call 1-800-799-SAFE. ♦



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Every year since 1997, the Clothesline Project is put together by the Women's Studies program at APSU. The color of the shirts represent different degrees of abuse ranging from sexual assault, to physical abuse, to murder.



Web site offers insight, information on professors

By **ANGELA KENNEDY**
Guest Writer

In the digital age, when information is so easily accessible, finding extra help when choosing professors has gone beyond word-of-mouth.

RateMyProfessor.com is one of many Web sites that provide students with access to this kind of information about professors. It is no surprise students are now searching the Internet for professor ratings and grade distributions to find "easy" professors.

Available since 1999, RateMyProfessor.com has become the Internet's largest listing of collegiate professor ratings, with more than 6.8 million student-generated ratings of over one million professors. Students can post reviews of various professors from their schools.

"I use RateMyProfessor.com to find professors who offer lots of extra credit opportunities so if I make a bad grade on an assignment, I can make my grade better," said Taylor Lieberstein, a senior communications major. Students at APSU can search among ratings of 566 professors.

According to RateMyProfessor.com's Web site, "[it] is a resource for students to provide and receive feedback on professor's teaching methods and insight into the courses."

The site uses a 5-point scale for students to assess their professors on the basis of easiness, helpfulness, clarity, overall quality and even how hot they are.

Most statements on the Web site are positive, but users are free to write whatever they like in the

site's comment section.

However, the Web site warns that threatening harm to a professor will cause a student's rating to be deleted. The site will also notify authorities and provide them with the user's IP address and the time the rating was posted.

Two issues students need to evaluate are the accuracy of the ratings and the source of the information. Is the information from a bookworm, a party person, a slacker or a student somewhere in the middle? Because the Web site does not collect this type of personal information, there is no way to know the answer to these questions.

Karen Sorenson, professor of foreign language, says students would be making a mistake if they took the results of Web sites such as RateMyProfessor.com too seriously. Sorenson's rating in overall quality is 4.6, with a hotness factor of 11 out of 25 rates.

One student on RateMyProfessor.com wrote, "Dr. Sorenson made the lessons fun, and she would spend time outside of class helping you."

According to Sorenson, negative postings might have more to do with the fact that a student received a poor grade on an assignment than the fact that the professor is actually a horrible teacher.

"The views represent an individual student's viewpoint, which may or may not be shared by other students in the class," Sorenson said.

Students who use RateMyProfessor.com often do so in order to avoid choosing challenging professors.

"If students don't want to gain anything from a class, or see no need to take it, then they are more likely to choose a professor who doesn't require them to become immersed in the subject matter," said Cynthia McWilliams, assistant professor of English.

According to McWilliams, choosing easier courses and professors is sometimes a good strategy in balancing the need for more credit hours with the burden of having them.

"Students pick easy professors over the hard ones because they want an easy 'A' and little to no homework," said Callie Hedges, a freshman English major.

"I encourage students to choose professors who they think will be empathetic and energetic," said Barry Kitterman, professor of English and creative writing. "A good professor will make learning the subject easy, and a professor who needs a break, who is close to burnout, will make a class difficult."

Kitterman has a current score of 4.9 for average helpfulness and 4.8 for overall quality.

One registered user posted: "Barry is very genuine and cares about his students. I wish all professors were like him." Students who post comments and ratings on the site are not required to register.

Professors may someday need to worry about online rating systems if personnel committees take student feedback seriously. That absurd little chili pepper that designates the "hotness" of a professor might actually influence

long-term professional promotions.

According to an article by Rebecca Herzig in *Liberal Education*, many students reported checking online evaluations before selecting courses, and those predeterminations affected not only enrollment numbers in her classes but also eventual student satisfaction.

Ironically, every student looks for different criteria when choosing his or her classes and professors, which may directly affect how a professor gets graded.

What one student finds appealing and helpful in a professor may not be the same for another student.

"I like the professor to be willing to spend time with students outside of class, whether for extra help or just to socialize," Hedges said.

Although the simplest option in choosing a professor is to go to ratemyprofessor.com, sometimes the most accurate way to choose professors is to get feedback from peers who have already taken the class.

"I choose classes based on its official description and on what my friends say about them," Hedges said. "If enough people tell me that a class is awful, I probably will not take it."

