

HAITI RELIEF



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Credo Amouzouvik and other members of the HOMEFFA foundation drive through a street in Haiti where debris has been cleared.

APSU student helps Haitians



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A Haitian child wears a mask over his face to protect himself from airborne pathogens that may get him sick.

By JENELLE GREWELL
News Editor

Credo Amouzouvik, an APSU student and Togo native founded the HOMEFFA foundation in 2008. The mission of the

foundation is to collect clothing, food, school supplies and money to aid the less fortunate in Togo and the United States. However, recently after the earthquake disaster in Haiti, Amouzouvik

and a few members from the foundation flew from Miami to provide aid.

While in Haiti, the foundation distributed clothes, shoes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, food and water.

"The main thing I was touched by was that many people were wounded and were not able to see a doctor," Amouzouvik said.

He said every morning they would check on the wounded and change their dressings.

He said they ran out of supplies and returned to the United States to resupply. They are planning to return on Sunday, Feb. 14.

"I am proud of this town of Clarksville, because Clarksville has been doing a great job since this started," he said.

He said he has gotten a lot of help from the mayor, the Kennedy Law firm and many area churches.

During the interview, Amouzouvik received a check from Faith Outreach Church. After receiving the check, along with several greetings and well wishes, a few members of the church joined hands in prayer around Amouzouvik and prayed for the continuation of his aid to those in Haiti.

He said mainly the churches

in the Clarksville area have been helping but he said more help needs to come from the community and APSU.

As of Wednesday, Feb. 3, the HOMEFFA foundation has collected 48 boxes of supplies and they still have medical supplies coming in.

Amouzouvik said it all comes back to money because they need money to cargo the supplies to Haiti.

"On the last trip we spent a little over \$6,000 and we don't even have one-third of that right now, and now we have more stuff to take over there than we had the first time."

He said the boxes include clothes and medical supplies such as band-aids, antibiotic ointments and over the counter medication.

"The hardest thing is the condition they are living in. I will tell you the first night

we all broke out in tears," he said, noting they are living in horrible conditions around the smell of trash and burned bodies.

He said the area they went to is called Carrefour, which had not received help besides that from

the HOMEFFA foundation.

"We made them a promise that we would be back in no more than two weeks and we will do our best to whatever we can."

He said most of the homes in the neighborhoods he went through have to be torn down and rebuilt because of cracks in them, and it will soon be the rainy season.

"I would hate to see those people outside, on the street, in the rain because they cannot go back into those houses. It will be heart breaking to hear that somebody just wanted to take shelter from the rain and go back home but get crushed by a building."

He said at night, people sleep in the streets and create barricades out of barrels, tires and big rocks to keep cars from coming through. He said people lie on the ground and sleep on the bare concrete.

He said the HOMEFFA foundation is seeking tent donations for shelter from the rainy season to donate tents. "I do not want to, but I cannot help but think about the

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Johnson becomes new VP of Academic Affairs

By KELLY LORENSEN
Guest Writer

On Sunday, Feb. 7, APSU will proudly welcome a new and accomplished assistant vice president of Academic Affairs, Brian Johnson.

Johnson was chosen due to his strong background in leadership and education, and his work with students in and out of the classroom.

Johnson was the former chief of staff in the President's Office at Johnson C. Smith University in North Carolina. Along with his duties as the chief of staff, Johnson was also an associate professor of the English/Honors college core faculty.

As the new assistant vice president of Academic Affairs, Johnson will be aiding Tristan Denley, the vice president of Academic Affairs and provost.

"I am looking forward to creating a great partnership with Johnson, and the things we shall accomplish together. We seem to be very like minded," said Denley.

Johnson's position as the

assistant vice president of Academic Affairs includes a great deal of duties imperative to upholding the standards of APSU.

He will be in charge of the coordination of various programs, upholding policies, and dealing with student issues as well.

"Johnson has an immense amount of responsibility waiting for him here," said Denley.

"If I have an idea, he will be the one to coordinate it and make sure that we follow all regulations required of us."

Of his new position at APSU, Johnson has stated he is looking forward to "assisting Dr. Denley and the entire academic affairs staff in service to Austin Peay's students, faculty and staff."

