

African American Cultural Center

Center commences Kwanzaa celebration



DUSTIN KRAMER/ART DIRECTOR

The Mishumaa Saba (seven candles), represent the seven days of Kwanzaa. The Pan-African holiday is celebrated from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. The colors of the candles represent those of the Black National Flag. The black candle represents the African people, the red candles symbolize struggle and the green candles are for future and hope.

By **TINEA PAYNE**
News Editor

The African American Cultural Center lit the Mishumaa Saba (Swahili for “seven candles”) early as they shared African culture on Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the Kwanzaa Celebration.

The Pan-African holiday celebrated by millions throughout African communities, according to the Official Kwanzaa Web site (www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org).

The event was held to present and explain the symbols of Kwanzaa, the meaning of the seven candles, poems, signing and music, along with a traditional Kwanzaa feast.

The celebration, which traditionally lasts seven days, was condensed into one day for the Kwanzaa celebration.

The annual, seven-day celebration traditionally starts Dec. 26 through Jan. 1.

The holiday was founded in 1966 by Maulana Karenga, professor of Africana studies at California State University at Long Beach, according to the Official Kwanzaa Web site.

Symbols include the Mishumaa Saba, the Kinara (candle holder), the Kikombe cha Umoja (Unity Cup) and Zawadi (gifts).

Candles are colored in the national African colors; one black candle symbolizes the people, three red candles represents struggle and three green candles are for future and hope.

Beulah Oldham, director of the African American Cultural Center, said the celebration helps people live up to the seven principles of

Kwanzaa.

Oldham described the celebration as “all the things that make us who we are.”

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Beulah Oldham, director
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In regards to the values associated with Kwanzaa, Oldham stressed unity. She said the cultural center is reaching out and bringing together people of all racial and ethnic groups. “What we’re trying to do is reach out and bring others, of other races,

who want to learn more about African-Americans,” Oldham said. “[We’re] trying to have a unified feeling.”

She said the AACC is trying to instill all values of Kwanzaa into everyday life at the cultural center and for people of African descent.

“All these values make us who we are, to survive,” Oldham said.

She said the celebration, ran by students, is something that can be done at home by everyone.

Oldham said, though the celebration has been around for a long time, Kwanzaa may not be a widely-practiced celebration in some places.

She also mentioned the college environment helps expose students to other cultures.

“We have to be open, in a college

setting, to experience a lot of things,” Oldham said.

She said for students to understand Kwanzaa, one must experience the cultural holiday.

“In order for [students] to be able to understand [Kwanzaa], they have to come to [a celebration],” she said.

She said the purpose of the celebration is “helping [people] move towards understanding.”

She said Kwanzaa also helps people of African descent to identify and experience their own culture.

“It’s something that gives individuals of African descent, gives us an opportunity to not just grab onto African history but to identify with something we’ve never been able to experience.” Oldham said.

“[Kwanzaa] all about being okay with yourself.” ♦

Administration

Presidents Hall, Drew express gratitude to interim provost

By **JENELLE GREWELL**
Staff Writer

Since January 2008, David Denton, dean of the college of professional programs and social sciences, has served as interim provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs.

Chris Drew, SGA president, said holding the temporary position of provost requires an experienced campus

leader that could one day permanently either hold that position or gain invaluable experience from serving in that role.

President Timothy Hall said it’s the president’s role to appoint the interim provost and there is no formal process for choosing an interim provost.

Hall said when he had to pick an interim provost he had not been at APSU for

more than a few months.

“I consulted many people [in making the decision], including some faculty and other university administrators,” Hall said.

For Hall, he chose Denton as interim provost because it seemed Denton had the skills to occupy this position.

Hall said he thinks Denton has great judgment. “The provost has to deal with all personnel matters and

students matters,” Hall said. “I do not think we could have asked for a better provost.”

Drew said Denton’s decision to serve as interim provost shows his part as a leader. “He obviously cares very deeply about APSU,” Drew said.

Drew said Denton listened very carefully to student concerns, especially from SGA and Academic Council. “He, as well as all of the

APSU administrators, are very student-focused and have students in mind when making major decisions,” he said, adding that Denton has actively sought student input in academic reorganization as well as encouraging faculty engagement with students outside the classroom.

Hall said Denton cared deeply and respected the work of faculty and was concerned with students’

success.

“[Denton] wasn’t just doing the day-to-day business of the university, but working to move the university forward,” Hall said. Drew said Denton has shown great leadership for APSU.

“I hope everyone takes the opportunity to reflect on the fact that a person can juggle two important positions if

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Community Calendar

12/03/08

Student Holiday Reception

The annual Student Holiday Reception will be held at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., today in the UC lobby. Free refreshments will be served. Students can sign holiday cards to send to military service veterans and their families. Contact Tammy Bryant at 221-7341 for more information.

Holiday Mail for Heroes

S.E.R.V.E. will be collecting holiday cards at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. today to military service veterans as part of American Red Cross efforts to send 1 million cards. Cards will be available at the UC lobby for students to sign.

Pre-Cram Jam

Govs Programming Council will host the Pre-Cram Jam from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. today at the Foy Center Gym. There will be Dance Dance Revolution, Cash Cube, the Mechanical Bull and free food for students.

12/04/08 - 12/06/08

Phantasos: A Nutcracker Story

Ticket sales for “Phantasos: A Nutcracker Story” are from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday this week and one hour prior to performances. Tickets are \$5 for students and military and \$10 for adults. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at 221-7379 for more information. Reserved tickets not picked up 15 minutes prior to showtime will be sold. Show times will be 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4 through Saturday, Dec. 6.

Help-an-Elf Adoptions Deadline Extended

The deadline to adopt a family for Help-an-Elf has been extended to Friday, Dec. 5. Families can be selected at UC room 206. Contact Vanessya Fountain at 221-7341 for more information.

Student Government Association

Library hours, parking warning resolutions fail

By STEPHANIE WALKER
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) dismissed two resolutions during the Wednesday, Nov. 26 Senate meeting.