"I would hope that students would see their years in college as a time to stretch their wings, to try to learn new things and to take courses that are challenging and intellectually engaging," Sorenson said. "After all, you are investing some of the most valuable years of your life in this education process." ♦

The Decemberists sound good year-round

By **JOSEPH WOJTKIEWICZ**
Staff Writer

This week I want to talk about a band that has exploded onto the indie rock scene since they formed in 2001 in Portland, Oregon.

In the last three years, The Decemberists have taken the indie scene and mainstream by storm. While their beginnings may be humble, their work is anything but. Their music is something that challenges those who seek to define them.

Their inspiration comes from all sources: from folk tales, pirate shanties and even modern headlines. Yet all of the topics singer/songwriter Colin Meloy uses are warped into something new and fresh.

For example there is the case of "The Crane Wife." This originated from a Japanese folk tale that has been re-told in various forms for centuries. Meloy decided to use a song cycle to tackle the tale.

Divided into three parts on their first major label debut, "The Crane Wife" tells the story of a peasant farmer. The sweeping tale shifts through its three parts skillfully, using the music as much as the lyrics to tell the tale.

The music swells and sinks as the lyrics do, guiding the listener along the story with beautiful lyrical images and haunting melodies.

It follows a farmer and his crane wife through their first meeting in the woods when he met her as a crane, to their meeting and marriage. She brings him wealth by weaving cloth from her feathers, but he can't watch her.

The third part shows what happens when the husband violates the rule and sees her, breaking the spell and his heart as she flies away forever. The farmer is left alone saying, "I will hang my

head / Hang my head low."

In "O' Valencia," the band adapted another classic tale of star-crossed lovers. In the song the two lovers are set to steal away from the city to escape the feud of their families. But in the end they are doomed by their love.

The song is set to an amazing pop sensibility that makes it a catchy and upbeat tune. You find yourself singing along happily to the morose lyrics, "O Valencia, with blood still warm on the ground / I swear to the stars, I'll burn this whole city down."

One song that has cemented their live show as a must see is their epic sea shanty "The Mariner's Revenge Song." This song begins with its protagonist and antagonist facing off in the "Belly of a whale / Its ribs are ceiling beams / Its guts are carpeting."

The protagonist tells a tale that shows how the other man has destroyed his life. The end of the song uses the music to show their ships are being swallowed by a whale. The live show includes a whale that comes onto the stage and the scene is then acted out as the song is performed.

Their new album is almost finished, according to their Web site. They are also releasing a vinyl called "Always the Bridesmaid: A Singles Series."

One single available for download now is "Valerie Plame." It's inspired by a rather infamous news story from 2003 when White House aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby leaked the classified identity of CIA agent Plame to the press.

How could someone write a song about that? I asked myself that question, and then I listened to it. Colin Meloy has once again proven he can sing a song and tell any story he wants to. ♦

‘Puzzled’ memoir sheds light on autistic children

By KRISTIN KITTELL
Staff Writer

According to the Autism Society of America, “Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person’s ability to communicate and interact with others.”

In the words of Taira McAfee, a senior special education major at APSU, “Autism is a never-changing condition. There is no cure for autism, but there is hope.”

For this reason, McAfee constructed his newly published book, “Puzzled: My Memoir,” a collection of his experiences working with a nonverbal autistic child in a public school system setting.

After finishing his associate’s degrees in child development and elementary education in

the ‘80s, McAfee chose to return to school in order to pursue a degree in special education. He realized, he said, that he wanted to work with the kids who needed him the most.

McAfee was also inspired by several of his previous stints volunteering in the Special Olympics, as well as the victories a young family member of his encountered when she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

“If she can do it, other children can do it,” he said.

McAfee was led to become a special education assistant, a position that introduced him to the young man who would later fuel both McAfee’s book as well as his desire to offer hope to those dealing with mental and physical handicaps.

Much of “Puzzled” recounts the hardships faced by an autistic child, as well as his parents and teachers,

through daily activities. McAfee discussed such things as bathroom visits, lunch-time and a three-week trial-and-error process leading to the child’s final acceptance of the school bus.

The book also includes several sign language illustrations that were useful throughout the course of his study.

McAfee’s job, he stated, in dealing with an autistic child, was redirection, whether in the form of soft music or simply moving the child from one area to another.