In addition to his many responsibilities at JCSU, Johnson has a strong and impressive resume of academic accomplishments.

He earned his Ph.D. in English from the University of South Carolina in 2003,

his Master of Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1998 and his Bachelor of Arts from JCSU in 1995.

Prior to being the associate vice president of English at JCSU, he served as an associate professor of English and the founding director of Jonathan Jasper Wright Institute for the study of Southern African American History at Clafin University in Orangeburg, S.C.

Johnson has also received such distinctions as the W.E.B. Dubois Institute of African/American Research at Harvard University and is known for co-organizing "Christ in Contemporary Cultures: A Cultural Studies" Conference at Gordon College. From this he was awarded the Lilly Fellowship/Center for Christian Studies Fellowship.

In addition to co-authoring "The Yancy Years: The Age of Infrastructure, Technology

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Campus broadens to keep up with growing student population

By KELLY BROWN
Guest Writer

APSU campus expands alongside its student body as construction continues.

Although undesirable weather conditions have delayed construction, Director of Facilities Planning and Projects, Al Westerman, believes construction will get back on schedule.

The construction projects include the Chemical Engineering Technology facility, the new undergraduate dorm and construction on the Morgan University Center.

The CETF project is expected to be finished by Fall 2010. The undergraduate dorm is scheduled to be completed about the middle of the 2011 summer semester and open for business in Fall 2011.

The construction in the basement of the MUC is expected to be completed in early March and usable before the end of March, according to Andy Kean, Director of University



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The construction of the dorms on the corner of Marion and Drane Streets has progressed with all the ground being dug up and leveled off.

Facilities.

Once the CETF project is completed, students will be able to train for an Associate's Degree in chemical engineering technology preparing them to work at the Hemlock Semiconductor plant that will be constructed at

the Commerce Park in Clarksville. Construction worker Walter Robinson said, "It's not big enough. There's not enough work. [I'm] glad for the work but it's not big enough."

The plant is expected to employ 1,000 construction project workers during the course of the construction.

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Americans reluctant to change, health care reform

Megan Ryan
Guest Writer

President Obama called for mass change in 2008 when he was vying for votes. The American people took hold of this idea of rapid change, and almost immediately jumped on the bandwagon. The inauguration was an explosion of welcome and the entire world stopped and listened. But is that all the American people expected? Were they really not hoping their new President would follow through? Let us realize that it is time for change. As a country that the rest of the world looks towards for input on foreign policies and the global economy, we must realize that health care is a vital credential to staying in the game. Sixty-nine other countries throughout the world have had a public option for decades, yet

medicare was as far as America ever progressed. Although there are numerous health care bills floating through Congress, the general public does not take the time to read them. If they did, they might be presently surprised. Public option would ensure the 36 million uninsured would be able to get the medical treatment they so desperately need. Public option extends to all Americans, and basic coverage, including preventative care, would be provided to the people at a significantly low cost. Due to the lack of health insurance, 17,000 children have died over the past decade, according to the Associated Press. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act would also force insurance companies to lower their premiums, allowing for competition within health

insurance companies in order to attract the anyone looking for affordable coverage. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act would take over the responsibility of health care and ensure that it would be more economical to both the United States as well as to its citizens. Not only will the government take over responsibility of providing Americans with health care, but it will also strive to improve the health care facilities by providing more jobs in the field. Doctors working for the government would be paid competitive wages and be insured a career. The benefits of this bill are seemingly sound, so why are many member of Congress and, according to pollster.com, 58 percent of the American people fighting this bill to the ground? Could it possibly be that many

people are just simply not ready for change, even though so many desperately need this as their only option? Also, many Americans are being fed information about the bill that is simply not correct. This is partly due to media corporations bending the information that the American people are actually getting. The weariness of Americans regarding the The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is also due to a extreme bipartisanship that is plaguing congress at this current time. Republicans are working closely with insurance companies to ensure it is that much harder for democrats to get insurance companies on board about the proposed bill. Sen. Bill Nelson (R-NE) has even come before the press to express his harsh feelings about the The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, saying that “Nebraskans

don’t want a special deal, they want good policy. They don’t believe the Federal Government is the answer to every problem and they don’t like backroom deals.” Feeding the public words such as “backroom deals” can lead to more distrust among the American people, thus trying to prevent the bill that much more. It is time that differences are set aside and work for the good of the American people is done. I’m beginning to wonder what it will take for Congress to listen and realize the majority of knowledgeable people believe the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is a huge step in the right direction towards reforming America. Not only would America become a more responsible nation, but more importantly, the act would actually ensure that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness remain intact. ♦

Your Take: “What did you think of the Unity Celebration event?”