EC Report

The Executive Committee reported applications for all SGA positions will be available Monday, Feb. 23.

Old Business

Sen. Jordan Reid discussed Senate Resolution 12, which would expand library hours of operation to 24 hours a day.

Sen. Youself Behbahani voiced his concern if any students would utilize library services if hours were extended. The resolution failed.

Sen. Emmanuel Romanus presented SR 14, which would

encourage campus police to issue a warning for first time parking violators.

Sens. Kevin Criswell and Ryan Kean discussed how this would allow students a one-time chance to park wherever they pleased and could cause problems for other students.

Sen. Behbahani also voiced concerns that the police would have to implement a computer program tracking the warnings, because all parking tickets are hand-written at this time, and it would cost more money for the school to spend. The resolution failed.

New Business

There was no new business because the senators with new resolutions were out of town for holiday break.

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

Denton: contributions

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they truly care about the mission of organization, even with a not-so-ideal budget and hiring freeze at the university,” he said. Drew said students, faculty and staff have a lot to learn from his leadership in serving in two important roles on campus.

“Sticking to the university’s mission, Dr. Denton shows us that sometimes leaders must step up and help the organization’s continuity,” he said.

Drew said he thinks Denton’s lasting impression will be helping

to transition the new provost into understanding the crucial areas of opportunity for improvement.

“[Some people] don’t see that even in his short time here, the university has had some new things happen,” Hall said.

Hall said some of the new things that were started during Denton’s time as interim provost are the Middle College and the Governor’s School of Computational Physics.

Hall said Denton’s most lasting contribution is his proposal and help to adopt a college of business and education. Denton was not available for comment. ♦

Crime Log

APSU crime log includes any arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within 48 hours of an incident and available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

November

11/01/08 - 4:28 a.m., auto burglary, Rawlins lot; 10:22 a.m., suspicious activity, Archwood.

11/02/08 - 6:29 p.m., theft of property, Dunn Center lot.

11/03/08 - 12:09 p.m., auto burglary, Foy Center lot; 12:30 p.m., theft of property, Dunn Center; 3:48 p.m., auto burglary, Foy Center.

11/05/08 - 10:46 a.m., vandalism, Sevier lot; 11:51 a.m., simple possession, Marion Street; 6:30 p.m., theft of property, Hand Village, arrested; Christopher Crawford of Jackson.

11/06/08 - 8:55 a.m., theft of property, Morgan University Center; 2:48 p.m., theft of property, Foy Center.

11/07/08 - 4:52 p.m., theft of property, Rawlins Hall.

11/10/08 - 11:05 a.m., domestic assault, Hand Village, arrested; Eric Phelps of Jackson.

11/12/08 - 2:18 p.m., vandalism, Meacham lot; 3:22 p.m., theft of property, Killebrew Hall.

11/13/08 - 3:01 a.m., simple possession, public intoxication, Home Avenue, arrested; Ricky D. Fletcher of Clarksville; 11:45 a.m., theft of property, Hand Village; 11:52 a.m., auto burglary, Foy Center lot; 5:24 p.m., auto burglary, Foy Center lot.

11/14/08 - 4:01 a.m., public intoxication, Drane Street, arrested; Keith W. Shumate of Clarksville; 10:27 a.m., auto burglary, Foy Center lot; 1:56 p.m., vandalism, Meacham lot; 3:12 p.m., auto burglary, Meacham lot; 4:49 p.m., aggravated burglary, Emerald Hill Apts.

11/16/08 - 5:20 p.m., aggravated robbery, weapons on school property, Cross Hall; 8:23 p.m., theft of property, Henry parking lot.

11/17/08 - 9:56 a.m., theft of property, McCord; 6:15 p.m., COR violation, Killebrew Hall, arrested; Jeremy Sutherland of Jackson.

11/18/08 - 11:26 a.m., theft of property, Clement; 5 p.m., domestic assault, Killebrew Hall, arrested; Jamie Lonon of Bells.

11/21/08 - 3:30 p.m., theft of property, Dunn Center.

Plan now to attend The Annual Student Affairs Unity Celebration Dinner Wednesday, February 11, 2009 6 pm

Featuring special guest speaker

Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, Jr.

President of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas
and author of Black Greek 101

Dr. Kimbrough is one of the youngest college presidents in the country

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One free ticket for current APSU students, faculty and staff
Must present valid Govs ID to pick up ticket
beginning January 26, 2009
in the office of Student Affairs
Morgan University Center 206
8:30 – 4:30

Seating is limited, and tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis

The Unity Celebration Dinner is an event for members of our campus to come together annually to celebrate all that makes up our campus community.

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OUR TAKE

TAS reflects on ‘Our Take’ in 20/20 hindsight

As journalists, we at *The All State* seldom get the opportunity to change our work once it goes into print. We stand by our work. We reflect on the things we’ve written but, for better or worse, they remain unchanged.

The OUR TAKE is our opportunity to express our opinions about issues that affect the day to day lives of APSU students. Each week we work hard to convey developed opinions about a relevant topics, but occasionally our opinions change.

They say hindsight is 20/20, and we have to agree. In hindsight, we are very proud of many of the opinions we have expressed via the OUR TAKE. We said the debates of the 2008 presidential race were improperly structured, and we still believe they were. We expressed our opinion about what would make a good provost, and that opinion remains the same. We said the APSU parking situation was bad, and that might never change.

We are all very proud to live in America in a time when we have elected our first ever African-American president. The debates, however, gave us little to be proud of. They allowed for an excessive amount of arguing and very little talk about the pressing issues our president-elect will face when he is inaugurated.

We said the new provost should be someone who can work well with President Timothy Hall and closely with the student body. We said he should work to increase enrollment and offset impending budget cuts, and we stand by these opinions. We are anxious to see our new provost, Tristan Denley, live up to these expectations in the coming semesters.

Of course, we stand by our take on parking as well. That’s enough said about parking.