Following his personal study, McAfee researched works similar to his own, such as TIME Magazine and the work of pediatrician and psychologist Wendy Stone and chose to share his story; a story he hoped would send a message to all those dealing with autism.

“You’re not the only

parent,” he said. “You’re not the only teacher. You’re not alone.”

In addition to his work as a special education assistant, McAfee has served as a member of the Council for Exceptional Children at APSU and has participated in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program in Clarksville.

McAfee places specific importance on regulations such as Law 504, which prevents school systems from neglecting to institute programs in which handicapped children may participate. He also expressed support of such politicians who would organize further programs of a similar kind.

“These children experience laughter, fun, achievement and excitement,” he said. “These children are God’s children as well.” ♦



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Taira McAfee, a senior special education major, recently published his book, “Puzzled: My Memoir.” His book is a collection of the experiences he had working with an autistic child.

SHRIEK WEEK IN REVIEW

Top right: Contestants strike a pose at the beginning of the Thriller Dance-Off.
Top middle: Colten Ingram, a freshman engineering technology major, displays his painted face.
Bottom right: President Timothy Hall and his wife, Lee, dress up for the trick-or-treating event they hosted at Archwood.
Bottom middle: Deanna Hicks, a senior biology major, took part in the free face painting in the MUC lobby.
Bottom Left: This drawing was the first place winner in the Sidewalk Chalk decorating contest. The drawing was designed by Zach Scouten, Ashley Lopez and Zach McElroy.



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Use NaNoWriMo, write novel in 30 days

By LISA FINOCCHIO
Staff Writer

An annual event is gaining popularity worldwide, and it takes place each November. For writers around the world, National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) offers the one motivation many people need to get a project done: a deadline.

According to the event’s Web site, in 1999 a small group of writers in San Francisco proposed an idea most would label ludicrous: write a 50,000 word novel in 30 days.

Their first attempt was so successful that the venture became an annual one, and in 2007, more than 100,000 writers from 80 countries participated.

The event has since expanded to include a Young Writers Program, geared toward novelists younger than 17 and teachers using NaNoWriMo in the classroom. Organizers even offer a lending program that allows writers to borrow the necessary technology to efficiently write a novel.

The event now offers a Web site with forums writers can use to communicate with other participants in their region and internationally.

Callie Hedges, a freshman English major, has had personal experience participating in NaNoWriMo.

“NaNoWriMo is a great opportunity for aspiring writers to get their work outside of their circle of friends and family,” Hedges

said. “They can connect with other writers, get ideas, critique and be critiqued in return. It gives them a taste of what it may be like to write professionally, because there are weekly goals and only a month to write at least 50,000 words, a daring feat for a writer of any level.”

Writing a novel over the course of a month is not a simple undertaking, and it seems inevitable that what many novelists will write during this event will need a great amount of editing before being publishable.

Despite this, at least 24 participants have published works they authored during this caffeine-fueled time period, and one novel reached the No. 1 spot on the *New York Times* bestseller list in 2007.

Chris Batty, the founder and director of the non-profit organization that oversees the event, has an explanation for this.

“The 50,000-word challenge has a wonderful way of opening up your imagination and unleashing creative potential like nothing else,” Batty said. “When you write for quantity instead of quality, you end up getting both.”

Batty elaborates on this idea in his book, “No Plot? No Problem! A Low-Stress, High-Velocity Guide to Writing a Novel in 30 Days,” which includes pep talks and strategies to help writers succeed.

For more information on how to participate in National Novel Writing Month, visit the event’s Web site, www.nanowrimo.org. ♦

THINGS SURE DO
LOOK DIFFERENT
FROM UP HERE.

SO
PEACEFUL.



WHO'D EVER
SUSPECT THAT
SOMEWHERE DOWN
THERE IS THE
THING THAT
SLAUGHTERED
OUR CREW.





BY JIM KEEFE

SUNSET ON THE
PLANET MONGO.

SO, BULLOK,
WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOU OUT
THERE?

I WAS TORN UP PRETTY
BAD BY THE CREATURE THAT
ATTACKED THE SHIP.
I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS.

I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, BUT
I FEEL BETTER NOW THAN I
EVER HAVE. MY WOUNDS
ARE ALL BUT HEALED!

