

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

APSU adds six countries to program



LOIS JONES | PHOTO EDITOR

Tina Rousselot de Saint Céran, coordinator of international education, displays postcards from countries in the study abroad and exchange programs.

By NICOLE JUNE
Assistant News Editor

APSU's international education department has added six new countries to its list of study abroad and exchange program locations this semester.

The study abroad program has added Japan and Russia as options. The exchange program has added Korea and Taiwan. South Africa and Brazil are also offered, through the Tennessee Consortium for International Studies, which partners with APSU. Also, the study abroad program in Mexico was reinstated last semester after being cancelled in previous years.

The department is now taking applications for summer study abroad programs. The deadline for applications, scholarships and travel grants is March 15. Late applications will not be accepted.

About study abroad

Students have the option of choosing to study abroad on a short-term basis or participate in the more extensive exchange program.

No foreign language credits or specific courses are required for either program, with the exception of the University of Orleans program in France.

Study abroad trips are conducted as a group, and last from two to five weeks. A faculty member accompanies the group, and both organized and optional excursions are planned.

The coursework during these trips is more intense than traditional classes, due to the shorter duration.

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Missed the Gobs Passport Japan Origami Workshop?

Check out *The All State* online for an origami pattern and photo instructions to make your own crane.

Former NASA astronaut to speak

Staff Reports

A former NASA astronaut will speak at APSU today about his experiences in space exploration.

Retired Capt. Jon A. McBride will talk to the campus community at 5:30 p.m. in the UC ballroom B and C. The event is free of charge and sponsored by the APSU Gobs Programming Council.

McBride was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in 1978 and became an astronaut in 1979.

He retired in 1989 to pursue a business career and is also a member of the Astronaut Encounter group at the Kennedy Space Center's Visitors' Complex.

For more information, contact Leslie Cragwall, coordinator of events and programs at 221-7431 or cragwall@apsu.edu. ♦

APSU recognizes women in "She Week"

Staff Reports

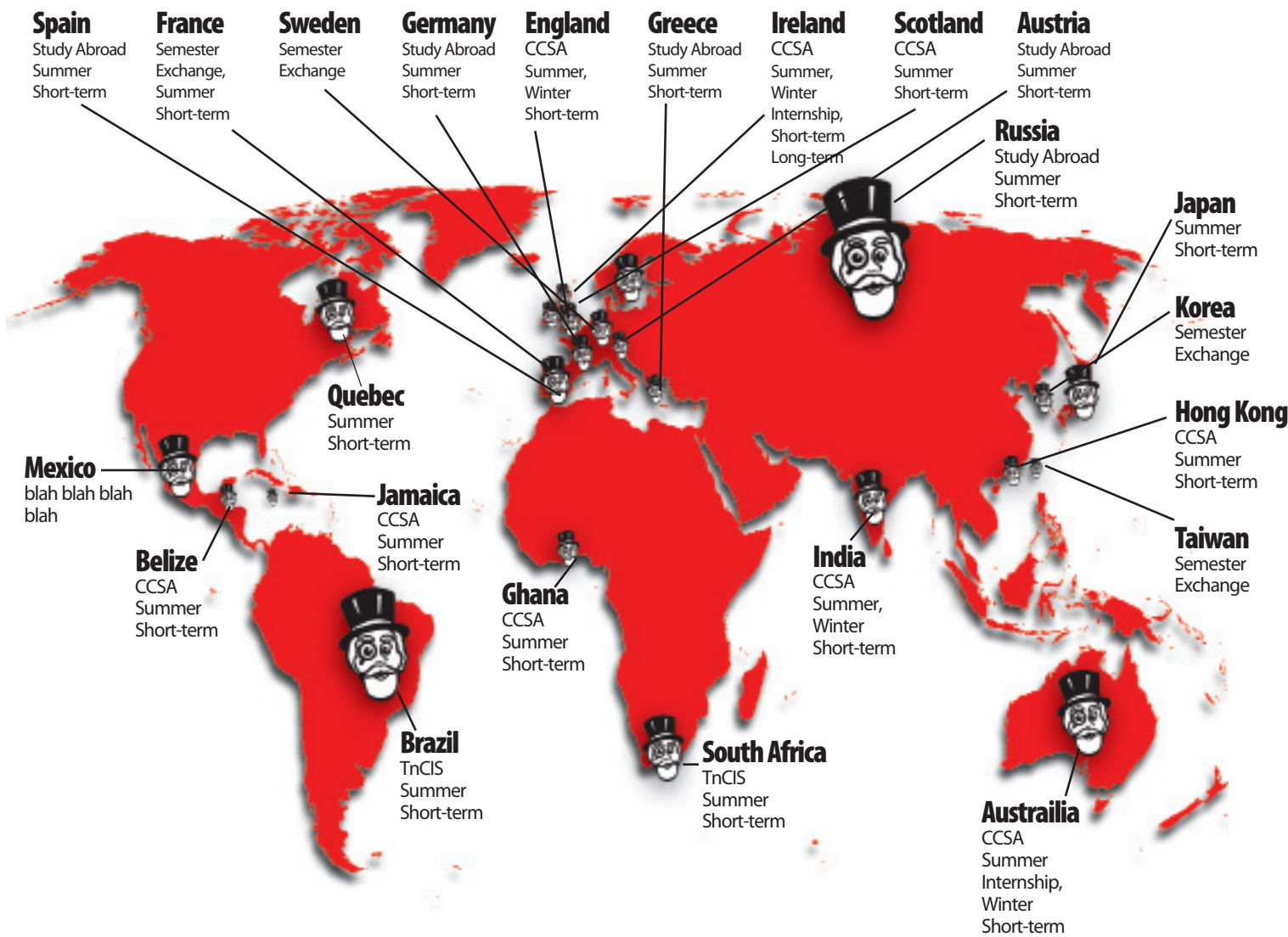
APSU will recognize Women's Issues Awareness Week February 9 through 14.