It is important we express such opinions because we want to inspire the student body to have

an opinion, even if it varies from our own. We hope, however, the student body will bear with us when our opinions differ from theirs. As Albert Einstein once said, “Laws alone cannot secure freedom of expression; in order that every man present his views without penalty there must be spirit of tolerance in the entire population.”

The curious thing about reflecting on our opinions in hindsight is that sometimes we realize our opinions have changed.

We promoted the Peay Pickup Trolley as an option for APSU students trying to escape limited parking and long walks. The problem is very few APSU students use the trolley, but we all pay for it. Until the new Peay Pickup system has proven itself, we don’t want to promote it any further. Our opinion was it could be a valuable resource, but if the student body doesn’t want it, then our opinion may change.

We also expressed our interest in SGA’s proposal for “student common hours.” We have since adopted the policy of avoiding “proposals” in favor of sticking to more concrete subjects. If common hours were implemented, then it would affect TBR institutions across the state. It’s safe to assume

such a sweeping proposal is, at best, in its early phases, and we believe our attention may have been more merited elsewhere.

We will continue to express our opinions in the OUR TAKE, and our opinions will continue to change in light of new information. We believe the OUR TAKE is necessary not only as an outlet for our own perspective, but also as a means by which to catalyze student opinion.

If you agree or disagree with any opinion you read in the OUR TAKE you can respond in the Peay Says, which is posted weekly online (www.theallstate.com). ♦

TAS says goodbye to graduating staff

Graduating, but not gone

Farewell undergrad, hello grad school!

This is a difficult article for me to write. I have been a member of *The All State* staff since Spring 2006.

Some of you know more about me than others. For me, school has been more than just an education. I started August 2005 and by October I was going through a divorce. I have two teenage kids. Yeah I know, I don’t look old enough to have them, and the divorce made me a single mom.

The best part about school is all of the friends I have made. Age is not a factor, as I have friends who are 18 and friends who are older than I am. I not only got an education from APSU professors, but from my fellow students as well. It was my friends that got me through my undergrad time here with all the trials and tribulations thrown my way.

I survived a divorce, my mother almost dying, health issues, oh yeah, and living with two teenage kids — the verdict is out on the survival of that one — classes, midterms and finals. Because of the love and support of my friends currently here at *TAS*, the ones that have graduated before me and all of you that give me love each day, I am graduating Dec. 12.

This day has arrived faster than I thought it would, and I am a mix of emotions. I am excited and scared at the same time. I love school. I wish I had the passion for school when I was young I have now; things might have been different. If they had been different, then I wouldn’t have met all of you and had my life blessed by all my sweet, silly, wild, eclectic and



Lois Jones



Aimee Reyes

loving friends. I wouldn’t trade a moment, because I am richer for my experiences and my friends. I need to mention my family here as well. My mother has always been my rock, my sister picks up my slack (and my kids), and my kids sacrifice for me to succeed. Thank you family!

The one thing I didn’t know I would have such a passion for is our school newspaper and those who I work with now and in the past. We are a family. We laugh, we cry, we fight, we celebrate each others’ successes and pick each other up when things seem unmanageable. We have each others backs. We also produce a fine paper once a week for you to enjoy.

I have learned a lot about myself there, and they have learned way too much about me. Monday nights are something to behold, and I am glad I have been a part of them for so long.

I also learned that I was a closet sports freak. Thank you Titans training camp for showing me that I love to shoot sports. I love our athletes. I am not leaving my teams. Coach Loos, I hope you will let me keep my spot on the sidelines, as I have become addicted to all our Govs.

This is an end to my undergrad life. Somewhere along the way, maybe after seeing grad students getting their hoods, I decided to go to Grad School.

December brings an end to my undergrad career, but January starts the beginning of my graduate one. I am coming back in January as a grad student with my future career still a mystery to me. Watch out *TAS*, I may never leave. How many years can you be a guest writer?

Thank you everyone, my *TAS* family, friends, professors, faculty and staff. Thank you APSU, I love my school. Thank you Mom, Diana, Morgan, Nick, and my family. I love you! ♦

Don’t settle, pursue your passions

This year has been one of great change for me. I got engaged January 3, married August 16 and am set to graduate December 12. Starting college, I didn’t think for a second it would go by so fast, or that I would come out the other side such a changed person.

As a freshman, I was unsure of myself, terrified of failing and unwilling to speak my mind. Three and a half years later I’ve learned to overcome both my uncertainty and fear of failing. I still hesitate to speak my mind though, even if it is only for 15 seconds.

I can say for a fact working for *The All State* has been a definite turning point in my life. Working under pressure at different times as a staff writer and as Perspectives and Features editor, I have learned not to stress so much about the things I can’t control. When a source doesn’t respond to an e-mail or a writer doesn’t turn in an article on time, there really isn’t anything to do but roll with the punches and keep moving.

At first it was difficult to approach

complete strangers, ask them questions and write a 500 word article about it in less than an hour. Most people would label this as torture — to me it became enjoyable. The demands of being an editor can be tedious at times as well, but if given the chance to go back and do it all over again, I wouldn’t hesitate (though I would do quite a few things differently).

How many people can really say they love their job? It’s easy to get sidetracked in college. Many people follow career paths they think will lead to money and happiness, but after that diploma hits their hand they are left trudging to work wishing they were doing something completely different.

My greatest piece of advice to give to undergraduates is to find the one or two things that thrill them more than anything and pursue a career in them. “But what if it doesn’t pay a lot?” some might say. The way I look at it, you’ve only got one life to live; why spend it doing things you hate for money you can’t take with you? Pursue the things you love — join the club you’ve been thinking about, go on that school-sponsored trip you think would be really fun. Don’t let your fear of branching out keep you from enjoying your college years. You can’t ever go back to redo what you might’ve done. Keep that in mind next semester and in the years to come. ♦



DUSTIN KRAMER / ART DIRECTOR

‘It takes a village to produce an undergrad’

To borrow from an African proverb, it takes a village to produce an undergraduate. My experience is no different. I owe those who’ve helped me along the way, and I am forever indebted.