“I thought it showed a lot of unity in the student body. I personally agree with it and every love is wonderful!”
— Natalie Nowicki, sophomore pre-med major



“I really enjoyed Judy Shepard. Great speech, had excellent ideas. As far as my reaction, I was really empowered by how to eliminate crimes and to go against hate in all forms because I think we should love others, not hate others.”
— Ronald Hester, junior social work major



“I thought it was really good. I went with a couple of my friends and she spoke on how we need to stop being so violent and stop discrimination. You shouldn't have to hide who you are to society.”
— Karrisra Carver, sophomore accounting major




“I thought Judy Shepard was inspiring. Gays, lesbian, bisexual and transgender should all have the same rights as us. Informing our representatives that this is what a lot of people are wanting.”
— James Swafford, senior political science and history major



“I think Judy Shepard’s speech was amazing. As she was talking I was aware of the laws that were added, of the anti-hate law. I wasn’t aware of the changing of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” I also was not aware that we were in such an important time in history because things are changing and I didn’t realize I am changing.”
— Nykkiesha Starr, senior Spanish major

This week in ridiculous: from banking woes to USC recruiting


Jess Nobert
Senior Staff Writer

Since last week was a certified slow news week in my world, I thought it would only be fitting to come back this week with a few more stories than usual. Twitter took some heat last week from George Packer, a writer at The New York Times, who basically said Twitter “is an image from information hell.” Well, I guess it’s safe to say Packer doesn’t tweet? It’s not just that this writer expresses his desire to yell “stop” every time he hears about Twitter, it’s that this story was re-tweeted over 700 times, and that’s how everyone heard about it – including myself. I guess if you can’t embrace social networking, you should just expect to be the subject of laughter across these types of media. Which brings me to my next story. Last week, Facebook.com celebrated six wonderful years on the Web. I, as many of my peers, have been writing on walls for over four years, and we have seen many designs and layouts come and go throughout those few short years. But with this B-day, also came some major Heidi Montag-esque face-lifting. The Facebook, as it was originally called, will try to tie in the search feature a little tighter to the interface, but many things seem to still work the same. Of course, as of press time, mine had not switched, but I have caught a glimpse of my neighbor’s new page, and I’ve read the complaints and compliments in my own news feed. When it happens to you – and it will happen to you – just take a deep breath and know this: many of us have been facebooking for years and a change is about as consistent as the weather in Clarksville; you just can’t prepare for it. A good friend of mine is a solid source for news, and though her name isn’t Twitter or Facebook, Google, CNN or the AP, I still take a lot of what she has to say as if it will

impact my life. But when she sends me the same stories I have just read on Twitter or any of the above mentioned news sources, I know she’s good for me. I was just about to send the story about how former Bank of America CEO Ken Lewis was being indicted on civil charges following what the New York Attorney General called “misleading investors about Merrill Lynch before [Bank of America]

“13-year-old David Sills, a middle school QB in Delaware, committed to play college football at USC.”

acquired it.” According to the article from the Huffington Post, “Bank of America has been accused of failing to properly disclose losses at Merrill Lynch and bonuses paid to investment bank employees before the deal closed.” But here’s what gets me. Last year, the government bailed out the bank with tax payers’ money and they are still making the same kind of poor choices. But that’s not the worst part. They still have all those funds, and I can’t log into my online banking. Like I asked the bank representative after they started charging me for my free Keep the Change account, did we not give them enough hand out money to keep these things from happening? And when is all of this going to be over? I would rather know that people are being denied for home loans rightfully instead of hearing any more about how these executives have denied our rights to a fair checking account because all they care about is getting that little green piece of paper at the end of the day: your dollar. I cannot, however, say I was surprised when I heard that story, but it just made me more sure of my decision to change banks as soon as I get home. Though this last news isn’t about the bank, it might be the most ridiculous story I’ve come across in a long time. 13 year-old David Sills, a middle school QB in Delaware, committed to play college football at USC. (Cue Land Kiffin bashing now...) According to David, he has always “dreamed of going to school at USC.” Seriously? How can this kid in the 7th grade know where he wants to go to college? And