This week-long awareness, also known as "She Week," will begin with a breast health seminar, sponsored by Health Services at 2 p.m., Feb. 19 in the UC.

A self-defense seminar hosted by Silvia Lopez will take place at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Miller Hall room 109. Channel 11 will host a day-long marathon of "chick flicks" and a special showing of "The Women" in Sevier Hall lobby at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 12. The week will conclude with a "pink out" during the APSU Lady Gobs basketball game on Friday, Feb. 14.

Participants in "She Week" will receive a passport at the first event, which will be stamped throughout the week at various other She Week events. Students attending all events can redeem passports during the Lady Gobs game to be entered in a drawing for \$100 certificate from Eden Day Spa.

For more information, contact Kimberley Morrow, associate director of Housing/Residence Life and Dining Services at 221-7444. ♦



DUSTIN KRAMER | ART DIRECTOR

Students can earn credits toward their degrees on the study abroad and exchange programs. The Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) and the Tennessee Consortium for International Studies (TnCIS) head many of the programs that are offered throughout the year.

SGA starts first meeting with 10 open Senate seats, Web site design and spring election plans

By STEPHANIE WALKER
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association revealed more available Senate seats and the possibility of an updated SGA Web site.

EC Reports

SGA Chief Justice Will Moore announced the tribunal council has two new members.

SGA Secretary Hykeem Craft thanked the members

of the Senate for their participation in the Presidential Inauguration Party, which he stated was a "big success."

Craft also announced Sen. Trenton Gaasch will serve as the new SGA Chief Clerk.

Unfilled Senate seats

SGA Vice President Steven Biter reported there are now 10 open Senate seats; two seats for freshmen, one for juniors, one for seniors, two

for graduate students, three for the College of Arts and Letters and one for the College of Professional Programs and Studies.

SGA President Chris Drew went into further detail about the open Senate seats. Drew announced the requirements for the seats: a student will need a 2.5 GPA, have no formal disciplinary record on file and the desire to be the voice of the student body. Sunday Jan. 25 was the cut

off date for applications or students who are interested in becoming an SGA senator.

Web site, spring elections

Drew also reported his goals for the semester for SGA. He wants to update the SGA Web site by spring break.

The new Web site will include the ability to directly e-mail officers of SGA, provide more links for students, and have an area for student feedback and comments.

Drew said he hopes the Web site will eventually include access to applications for positions in SGA.

Drew discussed spring 2009 elections. The last election had a turnout of 821 voters. Drew said he wants to have at least 1,000 votes and more candidates from different organizations with different views.

The applications for spring elections will be available by Feb. 23. ♦

SGA Information

The next SGA meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 28 in UC room 303.

Applications for Spring 2009 Executive Committee elections will be available Monday, Feb. 23 in the SGA office.

S.I.S.T.E.R.S. host annual Unity Ball for charity

By MARLON SCOTT
Editor in Chief

Strong Independent Salient Talented Educated Respectful Sisters Understanding Nurturing Inventive Truth Enduring Determined will be hosting their annual Unity Ball in the UC ballroom Saturday, Feb. 7. The theme is “A Night under the Stars.”

“It’s a party with a purpose,” said Samantha Williams, treasurer of S.I.S.T.E.R.S. “We are not just having any regular party.”

According to the information listed for the event on the S.I.S.T.E.R.S.

Facebook account, one-third of the proceeds from the ball will be donated to the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center.

Tickets are on sale before the event in the UC from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. daily. The price is \$7 for singles and \$10 for couples. Tickets will also be available at the door, \$10 for singles and \$15 for couples.

The ball is scheduled to take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

“We want the ladies to come dressed to a T with their dresses on and heels,” Williams said. “Guys can come in slacks or suits if they prefer.”

S.I.S.T.E.R.S. was founded at APSU in 2003 as a community service organization. Their Web site, www.apsu.edu/sisters_united/aboutus.html, outlines their objective to create unity and promote prosperity for women in the APSU community.

“One of the young ladies just decided there was a need for an organization to unite young ladies, not just young ladies, but guys, to do service in the Clarksville community and also APSU’s campus,” Williams said.

“It’s another outlet to get out there and do something

positive.” The Unity Ball is just one of several charitable events the organization hosts every year. Others include the APSU Charity Challenge and Safe Sex Week.

Williams said she believes the first ball took place in 2003 and has continued annually with one exception until now.

“They faded for about a year. When we found that out, we filled out the paper work ourselves and got established for 2006-07,” Williams said.

For information about this year’s Unity Ball, call (423) 227-1860. ♦



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From left to right: Lukita Wilson, Shanethia Ivy, Samantha Williams, Christa Jenkins and Jessica Thomas are officers of S.I.S.T.E.R.S. U.N.I.T.E.D.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Buff By Break

Students who want to get in shape before Spring Break can visit the Foy Fitness Center for nutrition and fitness tips, followed by group exercise. Classes are 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27 through March 3 in the Foy Fitness Center, room 202. Classes are free to APSU community patrons and \$2 for non-APSU patrons.

The Jungle Book’ auditions

The Theatre Organization for Youth by Students will be holding auditions for its production of ‘The Jungle Book’ Thursday, Jan. 29 at 5:30 p.m. in Trahern, room 236. For more information contact Riley Braem at 221-6767.

Spring recruitment for Interfraternity Council

Spring recruitment for the Interfraternity Council will hold spring recruitment Feb. 2-5. Men can sign up on the Student Life and Leadership Web site. The deadline for all applications is Friday, Jan. 30 at 12:00 p.m. For more information, contact Andrew Wilson at 221-7431, or visit the Office of Student Life and Leadership, located in UC room 211.

Presidential Research Scholars Program deadline

The deadline for the Presidential Research Scholars Program proposals is Saturday, Jan. 31. Presidential scholars are granted \$3000 to support independent research or creative activity with scholarly merit. Full-time, undergraduate students are eligible to apply. Contact Rebecca M. Jones at 221-7621 for more information.