My journey at APSU has been a winding one. I entered APSU a naïve working-class kid who could barely identify a five-paragraph expository essay, let alone construct one.



Kasey Henricks

Now I’m graduating, and I still can’t write a five-paragraph essay, but I’ll keep trying.

My time at *The All State* has given me the opportunity to polish my writing and explore the craft of journalism. During the past three years, I’d like to think I’ve practiced journalism providing agency to those without voice, putting truth to power and striving for what is right and just. My writings advocate social justice, and I am truly grateful to *TAS* for providing such an opportunity.

For my achievements throughout the last three years, I thank those around me. I am indebted to numerous friends, peers and mentors, and must acknowledge several in particular. First, I thank my friends at *TAS*. These committed journalists have provided me a space to work out and talk through my ideas. They rarely hesitated to give feedback. I am truly grateful for the growing experiences I’ve shared with my newspaper friends. They are some of the best friends anyone could ask for.

One friend I met at the paper deserves specific mention: Dave Campbell. Through tough times and good, Dave has been a true friend providing support, friendship and respect. He is a friend who’s always there, and someone whom I can talk to about anything, anytime.

Another group that’s been especially supportive is APSU’s department of sociology. Always open to discussion, these folks have given me invaluable advice and have rigorously critiqued my work, helping with much of my intellectual growth. My special thanks to professors Tucker Brown, David Steele, Roxanne Gerbrandt and

Shirley Rainey.

Also, specific mention to professor Yvonne Prather: Her day-to-day actions and dedication to students are a continued source of inspiration and hope.

Perhaps no other mentor has helped me along my intellectual journey more than Robert Butler. Professor Butler has served as an intellectual model, living by what he knows is right and true rather than what is expected and professional. I give my utmost thanks to him and likeminded others who choose to be the active change they want to see in the world.

Special mention goes to my family. I am a product their encouragement and support. My sister Kelley deserves special thanks, as she has taught me to stay true to myself and follow my hopes and dreams.

My aunt Joan is another person deserving thanks. She has always been a second mother to me and has provided continual words of guidance, and we’ve shared many good conversations.

Without bottomless love and encouragement from my parents, I may not be near graduation today. My parents have constantly supported my education, though many times not quite understanding my desires or scholarly pursuits. I’m truly appreciative for their support nonetheless.

My father has seriously impacted my journalistic instincts, and in general, my perspective on life. From an early age, I was instilled with a healthy dose of skepticism, especially for power. My mom is a hard-worker whose dedication and ambition are unmatched. In the past three years, I have attempted to channel these qualities to my work, using skepticism and ambition as driving forces behind my investigative journalism.

To my wife, Lisa, I’m thankful for her continued emotional, spiritual and intellectual support. Through and through, she has kept me grounded and centered. Her patient tenderness and words of wisdom have kept me in tune with life’s priorities. Together, we are thinkers, doers and dreamers, and I impatiently anticipate our road ahead.

For all of this, and much more, I am truly grateful. ♦

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Gifts of Christmas

Nine gift ideas for the holidays

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1: Making cookies as presents not only saves money, but also shows time and effort went into the gift.

2: Spend time playing a game with your children instead of waiting hours in line to see Santa.

3: Don't be afraid to show Christmas spirit, go to a nursing home and sing carols.

4: Shop for those in need instead of those in want.

5: Buy common ornaments, like bulbs, at a dollar store. It won't hurt your wallet as much when they break.

6: To really customize your Christmas (and save money), make your own ornaments out of supplies from a craft store.

7: Make the effort to see local Christmas light displays, whether they are lights on Riverside or your neighbor's down the street.

8: Wine makes a great gift when thought is put behind it. Find a bottle from a specific year for those celebrating an important anniversary.

9: No matter what anyone says, gift cards do make great gifts if they are given with thought to the preference of the person receiving it.

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Congratulations
to APSU's
December
graduates

and
Happy Holidays
to our readers

From
the **all** state
staff

'A Christmas Story' celebrates 25th anniversary

Associated Press

CLEVELAND, OH—Fans of the holiday classic "A Christmas Story" are celebrating the film's 25th anniversary with a convention and trips to the house where the movie was made.

The 1983 film, an adaptation of Jean Shepard's memoir of a boy in the 1940s, was set in Indiana but largely filmed in Ohio. The movie starred Peter Billingsley as Ralphie Parker, a young boy determined to get a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

The film was a modest theatrical success, but critics

loved it. It eventually joined "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th Street" as a Christmas cult classic.

"It's a film about being a kid and looking back," said Brian Jones, who owns the house where the movie was shot and the neighboring museum dedicated to the film.

About 4,000 fans are attending the convention at Cleveland's Renaissance Hotel, where they'll meet some of the film's actors, watch three documentaries made about the film and see the original 1938 fire truck from a famous scene in the movie involving a child's tongue stuck to a frozen

pole.

"It is unbelievable that a movie has touched the lives of millions of families," said Phil Gillen, son of the late actor Jeff Gillen who played the movie's worn-out Santa Claus. He traveled from Miami with his family to attend the convention.

Avid fans Mark and Becky Tompkins also traveled to the meetup with their children, Madison, 9, and Brandon, 5.

"It's a Christmas movie that you can watch and relate to," Mark Tompkins said. "Everyone, whether they want to admit it or not, really wanted a special gift one holiday." ♦



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Left: The house where Ralphie lived in the movie "The Christmas Story" has been turned into a museum.

Below: Visitors at "The Christmas Story" Museum touch the leg lamp made famous by the movie.



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Generational gaps bridged at APSU

By TANGELIA CANNON
Staff Writer

Like many college students, Michael Coleman, a sophomore Internet technology major, never expected one day he would attend college with his mother and grandfather.

“During Michael’s senior year of high school, I realized that I would have a lot of free time,” said Mandy Coleman, Michael’s mother and fellow APSU student. “After thinking about it for a while, I decided to see how he would feel if I went back to school. After he told me that he was fine with it, I decided to apply.”

After finding out his mother wanted to go to school again, Michael Coleman was originally bothered by the idea.