better yet, how are he and Kiffin so confident this little guy is even going to score high enough on his SAT and in his high school classes to even get in? When I was 13, I wanted to be a doctor. At 14, I thought I wanted to go to UT. At 15, I had no clue what I wanted to do, and it wasn’t until I was almost 17 that I even found APSU, where I obviously chose not to pursue a career in medicine. So how can this kid be so set? I guess we will really find out in 2015, as the article from ESPN.com says, when he can actually sign his letter of intent. So after my ridiculousness from your side of the world, I will share a little story from mine. Over the weekend, one of my Canadian friends and I went for a hike up the mountain behind our residence. Now, I would call it by what it really is, a hill, but that makes it sound too wimpy. When it is covered by three feet of snow, I think it can be classified as a mountain, even if it is just temporarily. On our walk back down we found a clear trail; we were almost back to our dorm when we saw a little blue car on the road. There were

two others behind it, but this one seemed to be having a little trouble. It wasn’t moving, and after a minute of sitting there, the cars behind backed down the hill and went around. This little blue car – I’d tell the make and model, but it’s European and I’m still learning those – is just stuck on the road. The driver tries to accelerate, but no luck; it just spins on the snow. Then a few more cars come up and go around. But then comes the bus. Oh, the bus. Now the bus is a little bigger than the cars that came up and around before so the driver just pulls up behind and waits. Not long after, my friend and I are crossing the street, but we turn back to see what came next. The driver opened the door and people got excited bus. They walked up to the car and opened the door. I guess they wanted to help, because not long after, a few people hopped out of the car and more off the bus and helped to push the blue obstacle off the road. Here’s what gets me. If you think you might have some trouble driving on the snow and ice covered roads, get some snow tires, or better yet, just stay home. ♦

New Asian spot brings cheap, quality cuisine to campus

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If you’re not looking to pay \$10 for a buffet and want a cheap, good meal for yourself, look no further.”

By DEVON ROBINSON
Sports Editor

Raise your hand if you’ve been waiting for a new and affordable restaurant to pop up near campus. Don’t be ashamed to raise it, because your wish has been granted. Brand New China King is now open at 132 University Ave. for dine-in, take-out and delivery. You read correctly—delivery; a place that close to campus will deliver to your dorm.

The brand New China King opened Friday, Jan. 15, in at a close location for APSU students, near Sorvinos and University Landing. Andy and Quing Mao, owners of the

restaurant, wanted to have a restaurant close to campus that was both and of quality. Andy Mao also owns China King Buffet, located on 122 Dover Crossing and has been with the restaurant since 1998.

The menu offers an arrangement different dishes cooked by the four to five chefs. The hours of the eatery are 11 a.m to 10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and 11 a.m to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Brand New China King operates in a New York-style take-out and delivery service. When you walk in, you can see the restaurant is very reminiscent of what you may see

in larger cities. Inside you can see imported masks from China that are said to ward off negative spirits. The style is very to-the-point, but quiet and quaint enough for a calm meal after a long day of studying or work.

You’re probably saying, “ok, the place is affordable, but is it good?” Without much hesitation I would say yes the food is very good, especially for the price. My favorite dish is the traditional General Tso’s Chicken, and I have been there often enough for this dish for the cashier to literally offer frequent flier miles. I paid \$4.97 for the meal with my 10 percent APSU discount which also came with a drink to boot. It was enough food

to keep me full for lunch time and to save some dinner. Yes, it is that much food.

The menu offers traditional Chinese dishes, appetizers, soups, different types of fried rice, chow mein, chop suey, seafood, chef’s specialties and much more.

The food is fresh and is made to order. Even if orders are coming in during closing time, the chefs will not leave until all orders are done.