W.R.A.P.S. self defense classes available

Women can learn self-defense techniques at the Foy Fitness Center every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Feb. 4 through April 29. The classes cost \$10 for APSU community patrons and \$15 for non-APSU patrons. Contact Lauren Wilkinson at 221-1252 for more information.

Chess Club

The Clarksville Chess Club will begin meeting in the Woodward Library basement every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Feb. 5. Chess players are encouraged to attend. Contact Phillip Kemmerly at 221-7471 for more information.

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Students can potentially earn three to eight credit hours while studying abroad.

Exchange programs

To participate in the exchange program, students pay APSU tuition, but travel to a foreign country to study at another university. A student from that university pays their school’s tuition and attends APSU. These trips can be taken during a fall or spring semester or for an entire year. Students can potentially earn anywhere from 12-15 credit hours with this program. Foreign language immersion programs are available, but many of the classes students take are discipline-specific and taught in English.

According to Tina Rousselot de Saint Céran, coordinator of international education, the exchange program is beneficial to students. “You have more free time to travel, and the coursework credit is helpful. It is also financially smart because you pay the same tuition you would here, plus the cost of living expenses. It balances itself out,” she said.

Students also have the option of applying for international internships. Students are placed with an employer, and the internships are typically unpaid. However, students can apply for scholarships for internship programs sponsored by APSU.

Scholarships and grants are available for students interested in all international

programs. Scholarships are competitive and merit-based and amount to \$2,000. “We look for exemplary students with a good GPA that participate in international events on campus. Letters of recommendation often help,” Rousselot de Saint Céran said.

Travel grants are available to all students and are not competitive. Students must be in good academic standing and have no code of conduct violations. Travel grants are \$1,000 each, but only \$500 is awarded to students accepted for a scholarship. “Travel grants help us give some sort of aid to all students,” Rousselot de Saint Céran said.

For students interested in international studies, the department hosts the Global Govs Passport Series each month and spotlights a particular region or country.

In February, guest speakers from Africa will be featured, as well as an orchestral performance and other sponsored events. “We want to expand the students’ knowledge and get them interested in study abroad programs,” said Rousselot de Saint Céran.

Another international program may be available in the future, according to Rousselot de Saint Céran. Students may be able to participate in volunteer service, or service learning, in foreign countries where they would be expected to complete a service project. “The dilemma is finding a way to combine the program

with actual coursework,” said Rousselot de Saint Céran. “If we can find a department to sponsor it, this could be an option in the future.”

Rousselot de Saint Céran said she believes there are four reasons to study abroad. “The first is a no-brainer: It is fun. The second is that you get credits for having fun. The third is that the view from abroad is great, literally. The fourth reason is that studying abroad is great for developing critical thinking, problem solving skills, flexibility, and independence,” she said.

“I have met so many students that say studying

abroad changed their lives. This is a powerful statement. When you think about life-changing events, you think about marriage, children, or near fatal accidents, but four weeks in Mexico? How can that change a life? Well, I believe it because I experienced it myself as a student,” Rousselot de Saint Céran said.

Rousselot de Saint Céran said she follows an open-door policy. “I’m always available to meet with and advise students. The most important thing is to choose something that meets the needs of your degree program,” she said. ♦

How to get involved in study abroad?

1. Research your options. Check out the APSU study abroad and exchange program Web site, attend a study abroad fair or make an appointment to meet with the coordinator of international education.
2. Select a program that best fits your degree program and special interests. Be sure to consult with your academic advisor to discuss the credit hours you will register for and how they will fit into your degree program.
3. Apply for financial aid. Most students are unaware that much of the financial

aid for which they are eligible can be applied to support study abroad program costs.

4. Apply for Global Learning Merit Scholarships and travel grants. With more than \$100,000 worth of scholarships and grants available, there will never be a better time to study abroad.

5. Attend study abroad program orientation sessions and become informed about the host country.

For more information, visit the APSU Study Abroad Web site at www.apsu.edu/study_abroad or by e-mail at internationaled@apsu.edu ♦

Thinking of where you want to spend your summer?



Why not send a postcard home from Greece?

Visit us online: www.apsu.edu/study_abroad



YOUR TAKE

America needs change; Obama may deliver

Written by William Cox Jr. on Nov. 12, 2008 in response to Joe Wojtkiewicz's column, "Unforgiving McCain supporters resist change"

First, I agree with your story. This kind of reaction is natural as every action has a reaction and sometimes it's positive and for some it's negative, so it's to be expected. The people of the United States of America have to look at the big picture. All of our ancestors are from different countries. We are made up of Europeans, Asians, Africans, Cubans, Mexicans, French, Swedes, Russians, Germans, Italians, Spaniards, Chinese, Japanese, etc... This is America, and we open our hearts to all.

A racist attitude has absolutely no place in our country. We must all unite as the name of our country suggests.

If you truly believe in democracy, then you have to accept what our democracy produces. This is one of the only countries where the people have the utmost power to control how their government and how their lives are shaped.

Look at it like the United States is one big family. We are all brothers

and sisters of that family. We choose the leaders of our family. We all get to give our input to all family decisions in one form or another. Of course, just as brothers and sisters do, we argue among ourselves. As adults we should do that with maturity, not as children who only think of themselves throughout the disagreement.

How can we show other countries that living in a democracy is the way to go when they see us fighting among ourselves, calling each other racial names, killing each other for no reason but our own selfish greed?

If we were all equal as it's supposed to be and if we all had the same opportunities to live in a well-balanced happy life as an American, there wouldn't be most of the problems we have today. We are one of the wealthiest nations in the world and there is no real reason why we have citizens who can't afford the necessities of life or who don't have the education to get a meaningful job that they love to wake up every day and do, that pays enough to provide for their families.