HOW CAN THAT BE? YOU
DON'T EVEN LOOK BRUISED!

THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT CAN I
SAY? CHALK IT
UP TO CLEAN
LIVING!

WHAT'S
THAT?

THORNE, THERE'S
A TRANQUILIZER
GUN IN BACK.
GRAB IT!

HURRY! THE
SUN'S ALREADY
GONE DOWN!
WE HAVEN'T
MUCH TIME!

BULLOK?
WHAT'S
WRONG?

AHHH!

BULLOK...?

NEXT: TERROR IN THE SKY!

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POPEYE

HEY
GUYMAN

HOW'S YER
DIET GOIN'?

THE FIRST
DAY WAS
TOUGH!

WHY
WUZ
THAT?

ALL I HAD WAS
CEREAL FOR BREAKFAST,
GRAPEFRUIT
FOR LUNCH!

NO BURGERS,
NO SNACKS...

GOOD FER
YOU, MATEY!

THE SECOND DAY
WAS EVEN TOUGHER,
BUT I STUCK WITH
IT.

I'M PROUD
OF YA!

BUT TODAY WAS A
PIECE OF CAKE!

YA MEAN IT
GOT EASIER

NO, I MEAN I ATE
THIS ENORMOUS
PIECE OF CAKE!

IT WUZ
A GOOD
TRY!

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps







THERE GOES ANOTHER ONE!
WHAT IS WORTH ALL
THE REALLY WEIRD LOOKS!



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R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

SUBURBAN GUYS...

NOW THAT'S A
THING OF BEAUTY!


YUP. THREE
COATS OF WAX.



RURAL GUYS...

NOW THAT'S A
THING OF BEAUTY!

YUP. SIX
LAYERS OF MUD,
DUST AND TAR.



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Super Crossword

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Lady Govs finish season with loss to Bruins

STAFF REPORTS

The APSU Lady Govs women's soccer team lost 2-1 in the season finale to the Belmont Bruins on Friday, Oct. 31. The Lady Govs finished the season 4-12-3 (1-4-3 OVC), while the Bruins return to action in the Atlantic Sun tournament with a 12-6-1 overall record.

This was the last game in the college career for Lady Gov seniors Ashley Michels and Ashley Beck. Beck will be leaving as the Lady Govs all-time leading scorer. She has led the Lady Govs in most offensive categories the last two seasons including goals, shots and shots-on-goal.

Beck led the charge against the Bruins for the Lady Govs with five total shots, two on goal. She made the Lady Govs only goal in the 81st minute, a shot that sailed over the head of the Bruins goalkeeper.

The Lady Govs produced six shots-on-goal. Sophomore Samantha Northcup tied with Beck, making two shots on goal.

The Bruins, however, generated 10 shots on goal. The Lady Govs fell behind early when Belmont's Elizabeth Bubliss scored a goal in the sixth minute. In the second half, a Lady Gov fouled a Belmont player, setting up a penalty kick. Bruin Jessica Rix took advantage of the opportunity, scoring the Bruins second goal in the 48th minute.

The Lady Govs controlled the ball in the second

half, creating a lot of opportunities for a goal. They pounded the Belmont defense with seven shots in the second half. However, the Lady Govs could not execute any of the scoring opportunities in the final minutes of the match.

Lady Govs goalkeeper Carly Newman kept a strong line on a busy night. She made eight saves.

The Lady Govs won three fewer games. But they did improve in the Ohio Valley Conference with one victory. They struggled offensively all season, producing only 17 goals. Last season they produced 30.

Ryan Barger led the team with Beck, producing four goals. Alanna Foster added three this season. Newman made an impressive 90 saves, including four shutouts. Four Lady Govs scored one goal this season. ♦



Top Left: Freshman Rian Barger makes a play on the ball.
Top Right: Senior Ashley Beck leaps to head the ball between Tennessee Tech defenders.
Bottom Left: Sophomore Carley Newman attempts to kick the ball away from defenders.
Bottom Right: Beck practices ball control and shields a defender.