If you’re not looking to pay \$10 for a buffet and want a cheap, good meal for yourself, look no further than Brand New China King right around the corner from our very own campus. ♦

Brand New China King, located at 132 University, Ave. opened in January. With a traditional Chinese menu, the restaurant offers a 10 percent discount for APSU students and delivers to campus.



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Valentines on a budget? *The All State* has the answer

By CHASITY WEBB
Staff Writer

With Valentine’s Day just a few days away, it’s time to start planning that romantic evening for your special someone. There are a lot of options to choose from, including those that cost big bucks. But not to worry. There is something romantic for every budget.

Italian cuisine

Maybe your date loves Italian food and you’d love to treat them to the most romantic Italian meal they’ve ever experienced. Now, if money is not a problem take your date to Carrabba’s Italian Grill, located in Nashville, Tenn. Not only do they have a full four-course menu but they also have a huge wine selection and the atmosphere is “magnifico.” You can give their menu a glance at www.carrabbas.com.

Alright, you have a good job, but spending a fortune on Italian food is just not an option. Try Olive Garden. With a fun and romantic atmosphere, Olive Garden is sure to please your date. The food is amazing and the service is outstanding. They have tons of dishes to choose from as well as all-you-can-eat house salad and bread sticks. Because there is a restaurant located in Clarksville, you can spend less on gas and more on food. Check their menu out at www.olivegarden.com.

So, you’re really on a budget? Why not make your own Italian dinner, light some candles, and play some soft music in the background. Nothing is more special than a meal cooked with your own hands. Why don’t you try one of Giada de Laurentiis’ recipes? Giada was born in Rome and is truly an expert in Italian cuisine. Her recipes can be found on www.foodnetwork.com and are labeled by their level of difficulty. You should give her linguine with chicken ragu a try. However, if you want to make sure to impress your date, you might want to give it a trial run first.

Asian flair

Not an Italian person? That’s not a problem. Japanese food is always a great alternative. If you are willing to fork out the bills, you should give Kobe Steaks Japanese Restaurant a try. They have a location in Nashville and are running a Valentine’s special: \$70 for two. This isn’t a one-course meal, either. You start with a shrimp appetizer, soup, salad and steamed rice. Then you move on to your filet mignon, lobster, and shrimp or lobster, jumbo shrimp



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and salmon, finally ending with the dessert of your choice. You can check them out at www.kobesteaks.net.

OK, so that’s a bit over your budget. Why don’t you visit Clarksville’s very own Kohana? The inside is decorated beautifully and the food is amazing. They have a full sushi menu as well as many Japanese favorites and the prices are very reasonable. When you are seated, you receive a warm towel to wash your hands with, but don’t mistake this place for an uppity type of restaurant. Kohana has a very laid-back atmosphere and it has great service. They don’t have a Web site, but every online review you read will tell you exactly how fantastic the food truly is.

You really can’t afford to go out? Order some take-out from Brand New China King Restaurant on University Avenue. In addition, you receive a 10 percent discount with your APSU ID. Then jazz up your place a little bit to create some romance and chow down on the delicious items China King has to offer. Check out *The All State’s* review of the new restaurant.

Arts and Entertainment

Maybe entertainment is more of a date to you than fine dining. If you want to treat your date to a real show, why not take them

to the Nashville Symphony? Famous pianist Jim Brickman will be filling the concert hall with love songs in honor of Valentine’s Day. You can purchase tickets online at www.nashvillesymphony.org.

Need to go a little cheaper? Take your loved one to a romantic movie. “Dear John” and “Valentine’s Day” are in theaters for the big day. Carmike is the closest theater to campus, located inside Governor’s Square Mall. However, Great Escapes 16, located on Tiny Town Road, usually has more showings available.

If you have an even smaller budget, try renting a couple of good romantic comedies from Redbox or Netflix? They always have a wide variety to choose from and their prices are outstanding. You can visit a local Redbox at a variety of locations or go online at www.redbox.com to locate a copy of the movie you want, or www.netflix.com ships the movies directly to you.