“It was simply that I didn’t understand why she wanted to go back to school,” he said. “I wondered if it would be weird or if she wanted to simply keep an eye on me and my activities. However, after thinking about it, I decided that I was fine with it.”

Mandy Coleman

graduated from APSU in 1988 with her bachelor’s of business administration, and is currently working on her master’s in education, with a focus on 4th-8th grade mathematics.

While Mandy Coleman and her son work on their degrees, Bill Deason — Mandy Coleman’s father and Michael Coleman’s grandfather — is taking classes in computer programming and database management.

Deason, who graduated from APSU in 1963 with his bachelor’s and again in 1977 with his master’s, decided to come back to school at age 70. Having retired from teaching, he decided to go back to school to attend one more class.

“After talking with Dr. Myers, a friend from church, I decided to go back to school,” Deason said. “Dr. Myers helped me pick out the classes that I should take and gave me a great deal of help in getting enrolled in the class.”

“If it wasn’t for the help of Dr. Myers, Dr. Vandergriff, Dr. Smithfield, Randy Davidson, TJ Phillips, the

secretary in the computer science and mathematics, and the lab workers, coming back to school would have been a whole lot harder for me,” Deason said. “But because of them I have enjoyed this brand new college experience immensely.”

“School is a whole lot different from when I first attended. It seems like everything has changed,” Deason said. “There is so much more being offered on the Internet now. We didn’t have D2L, One Stop or even e-mail when I first attended school here,” Deason said. “The only hard thing about being in school is my retention [of information]. It takes me a lot longer than the average student to remember things.”

Mandy Coleman, who works as a secretary in APSU’s Middle College, feels as if “going to class as a non-traditional student is harder because of time management. I am taking six hours of graduate classes and working three jobs. I feel like the only thing I have time to do is work, go



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From left to right: Bill Deason, Mandy Coleman and Michael Coleman are all students at APSU. They represent three generations of family. Deason received both his bachelor’s and master’s at APSU, Mandy Coleman received her bachelor’s and is working on her master’s and Michael Coleman is working on his bachelor’s.

to class and study. I have lost the majority of my free time.”

“Despite the fact that I never thought I would attend school with my family, I really enjoy it,” Michael Coleman said. “It

is nice to see them around campus occasionally. We get together on Tuesdays and Thursdays to eat lunch together. Sometimes it is our only meal we share during the week, so it is nice,” he said. “I think it is great

that both my mother and grandfather have decided to come back to school and continue their education in order to do bigger and better things with their lives,” Michael Coleman said. ♦

‘Help an Elf’ program encourages holiday giving



Last year, APSU students took part in “Christmas for Kids,” a program similar to “Help an Elf” designed to provide help for families in need.

Above: APSU students escort children through Target to pick out Christmas presents for them.

Left: APSU students and the children they helped rest after a long day of shopping

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By ANGELA KENNEDY
Staff Writer

The Help an Elf Holiday Gift program gives APSU students and their families a reason to celebrate during the holiday season.

According to Vanessa Fountain, secretary of Student Affairs and coordinator of the event, the program has been at APSU for 12 years. It started out as a Project Serve program which helped income-eligible families in the community and evolved into the program it is now.

Each year, Student Affairs sends out information about the program and asks for names of students’ families who could use some help at Christmas. Once all the names have been submitted, Student Affairs determines whether or not all submissions qualify.

“This program allows everyone in the campus community to get involved in a way which serves other students’ needs,” Fountain said.

The purpose of the program is to provide

holiday gifts for the children of full-time students who are income eligible.

“Our goal is to assist as many families as we can,” Fountain said.

The program tries to provide assistance to as many families as possible, but priority is given to first-time participants.

“We send a letter to our returning applicants to let them know that they will be notified if their family is not adopted so that they will be able to make other arrangements,” Fountain said.

In the last 5 years, the program has helped at least 40 to 50 families with over 100 children each year, according to Fountain.

This year, over 40 students applied with about 95 children, Fountain said.

“We were prepared to have an extremely high volume of students to apply for the program this year; however, last year and the year before we saw our highest numbers of student applicants with numbers as high as 50 to 60,” Fountain

said.

The gifts for this program are provided by APSU faculty, staff and students. The number of families assisted by this program is dependent on the number of APSU groups, organizations, employees and departments willing to adopt families.

“Adopting a family through this program can be extremely rewarding for faculty, staff and students by providing a sense of community,” Fountain said.

If there is not enough university assistance for all families to be adopted, applicants will be notified. Thirteen families still need to be adopted this year. The deadline has been extended through Dec. 5.

“Many of our students are struggling financially and any assistance that the university can provide is greatly appreciated,” Fountain said.

To adopt a family, students can stop by the Student Affairs office, located in the Morgan University Center, room 206. ♦

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Rock band from Alabama has ‘means’ to rise to stardom

By RACHAEL HERRON
Staff Writer

BEITTHEMEANS, a Southern rock band based out of Birmingham, Ala., has brought a new feel to Music City, USA.

The band consists of Josh Jones, guitar/vocals; Casey Wilson, bass, and Nathan Kelley, drums. Together they create a sound that can’t be compared to any one band.

The Billy Block Show is a show that gives unsigned artists the opportunity to have air play for their music.

Just debuting on the Billy Block Show Sunday, Nov. 23, Billy Block described BEITTHEMEANS as, “A mix of Lynard Skynard and Led Zeppelin.”

Though his description may be correct, their musical roots run much deeper.

Their repertoire of blues, Southern rock, classic rock and metal all jumbled into one.

Most of their songs start out with a Southern rock feel, but the deeper you get into them the more they change. They move from heavy metal guitar chords reminiscent of Metallica to



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BEITTHEMEANS, a Southern rock band from Alabama, has been described as “a mix of Lynard Skynard and Led Zeppelin.”

bluesy guitar riffs similar to The Doors.

“Day of the Dog,” their debut song on the Billy Block Show, demonstrates this musical cocktail they call BEITTHEMEANS.