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**2008
OVC
Soccer
Ranking**

1. Murray State(7-1)
2. Eastern Kentucky(5-3)
3. UT Martin(4-2-2)
4. Morehead State(4-2-2)
5. Eastern Illinois(3-4-1)
6. Tennessee Tech(3-4-1)
7. Jacksonville State(2-5-1)
8. Austin Peay(1-4-3)
9. Southeast Missouri State(1-5-2)

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Volleyball

Lady Govs maintain spot in OVC

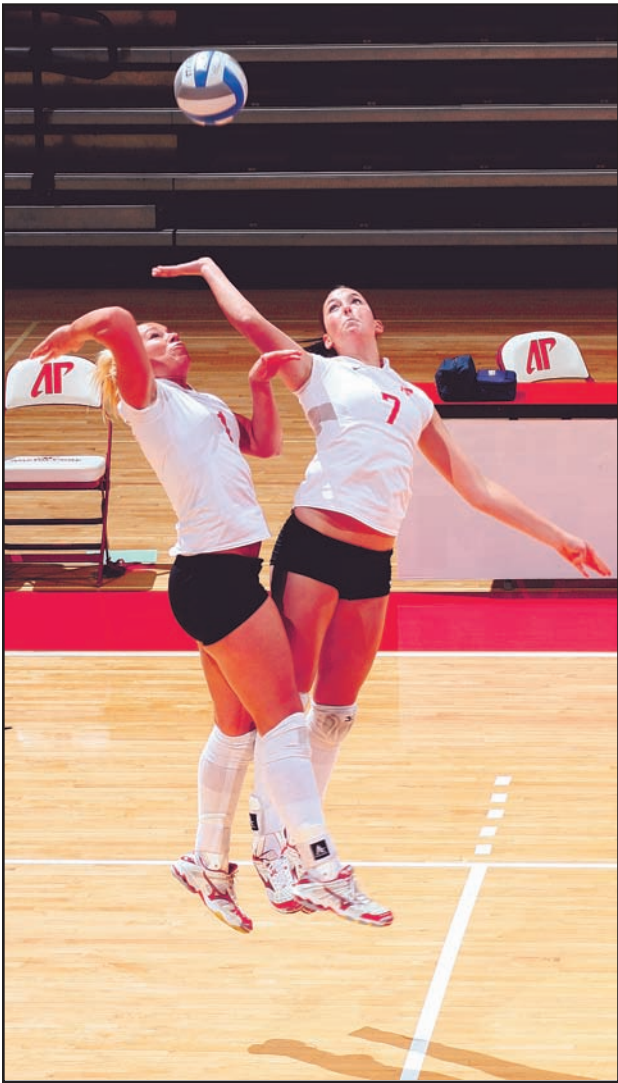
By TYLER O'DONNELL
Staff Writer

The APSU Lady Govs volleyball team split a pair of games last weekend. Both games were on the road. Friday Oct. 31, the Lady Govs moved into a tie for second in the OVC by defeating the UT Martin Lady Skyhawks, 3-1. But they fell back to third place with a loss to Murray Racers, 3-2, Saturday, Nov. 1. The Lady Govs win against the Skyhawks was not easy. They committed a shocking 27 attack errors. Fortunately, playing a struggling team ultimately paid off.

The first set was all Lady Govs. They played the way they have played all year, executing with great teamwork and focus. They won the set 25-15, while only committing two errors.

However, focus began to wane in the second set. They had to play a much closer game but managed to win the set at the end, 26-24. The third set was also back-and-forth, and this time the Lady Skyhawks took the set, 25-23. In the fourth set, the Lady Govs committed a harmful nine errors. Still, they managed to win the set, 26-24, and the game.

The Lady Govs were led by Stephanie Champine with 12 kills. Also, Kirstin Distler had 10 kills and a team best .333 attack percentage. This was the third time the Lady Govs defeated the Skyhawks this season. In the ten sets the



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Stephanie Champine and Kayla Grantham leap high to make a play on the ball. Champine led with 12 kills against the Lady Skyhawks on Halloween night.

teams played against each other, the Lady Govs won 9. The momentum from the win against the Skyhawks did not carry over into the

game against the Racers the next day. The Racers stole the win, 3-2. The key to the game was defense, because each team was

strong offensively. The Lady Govs had an impressive 78 kills total, with a .317 attack percentage. The Racers had 76 kills and a .320 attack percentage. Every set was close. The first set lasted until the 29th point, which was granted to the Racers, 29-27. The Lady Govs came back and won two of the next three sets. It came down to a fifth set which the Racers were able win on their home court.