So whether you are spending your time together conversing over delicious food or snuggled up enjoying a wonderful show, you can find comfort in knowing that you are not broke when the next day rolls around. Enjoy your Valentine’s Day, make it memorable and share the love. ♦



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Top: Beth and Nick Smith, married 42 years, have been coming to Kelly’s Big Burger since Jan. 3, 1968.

Bottom: Check out tiles at your local Redbox for Valentine classics.

Tournées Festival comes to APSU this February

By ERIN UPSHAW
Guest Writer

Through the hard work of organizations like the International Student Organization, APSU supports a variety of multicultural events to help enrich its students.

This year, APSU will be home to the Tournées Festival, which was created by the French American Culture Exchange to help encourage colleges across the nation to kick off their own self-sustaining French film festivals.

Since its creation, the festival has partnered with hundreds of schools and exposed over 30,000 students to a new cultural experience. Annually, the festival distributes over \$200,000 to schools that show the films. This year, APSU was one of the recipients of the grants.

This year, The Tournées Festival will feature five full-length films, varying from 90 to 125 minutes in length, by five different directors. The films being shown this year combine different—mediums from animation to live action—along with different central themes and morals to create a truly unique

experience. The directors being featured this year are Michel Ocelot, Julie Gavras, Eric Guirado, Julian Schnabel and Guillaume Canet, all of whom are award winners in their fields.

“Azur et Asmar,” by Michael Ocelot, is an animated film that focuses on the life of two boys, both of different ethnicities, as they grow up, are separated and find each other again. Along the course of their journey, they deal with the reality of racism, intolerance and superstition.

“La faute a Fidel,” by Julie Gavras, follows the story of a nine-year-old girl named Anna. Her life is comfortable, her family is wealthy and she goes to a private religious school; life couldn’t be better. But one day, her aunt is forced to leave Spain after her husband is killed by Franco’s police force. The event is such a shock that both of Anna’s parents change their political views drastically, making Anna’s usually stable life tilt off balance. At first, Anna is reluctant to the change, but she has to adapt to the situation and make sense of the larger political events that have altered her life and not settle for the

simple answers that the adults around her try to placate her with.

“Le fils de l’épicier,” by Eric Guirado, begins with the death of Antoine Sforza, a jaded man who has done his best to distance himself from his family to take over the family business. Leaving Paris, he returns to Provence in Southern France to run the family’s mobile grocery store. Also going to Provence with Antoine is Claire, his neighbor from Paris, for whom he harbors romantic feelings. They move in to his mother’s home together, where Claire focuses on her schoolwork and Antoine begins to learn more about the community and himself.

“Le scaphandre et le papillon,” by Julian Schnabel, illustrates the story of Jean-Dominique Bauby, the editor of the French magazine ele and a key player in Parisian social life. At the age of 43, he suffers a massive stroke and develops what is called “locked-in syndrome”, meaning he lost all muscle control except for his left eyelid. Unbelievably, he composes a book describing his life and how it has changed, by blinking one letter at a time. After it was published, his

book became a national bestseller, but Jean-Dominique died shortly after.

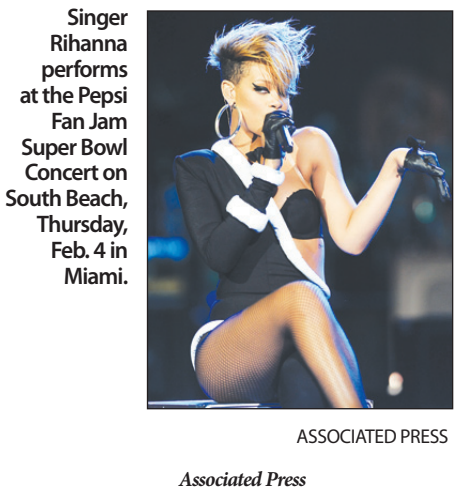
“Ne le dis à personne,” by Guillaume Canet, is a mystery film that follows Alex, a man devastated by the brutal murder of his wife Margot eight years before. After receiving an anonymous e-mail that shows Margot is still alive, Alex embarks on a journey to discover the truth about his wife’s death, and prove his own innocence as well.

The Tournées Festival films are open to the community as well as students, and all films are subtitled in English.