If everyone has the chance and takes advantage of that opportunity to be a self supported member of society, there shouldn't be crime or

healthcare issues or homeless issues, racial issues or patiotic issues.

Greed has become the real enemy of our great country. The seperation between the rich and the poor is entirely too wide of a gap. We need financial balance, we need a cost of living balance, we need a moral balance, we need real equality in our nation.

It all starts at home with the way our parents raise their children. Then it goes to education, we need to keep up with the growth of the world and have a better educational system at an earlier age.

Right now our education system through high school only teaches the bare necessities. When children graduate they have no skills to find a decent job. Some have the grades to get scholarships and can continue their education, some have the money to continue their education, but a huge percentage don't have either one of those and are left out. They have no hope and instead just hang out or do drugs and eventually become criminals as it's the only thing they know that actually pays.

We need to expand our curriculum in high schools to give all our children the opportunity to get their foot in the door of

business, whether it be a financial institution, health care facility, some kind of major industry or even law. I believe some of the first year levels of college courses should be available on the High School level without the big expense imposed on our children and their families. Education is where our tax dollars should be concentrated the most as this is the beginning for transaction into adulthood and will open the doors to a greater future of all who go through the system.

As a parent, we have had our control of our children diminished by laws created to protect the children. Don't get me wrong, our children must be protected from serious harm both physically and mentally but as with every law, the interpetations are abused by individuals.

If we spank our children and it leaves a mark, then we get prosecuted, and our children get thrown into the system and not every one of them accept this too well and it grows into a bigger problem. Yet our laws provide for harsh punishments to offenders such as incarceration, beatings, starvings and even death. How is this any different than the punishments we as parents deem

necessary to control our children and teach them what's right and what's wrong?

We as a nation have become enablers. We enable our children to be out of control, we enable our leaders to take advantage of the American people they serve, we enable the greedy to take more than they will ever need, we enable the poor to stay poor and we enable the criminals the commit crimes.

I'm not a religous man by any means, but I do believe in the values of the 10 commendments and the Golden Rule "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Neither of these are practiced as they should be. If they were then life would be simple and in harmony.

President Obama has at least projected these values in his words. Now give him the chance to bring us all back to what God really wants us to be as his children: In control of ourselves and actions, loveing one another, be respectful to other's situations and beliefs and culture.

We are off path of what our forefathers have died to create, and now is the time to step back and look at the whole picture and get ourselves back on the correct path to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. ♦

Media opinions overshadow real issues



Joe Wojtkiewicz
Staff writer

Edward R. Murrow once said, "The speed of communications is wondrous to behold. It is also true that speed can multiply the distribution of information that we know to be untrue." This is even truer in our time. With multiple 24 hour "news" networks, talk radio, and internet bloggers, we are having an ever increasing amount of information fed over the airwaves.

The problem with all of this information is much of it is wrong. The chief problem exists with this is most of what is said is not news; it's opinion. From Bill O'Reilly, Keith

Olberman, Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Chris Matthews, opinions are becoming the gospel truth for many people.

We have been programmed to think just because these people are on the airwaves they are right. Well, the simple truth is they aren't. Most of them are hypocrites who will turn on their own words to walk a line they feel they have to for the ratings.

Take this bit of wisdom from Mr. O'Reilly, "This hate stuff. This is rooting for the administration to fail in Iraq and other areas, is un-American, unbecoming, and unacceptable." He said this March 20, 2007. It was said in regards to President Bush, but those statements, if they are to be held true, should apply to all presidents. I will say this, I disagreed with that statement then, and I still disagree with it today.

Questioning the government is a very American thing to do, but only

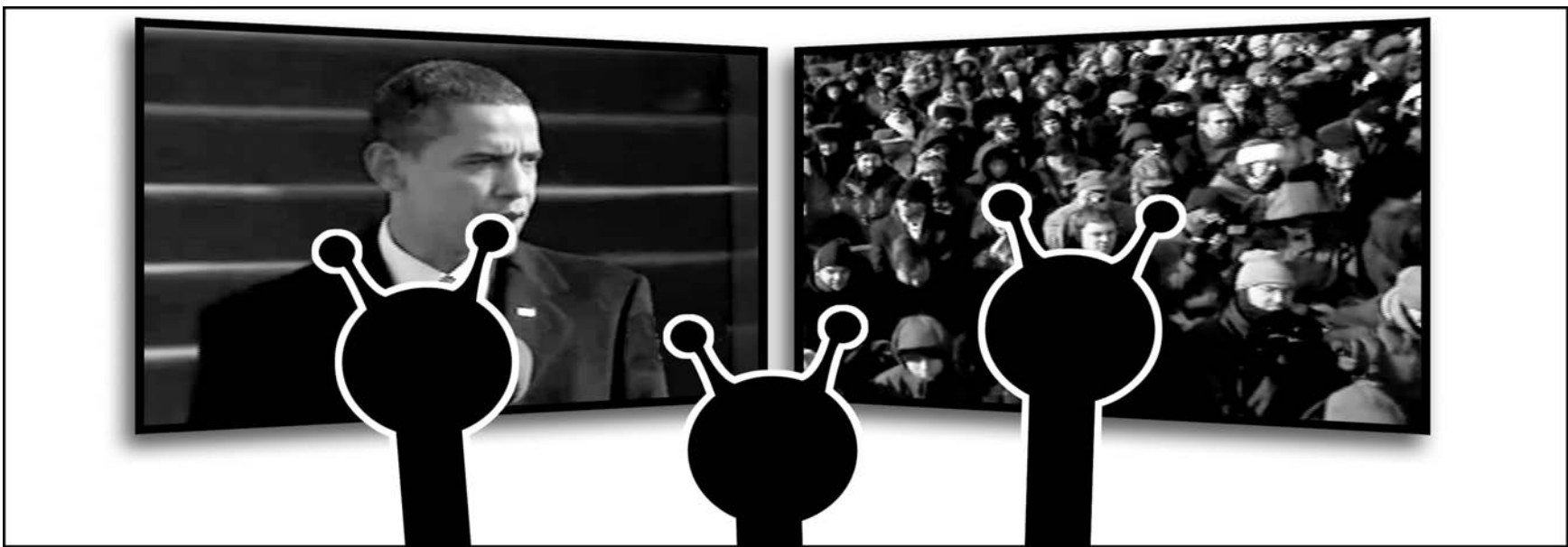
if there is a reason to question them. President Obama was scarcely in office for a day when Limbaugh stated his opinion on Obama's future presidency. "I will shamelessly say, no, I want him to fail." This attitude is in my opinion an un-American attitude. When you choose ideology over success, America will fail.