“Day of the Dog” starts off with funky bass and a bluegrass/bluesy guitar picking.

Jones’s raspy voice has the screech of Robert Plant, the clarity of Chris Robinson and the metal yell of James Hetfield.

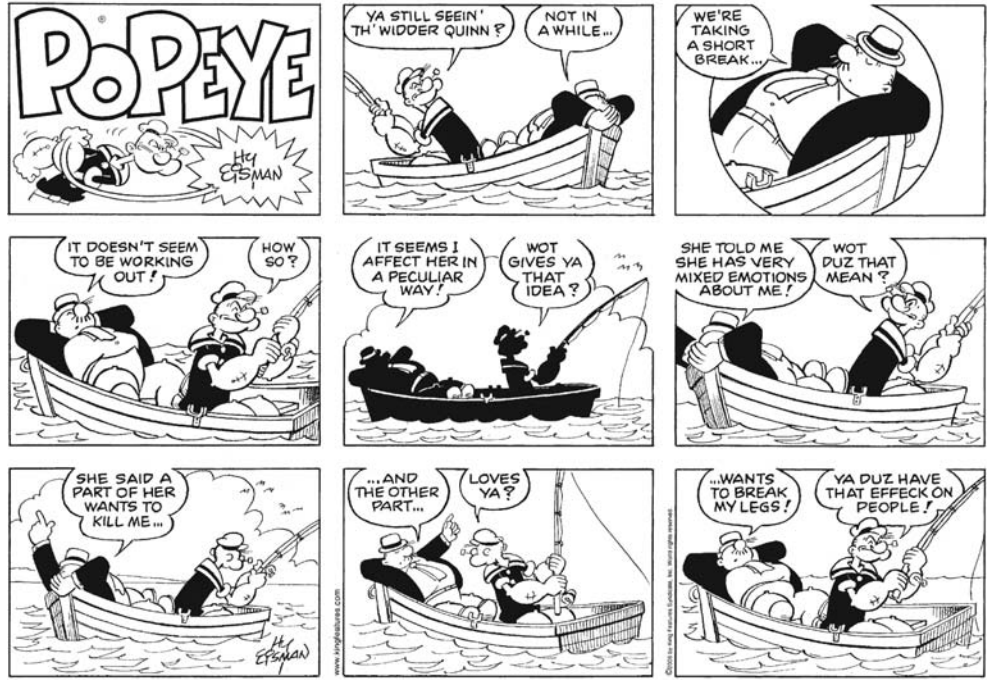
The lyrics recollect a Jim Morrison-feel as they talk about washing their sins and repeat, “drink your whiskey dry.”

Like most rock

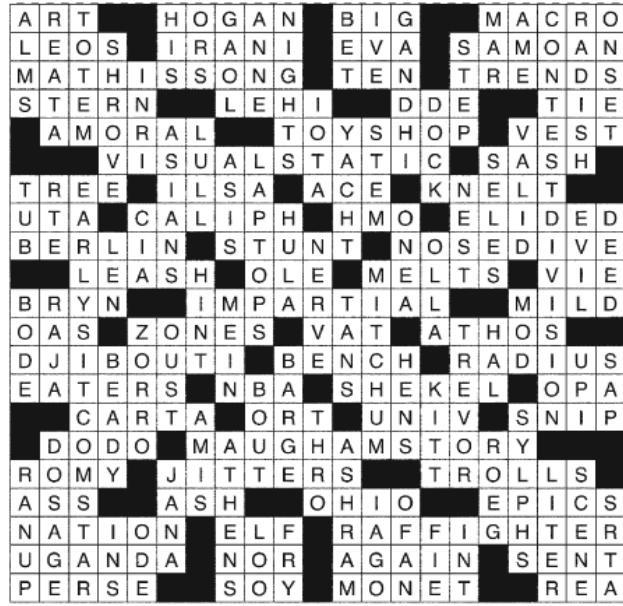
bands, they have a metal breakdown. This is where BEITTHEMEANS is phenomenal. On top of a heavy metal breakdown, they have a melodic undertone. Ending with the blues guitar and Jones repeating “drink your whiskey dry,” similar to “Roadhouse Blues.”

You can check them out on MySpace and at their Web site www.beitthemmeans.net.

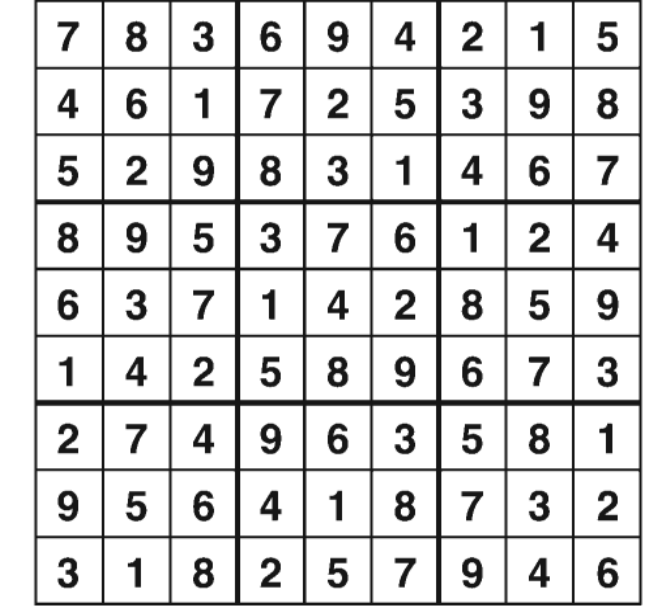
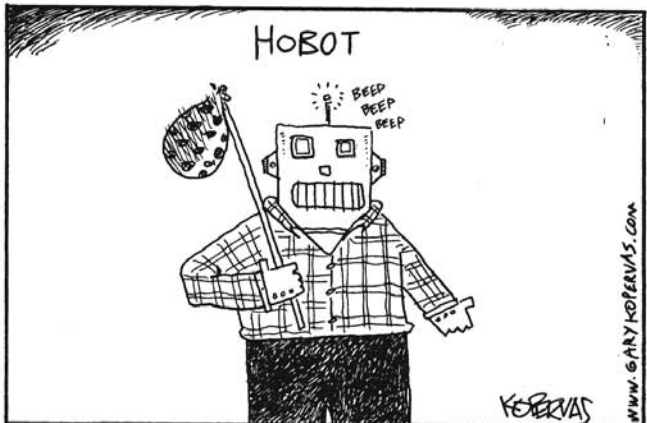
The Billy Block Show is every Tuesday at The Cadillac Ranch and airs every Sunday for his “locals only” show on 103 WKDF. For more information on the Billy Block Show check out www.billyblock.com. ♦