“It was a hard-fought match we’ve come to expect when we play Murray State,” said Lady Govs head coach Jenny Hazelwood, according to APSU Sports Information. “There were long rallies throughout the match and it came down to getting the small things done. We played well throughout the match, but we weren’t able to get enough bounces our way.”

Again, Champine led the team, this time with a career-high 24 kills. She also had a .444 attack percentage. The 24 kills was the most by a single player all season for the Lady Govs. Jessica Mollman also had a career day, recording her high of 22 kills. Skinner and Taylor also helped the team combining for 22 kills.

The next game for the Lady Govs was against Belmont on Tuesday, Nov. 4. When the Lady Govs faced Belmont last season, Belmont won 3-0. Belmont posts an 18-7 record for the 2008 season, with a 12-4 Sun Belt Conference record.♦

Football

Govs unable to stop Gamecocks, 35-32



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Return specialist, Terrence Holt, attempts to evade the Skyhawk player. Holt set the Ohio Valley Conference record in kick-off return yardage with 1,104 yards.

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Staff Writer

The APSU Governors football team went on the road to face the Jacksonville State Gamecocks on Saturday, Nov. 1, losing by a score of 35-22. The Govs fell to 1-8 overall and 1-5 in conference play, while Jacksonville State improves to 6-3 overall with a 4-2 OVC record.

APSU could not overcome the strong play from Jacksonville State’s quarterback Ryan Perrilloux, who started the game six-of-seven passing for 114 yards. Perrilloux scored on a 14-yard scamper, and then connected with James Wilkerson on a nine-yard touchdown to take a quick 14-0 lead. The Govs responded with a 12-play drive to get on the board when John Bell hit a 22-yard field goal to cut the lead to 14-3.

The Gamecocks scored again when Perrilloux connected with Eric Jones for a 3-yard touchdown pass, his second in the first half. APSU responded when

Terrance Holt busted loose for a 61-yard touchdown run. After that, the Govs’ defense stood strong and held Jacksonville State to three and out, forcing a punt. The Govs drove the ball down the field and scored on a two-yard pass to Jeff Lyle from Trent Caffee, cutting the lead to 21-16 at half.

Opening the second half, Jacksonville State got the ball and two minutes in, Daniel Jackson slipped through the Govs defenders for a 23-yard run. The Govs responded late in the third quarter when Trent Caffee connected with Jeff Lyle for a two-yard touchdown toss, but the Govs failed to score in the fourth quarter.

“Jacksonville State is a great team, and we could not capitalize on the good field position that we had,” said Govs head coach Rick Christophel. “We played well against a great football team; turnovers hurt our chances to put more points on the board.”

The Govs finished with 393 yards total offense, and individually were led by

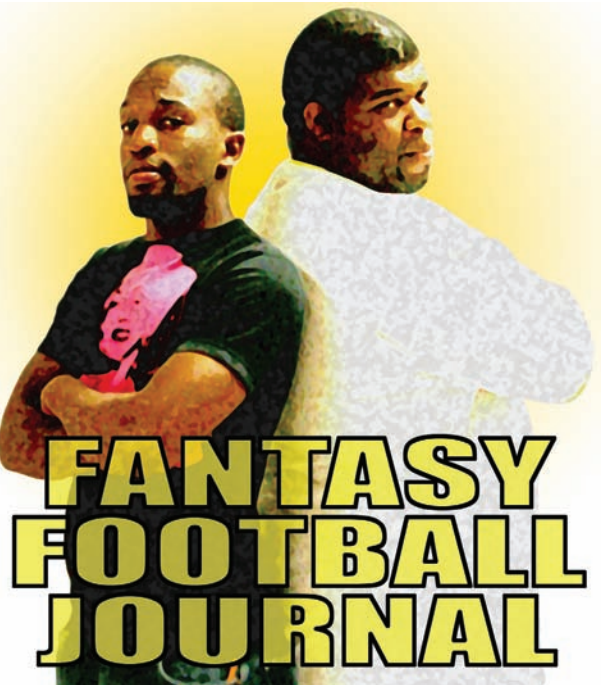


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Quarterback Trent Caffee throws the ball away before being sacked by Tennessee Tech. Caffee completed 14-28 passes for 145 yards with one touchdown and one interception