On the other side of the coin, you have people who already admitted Obama is the savior of our nation. Olberman has repeatedly praised Obama for doing nothing more than stating the obvious, the democrats won the election. This is what I would say to Mr. Olberman, yes the election was won by Democrats on many levels, but that means nothing. It will mean nothing until they do something with that victory.

We have become a nation so divided in ideology that we have given up on finding the common ground. The

talk isn't about America winning, or even climbing out of a hole. The talk is about sticking it to Republicans, or Democrats. Let's face it both sides have been sticking to us for far too long. This is a time for compromise. The free market is an ideology, socialism is an ideology, what works is a compromise.

In closing I would advise all of you to do one thing: trust information, not opinion. That even includes my own. Journalism is a powerful tool in our democracy that is weakened when it is used to defend ideology instead of the people. Go out and research what is going on. Don't trust what is put out over the airwaves and through the internet. As for all of the pundits and ideologues out there, remember what Murrow said, "Just because your voice reaches halfway around the world doesn't mean you are any wiser than when it only reached to the other end of the bar." ♦



"Impressive."

"I've seen better."

"Now is the time to INVADE!"

DUSTIN KRAMER | ART DIRECTOR

This week in ridiculous: Lefties to peanut butter



Jessica Nobert
Assistant Perspectives Editor

This was a pretty big week. But since we produced the last paper a few days earlier than usual, I have a little bit of catching up to do with the news.

Obviously we know that Barack is the 44th president. But did you hear what Brian Williams and all the others noticed last week? Obama is the fifth consecutive left-handed president. I mean, I know it's not that exciting, but it's something.

In more interesting news: He's keeping the BlackBerry. Eight years ago, cell phones were pretty popular, but fewer people had them connected to their heads. I can understand why George W. Bush wasn't bothered too much to give it up, but now, I feel I can hardly function without my phone in my sight.

I was watching YouTube with some friends the other night, and rolling on the floor, could not breathe laughing.

But in our searching for funny and funnier, I forgot to let them know about the Pope's channel. The way AP writer Nicole Winfield put it; "the Pope is trying to broaden his audience by joining the wannabe musicians, college pranksters and water-skiing squirrels on YouTube."

And the US Airways flight 1549: crazy. When we did our last production, it had already happened, but I chose to leave it out last week. (I didn't want to say one thing, and then another be announced on the news and it all be wrong.)

I fly pretty frequently back and forth to Los Angeles, and I've been on a flight when the pilot said we were landing unexpectedly. But never have I ended up in the water right after take off, even though that's how the plane leaves the airport in Los Angeles: over the Pacific Ocean. Now that I think about it, I just might start to hold my breath. There are seagulls out there and all kinds of crazy things can happen.

My only hope now is I never end up in a true emergency landing, but if I do, I hope the crew handles things as well as they all did that day in the Hudson.

Late last week, there was an announcement in the "Gov Says..." about

the peanut butter on campus. I know we are all looking in our cupboard trying to figure out if our PB is going to kill us. Then I started thinking about everything that might have peanut butter paste in it, the other lethal ingredient.

What about my Reese's Puffs cereal? Will that do me in? And the peanut butter chocolate chip Quaker chewy bars? What about them? And of course, I'm not eating my peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at lunch right now. Come to think of it, that sandwich I had last week did taste a little funny, but maybe I'm imagining things now.

Bank of America got some more bailout money in the last few weeks. When I was hanging out with some friends last week, they were talking about buying stock in BofA, and I chimed in, "me too," with the taxes I pay every two weeks on pay day. They thought I was being serious about it. I had to let them know that their investment was maybe not the smartest, but I guess buy low, sell high. If you can afford it, buy now. Then again, I don't know investing in banking right now, of all things, is a good idea. But I guess that's the chance you take with the stock market.

Another time when I was watching

Williams last week, he was reporting on the weather in Florida. It's getting freezing cold in some parts where the oranges grow. The important fruit that turns into juice and goes in the glass at breakfast, or if you're like some of the kids I knew growing up, in your cereal: yuck. They're saying the weather may be affecting the crop, and it could hurt the production of OJ. I understand the rising cost of a gallon of milk, but now my orange juice may cost more because of a few bad freezes in Florida?

And finally, the "Oscar goes to...?" Please say "Slumdog Millionaire." I was hesitant to go when I agreed to see it as the traditional movie on Christmas with some friends, but I fell in love with the movie. This is only the second time I think I have seen a movie that was up for Best Picture; last year was "Juno," and it was really good, too. But I really think this independent film should take it. Then again, I haven't seen any of the other four nominees.

I learned a bit of valuable information last weekend. If you drop your phone in water (on accident), put it in a bowl of rice to help draw out the moisture. Sad day, but it made a difference.

Stop playing Fox News in Einstein's. ♦

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MUSICAL GUESTS



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Imani Winds perform an original piece, “speech. and canzone,” composed by member Valerie Coleman, far left. The piece incorporates notable speeches and music to highlight key moments in history.

Imani Winds serenades audience

By TANGELIA CANNON
Senior Staff Writer

The Clarksville Community Concert Association welcomed Imani Winds, a Grammy-nominated musical group originating from New York City, to APSU Friday, Jan. 23.