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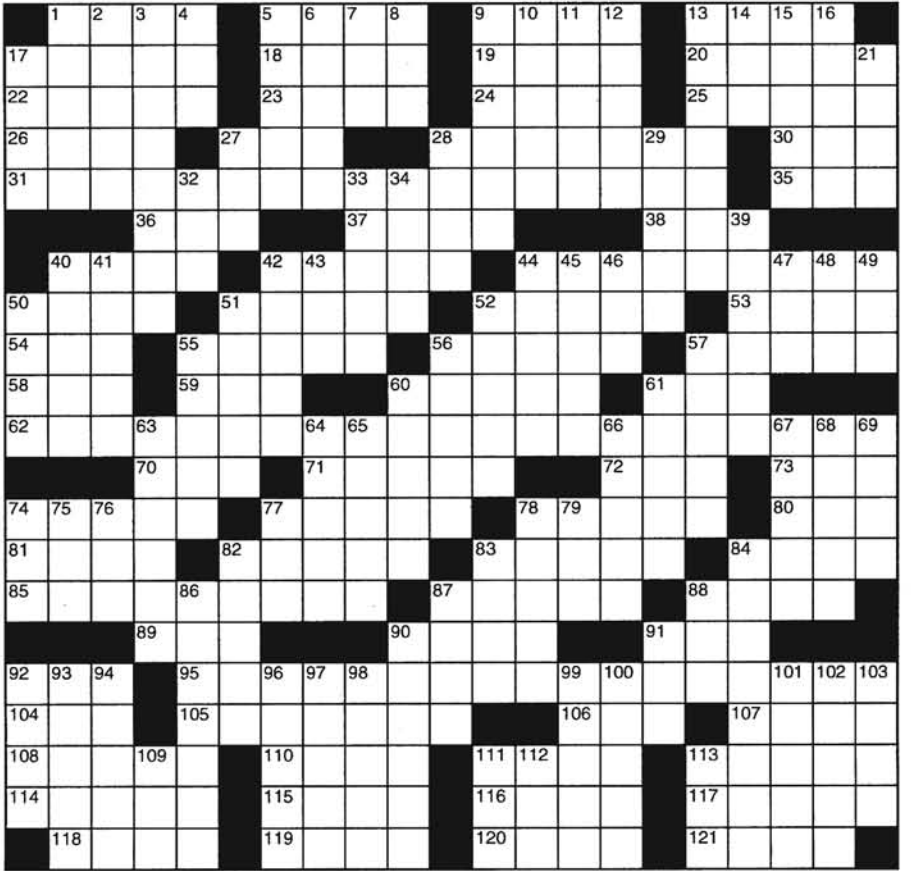
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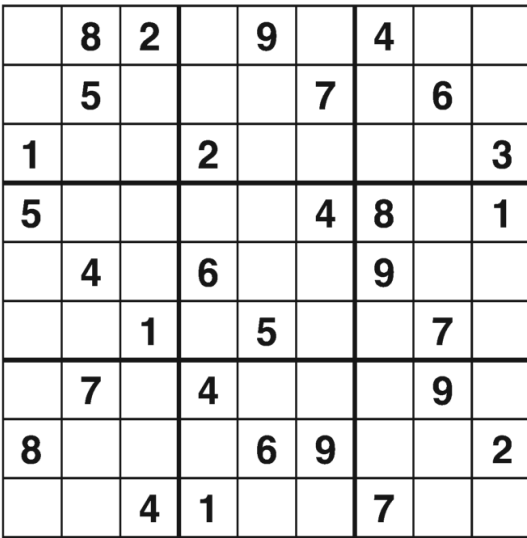
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by Linda Thistle



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Basketball

Govs snap Eagles' winning streak, 77-66



Wes Channels puts up the layup for the quick score against Lambuth. Channels scored 16 points against Georgia Southern.

Govs improve to 3-2 in regular season

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Staff Writer

The Govs men's basketball team traveled to take on Georgia Southern Saturday, Nov. 29. In the return game of last season's ESPNU BracketBuster Saturday series, the Govs won 77-66, snapping the Eagles 25 home game winning streak dating back to 2002. Georgia Southern fell to 2-3, losing to the Govs for the second straight year. The Govs defeated Georgia Southern for the sixth straight time and hold an 8-1 lead in

the series between the two teams.

The Govs came out firing in the contest, trailing only twice during the game. The game included a 20-4 run with a pair of 3-pointers by Kyle Duncan and one by freshman Anthony Campbell that put the Govs up, 32-15.

The Govs came out re-energized early in the second half building a 14-point lead. Georgia Southern forced the Govs into turnovers and quickly sliced the deficit to single digits.

Every time the Eagles made a charge, Drake Reed answered with an offensive rebound basket. At one stretch, three Gov baskets came off Reed's offensive board work.

As Georgia Southern

trimmed the deficit to four points with 8:01 and to three with 6:46 remaining; a free throw by Caleb Brown and another bucket by Reed made it a seven-point contest, 64-57, with 5:47 left.

Georgia Southern wasn't able to get closer than four points in the game's remainder Channels' three with just under 1:30 left putting the final touches on the victory.

APSU shot an impressive 50.8 percent (31 of 61) from the floor while holding Georgia Southern to 43.3 percent (26 of 60). The Govs' only negative statistics were 18 turnovers and 7-of-13 free-throw shooting.