Ryan White’s 25 carries for 116 yards. This is White’s second consecutive 100-yard rushing performance this season. Trent Caffee completed 14-28 for 145 yards with one touchdown

and one interception. For the second consecutive year, Terrance Holt has set the OVC record in kick-off return yardage, with a total of 1,104 yards. Holt had 154 return yards in the loss.♦



Season two, week ten

Robinson, Scott continue big wins

Dear Diary,

If you noticed the past few weeks, I have definitely been on a roll. I’m No. 4 in the rankings as of Sunday, and I haven’t been looking back. With that said, the guy I faced this week was obviously on vacation or something. My opponent is 4-4, he still has a chance to move up in the overall standings, so there is no reason he shouldn’t be paying closer attention to his roster.

I think that’s what I’m angry about this week. I love to win, don’t get me wrong. But I want my win to be justified, and against an able-bodied opponent. For the past three or so wins, I completely mopped up my opponents. Often, my players aren’t doing great, but I still end up with a 30-point lead.

Admittedly, Marlon has had a tougher road to travel. He has gone against opponents who actually keep an active roster. He even gave the No. 1 guy a pretty tough fight. DK’s Dream Team isn’t a joke; the guy had players out that week and he still beat Marlon, who had all his players.

Alas, this week, it looks like the Dream Team is going down. After this week, I realized the Dream Team’s autopilot playing had reached its end. If Monday night’s game goes in his opponents favor, he will receive his first loss. He should be still at the top though; he is the only guy with one loss.

I’m so glad I picked up Matt Ryan. Otherwise, I don’t know what creek I would be in — Definitely wouldn’t be a nice, clean one. He hasn’t done exceptionally, but he hasn’t been awful either. Ryan hasn’t gotten me a consistent 11-15 points a week. He is only a rookie; I’m really excited to see what he’s going to do in years to come.

Breaking news, guys! To all my readers who are University of Tennessee football fans, Phil Fulmer will not be returning as coach next year. There just hasn’t been many good things said about the guy since my arrival in this state. Maybe it’s time for him to seek other ventures, color commentating, possibly? The Volunteers are just an abysmal team this year, and I don’t think there is much Fulmer can do. I want to see who is going to fill those big shoes. Whoever that lucky person is, he or she has some anxious fans waiting.

Getting it done,

Devon

Sometimes it is hard to convey the range of emotions that occur while playing fantasy football. Only those who play can truly understand the heavenly highs and abysmal lows.

Numerous times this season I have felt like Shakespeare’s Hamlet, talking to myself, trying to uncover the insidious plans of my arch-nemesis.

“To be or not to be — that is the question.” Whether ‘tis Peyton or Eli I should play to enjoy the rewards of outrageous fortune and avoid the slings and arrows hurled from vengeful fiends who want me to suffer?

To sleep, perchance to dream like a happy babe, safe and secure in the knowledge that I have chosen well and my opponents continue to topple like felled trees before my will — ay, there’s the rub.

I am raving like a mad prince in Denmark because I faced an opponent in our league that has instilled in me a small sliver of doubt. Obviously, I don’t mean Devon.

My opponent in week eight was the undefeated DK’s Dream Team. I bragged to everyone in our league how I was going to end the undefeated streak. I had a great roster lined up. In addition, the Dream Team had one player on a bye week and two others who did not play due to injury. I thought the fantasy football gods were smiling on me. Instead, I was taught a lesson in humility. I was beaten (74-70) even though the Dream Team had players in three slots that did not score one point.

I still have not recovered from that stunning blow. I should be worried about Devon who is now tied with me at 5-3. I should also be thrilled that this week I played a team that has not won a single game this season. But I can’t seem to ignore the possibility of facing an undefeated, DK’s Dream Team in order to be the league champion.

I can hope someone else eliminates the Dream Team (again, obviously, I don’t mean Devon). But I know unless I am the one who has dealt the Dream Team a deathblow for the championship, I will not be satisfied.

Devon gets his shot at the Dream Team in week 13. I dare not contemplate a future where Devon’s Aggies defeat the Dream Team before me. He would never let me hear the end of that. I can envision his smug smile already.

Screaming in horror,

Marlon