With the lights dim and the spotlight focused on the stage, the group walked out and immediately began to play “Call,” an original piece created by one of the five members of the group. According to the evening’s program, Toyin Spellman-Diaz created the piece in order to open up a new channel of direct, personal communication with his colleagues of Imani Winds. The piece was based on a four-note motive but

seemed complex when they performed. With each member playing a different wind instrument, the group consisted of Valerie Coleman on flute, Toyin Spellman-Diaz on oboe, Mariam Adam on clarinet, Jeff Scott on French horn and Monica Ellis on bassoon.

Although each instrumentalist is recognized in many different categories, they come together as a group to make beautiful music.

“I never realized woodwinds could sound so good,” said Johnny Slabaugh, an undecided freshman, after hearing the group play.

The group serenaded the audience of APSU students, faculty and members of

the Clarksville community, in an intimate setting with musical pieces by artists such as Arturo Marquez, John Harbison and Paul Hindemith. In addition to these pieces, they performed original compositions by Coleman and an arrangement by Scott.

One of the favorite pieces of the night was Coleman’s “speech. and canzone,” which offered the audience a moment to honor Martin Luther King Jr. by listening to a recording of John F. Kennedy’s speech he gave the day King was assassinated, which was played in conjunction to melodies. The piece also offered recordings that included Morse code and foreign language.

“I thought it was really cool because

that particular speech has a lot of personal meaning to me. I thought it was cool how they put the music with it,” said Sarah Turner, a junior music education major.

“Then in the second half of the piece, I really liked how they used the involvement of the different rhythms to say something instead of just producing a nice tune.”

The group offered the audience several different sounds. From the upbeat tempos of “speech. and canzone” to the soothing melodies of “Contrabjissimo.”

“It was really cool to hear the different repertoire that they play. I enjoyed the contemporary feel of the music,” said Coty Robinson, a junior music education major. ♦

Tate talks of his hiking escapades

By ANGELA KENNEDY
Staff Writer

Adventure awaits you somewhere between Maine and Georgia. Climbing under rocks, through tunnels and above the clouds are only a few things to experience on the adventure of a lifetime.

Speaker J.R. Tate kicks off the spring book series of The Peay Read, “A Walk in the Woods” by Bill Bryson, with tales of his own experiences and love for the trail.

Tate is a retired Marine Corps officer who has completed Appalachian Trail thru-hikes four times since 1990. He is also a best-selling American author of humorous books on travel, as well as books on the English language and on scientific subjects.

“Very few people have hiked the entire Appalachian Trail

and to have done this four times is an amazing feat,” said Heidi Scheusner Leming, director of Student Life and Leadership.

“Older people are more likely to finish the trail than younger people because they are more willing to put up with the inconveniences,” Tate said.

Bryson’s “A Walk in the Woods” was chosen as The Peay Read based on student and staff feedback, said Leming. The book is a humorous description of Bryson’s experiences on the trail.

While on his first one day hiking trip, Tate met two sisters who were on their first thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail.

Listening to their fantastic experiences inspired Tate to attempt the trail himself.

Tate’s wife dropped him off in Georgia at the access trail to

begin his adventure. His adventure consisted of bear chases, makeshift bridges and trees as companions.

“Trees become our constant companions in the woods, and if you find a bridge on the trail, you are lucky,” Tate said.

By the time he finished his 6-month hike, Tate had lost 17 lbs (burning an average of 5,000 calories a day) and thought the hike was the dumbest thing he ever did.

“I never dreamed in my wildest dreams that I would go back and hike the trail again and again,” Tate said.

The Appalachian Trail is maintained by about 3,000 volunteers that make up 30 trail clubs and partnerships.

“They are the people who make it possible for us to hike that trail,” Tate said. ♦

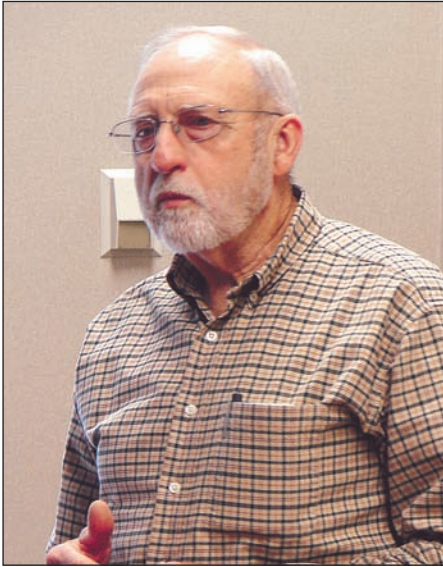


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J.R. Tate talks about his hikes across the Appalachian trail.



Go online for a clip from Tate’s talk about his hike in the Appalachians.



Alternative Spring Break

If you’ve been inspired to blaze a trail of your own, you may be interested in the alternative spring break sponsored by Student Life and Leadership. The trip costs \$30 and the duration runs from March 9 through 13. The trip is limited to 8 students (applicants must be APSU students), and applications and more information can be obtained at the office of Student Life and Leadership.

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Kim lectures on art for new exhibition

By JOHN LUDWIG
Features Editor

Many people use salt for everyday purposes, whether it's for some French fries or an icy sidewalk. APSU Alumnus Young Kim uses it as his canvas. Last week, Kim's 10 portrait exhibition, called "elemental," opened in Trahern Gallery, preceded by a lecture in which he talked about his art.

"It's fascinating how something so ubiquitous can have such a unique history. It's essential in most living things. We need a certain amount of salt in us in order to survive," Kim said. "And at one point in the history of salt, it was highly, highly valuable, called 'white gold' even. Cultures have incorporated salt into their rituals, such as warding off evil spirits. It became my canvas."

The works were created using mounds of salt as the canvas and red clay sifted through silk-screen. "I create a bed of salt and sift the earth right on top of it. It's creating a negative."

When some audience members asked more about his process, Kim said, "I think I've failed in some way if that is the only thing people are interested in. I hope that I provoke people to ask, 'Why salt? Why red clay?'"