Channels finished with 16 points, three assists and four steals. Freshman Campbell went a perfect five-for-five from the floor to finish with

12 points, his first college double-figure scoring contest that included his first two college three pointers. He also had six rebounds.

Ernest Fields just missed his career's second double-double as he finished with 8 points to go with a game-high 12 rebounds. He would have joined Reed, who had his 12th career double-double, grabbing 10 rebounds to go with his 22 points.

Reed scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half for the Govs.

The Govs improved to 3-2 overall heading into the Ohio Valley Conference opener on the road Thursday, Dec. 4, at Southeast Missouri, Saturday, Dec. 6 they travel to face the Eastern Illinois Panthers.♦

Lady Govs drop two in Thanksgiving Tournament

By TYLER O'DONNELL
Staff Writer

After a win over Belmont University last Tuesday, the Lady Govs dropped both games at the Thanksgiving Tournament in Miami, Fla. This was the first time the team competed in the tournament since the 2005-2006 season.

The game against the Miami Hurricanes took place on Friday, Nov. 28. The Lady Hurricanes took the win 64-51. The Lady Govs got off to a fast start as they made their first four field goal attempts. They quickly were out to a 8-4 lead.

However, the Lady Govs missed the next 11 attempts. The Lady Hurricanes took quick advantage of the poor shooting and went on a 21-0 run. LaToya Cunningham and Shenise Johnson both played a major role in steamrolling the team ahead. Cunningham shot 7-12 from the field, while Johnson went 5-9.

The Lady Govs should get credit for never giving up as they went on a 19-9 run in the second half. The deficit was only seven with less than ten minutes to go. It was the closest the Lady Govs had been since the beginning of

the game. However, some fast break points helped seal the deal for the Lady Hurricanes. The Lady Govs did have some bright spots despite the loss. April Thomas had an impressive game offensively as she shot 7-10. Nicole Jamen led the team with three offensive rebounds and tied for the lead with seven defensive rebounds. Emily Pollack contributed six steals. The only source of 3s for the Lady Govs was from Salem Richardson, who went 3-5.

Overall, there were contributions from everybody in the game, but

the Lady Govs could not find a way to win, something they have struggled with since the beginning of the season. Their record dropped to 2-3. They had less than 12 hours to prepare for their next game, against the Chicago State Lady Cougars. The Lady Cougars, who were coming off a loss to Santa Clara, had to find a way to get back on track also. The Lady Govs helped them with that turnaround with 32 turnovers. The Lady Cougars took advantage and scored 31 points off those turnovers. That was a big factor in the Lady Govs loss 62-53.

In the first half, the Lady Govs did a good job of hanging around. They avoided going down by double digits. That was not the case in the beginning of the second half when they quickly fell behind by 13 points. Like the game against Miami, the Lady Govs staged a rally. They had nine straight points of their own to cut the lead to four. Momentum was on the side of the Lady Govs. In the next five minutes, both sides were not able to score more than one basket. By eliminating turnovers and converting easy baskets, the

Lady Cougars were able to slow down the Lady Govs and eventually take the 62-53 win.

Freshman Whitney Hanley led the Lady Govs with 11 points. Thomas had another nice game, with 10 points and nine rebounds. The Lady Govs won the rebounding battle but struggled overall in converting second-chance points.

The next game for the Lady Govs will be on the road against Southeast Missouri Thursday, Dec. 4 followed by a game Saturday against Eastern Illinois.♦

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Games over the break

Dec. 13 - Govs at Louisville; Lady Govs vs SIU Edwardsville

Dec. 16 - Lady Govs at MTSU

Dec. 17-19 - Govs at Jim Thorpe Classic

Dec. 20 - Lady Govs at Alabama

Dec. 22 - Govs vs Belmont

Dec. 28 - Lady Govs at Elon

Dec. 29 - Govs vs Oakland City

Dec. 30 - Lady Govs at North Carolina

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FALL SPORTS APSU

By MARLON SCOTT
Managing Editor

From trying to find the right words to convey the sound of a bone-crunching tackle to struggling to capture the split second a player's hand strikes a volleyball for an impressive kill on film, covering sports is not easy. However, we at *The All State*, strive to do our best every semester.

Ideally, we would have an army of talented writers and flawless photographers ready and waiting to cover every event involving APSU athletes.

For the effort they expend in competition representing APSU in various sports, they deserve it. But the reality is we have a small group

of people who love sports enough to spend whatever free time they have between classes covering whatever sporting event they can get to.

Every semester we regret what we couldn't get to and strive to improve our skills on what we did cover. It is with this in mind that we end each semester with a spread of photos reflecting our efforts. We couldn't travel to the many courses where the men and women's golf team putted on the greens. But we did watch as the Lady Govs soccer all-time leading scorer, Ashley Beck, battle with her teammates to four wins.

We read the releases from APSU Sport Information

about our cross country team's running prowess. However, we witnessed the Govs' second season of football back in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Before we rubbed our hands together in anticipation of another great Govs basketball season, we gladly typed about the surprising success of the Lady Govs volleyball team.

As usual, the fall sports season was filled with ecstatic highs and ego smashing lows. For those who could not witness the running, kicking, spiking, booing and cheering in person, we hope *The All State* was a sufficient substitute. Thank you from the sports pages of *The All State*. ♦



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Sophomore Kellie Cannon controls the ball for a pass against the Arkansas Razorbacks. Cannon had 11 shots on goal for the season.



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Top: The Lady Govs huddle during intermission before going back into play.
Right: Junior Stephanie Champine goes up for one of her many kills during the season. Champine leads her team with 405 kills and 1135 total attacks.
Bottom: Trent Caffee evades the Southeast Missouri defender to rush for the touchdown. Caffee completed 63 passes for 732 yards for the season.



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Top: Cross Country Govs Ryan Sexton and Tim Hall lead the pack. Hall had two top 10 finishes this fall season, while Sexton added one.
Left: Lady Gov Bertha Castillo races to the finish line. Castillo had five top 10 finishes and one top 20 finish for the fall season.