If you go into Trahern Gallery, you'll find it is dimly lit with individual lights positioned directly over each portrait. These lights periodically fade from dim to bright, revealing porcelain jars containing 10 elements such as water, milk, oil, honey and others.

In his lecture, Kim said "one of the early Latin translations of the Bible contains a passage that talks about these 10 elements being essential to human life."

Kim also showed pictures of his work that had been altered by the running of someone's hand through the salt mound. He then discussed the fragility of his work

and also spoke about his views on people's interaction with his art. "I don't want to encourage people to run through it, but at the same time, I don't want to discourage people from approaching it and getting up close to it. And if they decide to touch it, then that becomes apart of the work."

While elaborating about his work on display in the Trahren Gallery, Kim also showed those attending his previous works, many including various installation pieces and photography.

When asked what it was like being back at APSU, Kim replied, "It's amazing. It brings back lots of memories and great moments. APSU is a sacred place for me. It's an honor to be here and to be invited back to present my work to everyone."

Katie Whitfield, a senior art major, said, "I liked that we saw how his work progressed from installation to installation. It was very insightful to see how frail and ephemeral even his work is."

Jill Lehman, a transfer student from N.Y., said, "I enjoyed Young Kim's presentation. It's good to see different type of work. His method with the salt is very interesting. I've never thought of that idea before. I'm also intrigued now by doing installation pieces. It's something I'm thinking about. I'm looking forward to more lectures from guest artists." ♦

See "elemental"

Kim's exhibit, "elemental," will continue to show through Feb. 8 in Trahern Gallery.

Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sat.-Sun. noon to 4 p.m.



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Part of artist Young Kim's exhibition in the Trahern Gallery, this portrait is made with dirt from the earth on a salt canvas.

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Book reading at Gentry Auditorium

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MILLER

Essayist Brenda Miller will read from her new book, "Blessing of the Animals."
Thurs., Jan. 29 at 8 p.m.
Kimbrough building, Gentry Auditorium

Miller will also hold an informal discussion with APSU students, faculty and staff.
Thurs., Jan. 29 at 12:20 p.m. , UC 303

Hope for the Hopeless Tour 2009

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DENNEN

Folk rock musician Brett Dennen will perform at the Exit/In. 18+ show
Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 day of show
Thurs., Jan. 29 at 10 p.m., Exit/In

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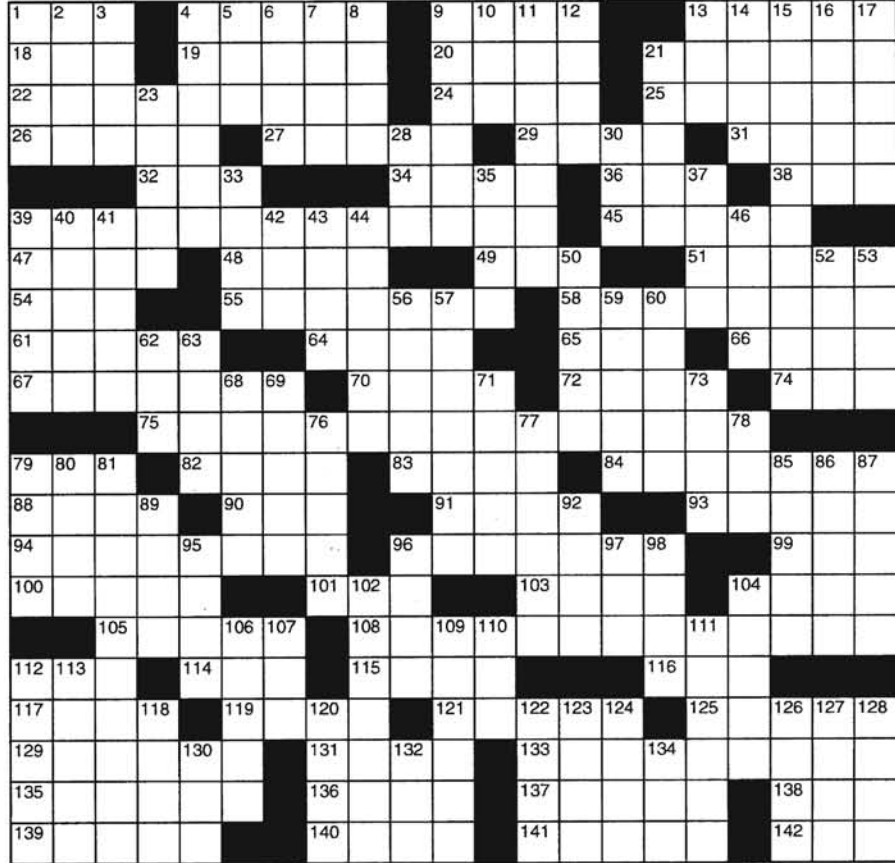
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by Linda Thistle

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

SO COACH, TELL US WHAT ADJUSTMENTS YOU'LL MAKE IN THE SECOND HALF...

SIDELINE REPORTER

SO COACH, TELL US WHAT ADJUSTMENTS YOU'LL MAKE IN THE SECOND HALF...

SIDEWAYS REPORTER

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!

WHIMPER...SNIFF...

WAA! AAA!

OH MAN, THAT KID IS GOOD!

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

MILLIE ACTUALLY TOOK ONE OF MY SUGGESTIONS, MAY, AND IT'S TURNED OUT TO BE A BIG HIT!

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Kimbrough is president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark., and is one of the youngest college presidents in the nation. He has also served at Albany State University, Old Dominion University, Georgia State University and Emory University. He has conducted interviews with national publications including the Washington Post and The Chronicle of Higher Education. He has also been a guest on the National Public Radio show, "Talk of the Nation," and was named by Powerplay Magazine in 2006 as one of the 25 influential African Americans in Arkansas.

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ROAD TO MARCH MADNESS

Govs keep Gamecocks at bay, 86-80

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The APSU Govs basketball team played host to Jacksonville State Gamecocks Saturday, Jan. 24 and were able to hold them off 86-80 in an OVC matchup.

The win helps extend their winning streak to six games and improve to 12-7 overall with a 8-1 OVC slate, holding the lead in the conference by one game behind Morehead State. Jacksonville St. falls to 8-10 overall, with a 2-7 OVC record.

The Govs were led by three players scoring in double figures, led by Drake Reed's 29 points led all scorers. He went 9-of-16 from the floor and 11-of-14 from the free throw line. Wes Channels finished with 22 points, 7 of 11 from the floor, as well as contributing three 3-pointers in the victory.

"We [Wes and I] both know that we will have open looks, and we need to take advantage of them and get to the free throw line," Reed said. "We do a good job of feeding off of each other, but it's matter of our teammates finding good spots and the confidence being high, but we have others who are scoring key points as well."

The Gamecocks led only once in the game. After the Govs ran out to a 13-6 lead, the Gamecocks went on

a 11-3 run to take a 17-16 led on a Jonathan Toles three-pointer. But Tyrone Caldwell came right back to score on a layup, and the Govs would not trail again. In fact, the Govs built a 15-point first-half lead, 36-21, with 7:57 left before settling for a 45-34 halftime lead.

As the Gamecocks clawed away at the APSU led, they would crawl within six. "They [Jacksonville St.] were like gnats, they would not go away. Knowing that they were a tough physical minded team, we knew we were in for a battle," said Reed. "They cut off our passing lanes and had to knock down shots when we had chances."

In the second half, Caldwell again answered, this time with a three pointer and then reserve center, John Fraley, connected on a conventional three-point play to push it back to 12, 68-56.

The Govs would build the led to 18 twice, the last time with 3:10 left on a Reed layup.

With 2:39 left and an 85-68 led, the starters would go to the bench to give the backups some playing time. They allowed the Gamecocks to cut the lead to five, 85-80, with 25 seconds left. The Gamecocks, however, would get no closer. ♦



LOIS JONES | PHOTO EDITOR

Anthony Campbell keeps the ball away from the JSU defender. Campbell played for 24 minutes and scored eight points.

ROAD BRIEFS

Lady Govs indoor track at Gentry Center

Austin Peay Sports Information

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The APSU women's track and field team kicked off its 2009 indoor season at the Ed Temple Classic, Sunday, at the Gentry Center.

Leading the way for the Lady Govs was junior Amanda McCoy, who finished third in the high jump with a mark of 1.62 meters (5-04.00) and fifth in the 55-meter hurdles with a mark of 8.59 seconds. Sophomore Chiamaka Obi finished eighth in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.70.

"Our high jumpers did a nice job, especially McCoy," said head coach Doug Molnar. "She and Obi also did well in the hurdles. This meet really gives us an idea of where we are early in the season."

The Lady Gov pole vaulters, junior Carrie Burggraf and freshman Brianna Lococo, opened the season at the Rev. Mike Hout Invitational at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Burggraf won the meet with a mark of 3.51 meters (11-06.25), while Lococo finished eighth in her first meet with a 2.90 meter (9-06.25) vault.

"Carrie set a new personal best in the indoor vault, so we're pleased with that," Molnar said. "Brianna did well for her first meet, and she's only going to get better. Unfortunately, the team lost a bit conditioning-wise over the break, but that isn't unusual. We'll just have to work that much harder to catch up."



LOIS JONES | PHOTO EDITOR

Greek Night at Dave Aarons Arena

APSU basketball hosted their first Greek night for the season. The fraternities and sororities competed for \$100 prize going towards the chapter with the most members present.

Male Fraternity winner:

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Female Sorority/Fraternity winner:

Chi Omega

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22. Notre Dame
23. Georgetown
24. Minnesota
25. Gonzaga

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Lady Govs butcher Gamecocks for sixth straight at home, 82-57

By TYLER O'DONNELL
Staff Writer

The APSU Lady Govs basketball team took out the Jacksonville State Lady Gamecocks Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Dunn Center. The 82-57 victory brought the team's winning streak at home to six games. Courtesy of good rebounding and a flourishing offense, the Lady Govs kept the crowd's attention for the night.

For the first 10 minutes of the game, play was virtually even. Both teams traded baskets; then the Lady Govs got on a run. Ashley Herring used her speed to rush past defenders and score easy points. Whitney Hanley's 3-pointer gave the Lady Govs a 24-18 lead. The Lady Gamecocks were falling behind, a result of bad communication and defense. Passing mistakes led to turnovers for the Lady Gamecocks, who never seemed to get in a rhythm. The Lady

Govs hit three, 3-pointers in a row, one each by Brooke Faulkner, Herring, and Jones. The end of the half came to a close with the Lady Govs up 39-25.

"We work well together, we just have to keep this momentum going."

Ashley Herring, sophomore

The momentum from the end of the half carried on into the second. Brooke Faulkner was 3-for-6 beyond the arc, leading the team in that department. The shots for the Lady Gamecocks were blocked or off target; they rarely had chances for rebounds because the Lady Govs were there almost every time. The

Lady Govs accounted 37 rebounds, twelve more than their opponents. They pulled away with consistent scoring at the end, something the Lady Gamecocks could not do all night. With five minutes to go, the game was already out of reach for the Lady Gamecocks, and the Lady Govs would go on to win their third straight game.

"Our spacing was a lot better tonight, which allowed for opportunities to get to the basket," said head coach Carrie Daniels. "As for rebounding, that has been something we have done good all year. But the past four or five games we slacked off. So, I was really pleased that we got back on the boards like we have in the past."

"I think everybody stepped up tonight, we all played to our capabilities," Herring said. "We worked well together, we just have to keep this momentum going." ♦



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Guard Whitney Hanley fend off a Lady Gamecock defender.