All the films will be shown in Clement Auditorium at 6 p.m. ♦

Toumees Festival Movie Dates	
La faute a Fidel-	Tuesday, Feb. 9
Le fils de l’épicier-	Thursday, Feb. 18
Le scaphandre et le papillon-	Tuesday, Feb. 23
Ne le dis à personne-	Thursday, Feb. 25

Rihanna, Mark Sanchez raise money for charities, DKMS



Singer Rihanna performs at the Pepsi Fan Jam Super Bowl Concert on South Beach, Thursday, Feb. 4 in Miami.

Associated Press

Inspired by a young friend who died from leukemia, singer Rihanna is working to get help for those who suffer from the disease. Rihanna was among the celebrities who submitted a request for funding to Pepsi’s Refresh Project, which doles out \$20 million to various causes, and was at the foundation’s kickoff party Friday night during Super Bowl festivities. The singer is trying to raise money for DKMS, which tries to find bone marrow donors for those suffering from leukemia.

“If we win, this would really help us recruit 4,000 individual donors,” she said.

For Rihanna, the connection is personal. She was active last year in trying to find donors for 6-year-old Jasmina Amena, who died last month. They became friends.

“She was a very free, fun spirited little girl, full of energy, always happy, always energetic,” Rihanna said.

“I always remember she wouldn’t sit still. She was always running around, always had a smile on her face.”

Also on hand for the event was New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez, who received \$25,000 for an organization to help kids suffering from juvenile diabetes.

This is Sanchez’s second year at Super Bowl festivities. Last year, he wasn’t drafted so he didn’t get to do much, and this year, his Jets came one game shy of getting to the Super Bowl, making the trip to Miami a bit tough.

“You know it’s hard. The loss stings a little bit, but at the same time we really have something to build on as a team,” he said.

“You know Rex (Ryan), our coach, challenged at the end of the year, and said, we’ve gotta get two quarters better. Two quarters better and we might be playing in Dallas next year.” ♦

Alba not flattered by attempt to look like her

Associated Press

Imitation is not the sincerest form of flattery for Jessica Alba.

The actress said Saturday she’s been distressed by Internet reports about a Chinese woman who is having a plastic surgery makeover to look like Alba in hopes of getting her lover back.

“I think you should never have to change yourself like that,” Alba said. “If somebody loves you, they’ll love you no matter what.”

Alba, who is starring in the upcoming film “Valentine’s Day,” is in town for the Super Bowl; she was at an Audi party Friday with Hilary Swank, Taylor Lautner, Rob Lowe, New York Giant Osi Umenyiora and former New England Patriot Tedy Bruschi. It was one of numerous celebrity soirees attached to the Super Bowl.

But she’s not just in town to party—she and hubby Cash Warren will be at Sunday’s game. They hired a baby sitter to take care of their infant daughter, Honor, for the big game, but they’ve been spending the week enjoying Miami with their little girl.

“So far, she likes all the lights. Every time somebody honks or she hears sirens or



Associated Press

Actress Jessica Alba arrives for the Audi at the W Hotel during Super Bowl festivities in Miami Beach, Fla., Friday, Feb. 5, 2009.

something, she points everything out,” she said. “It’s really fun. Lots of screaming, lots of lights, and lots of cars. The most stimulating environment for a 19-month-old.” ♦

‘Dear John’ bumps ‘Avatar’ with \$32.4M debut



Associated Press

Actress Amanda Seyfried and Channing Tatum arrive at the premiere of the feature film “Dear John” in Los Angeles. The science-fiction love story has given way to an earthbound romance at the weekend box office. “Dear John” debuted as the No. 1 movie with \$32.4 million, knocking off the blockbuster “Avatar” after seven weekends in first place.

Academy Awards with nine nominations and is a front-runner to win best picture.

Fox executives would not speculate what number “Avatar” eventually might hit at the box office.

“Who knows what that is? It just keeps on going,” Livingston said.

The weekend’s other new wide release, Lionsgate’s spy story “From Paris With Love,” opened at No. 3 with \$8.1 million. The movie stars John Travolta and Jonathan Rhys Meyers as CIA men trying to crack a terrorist plot.

Fox Searchlight’s acclaimed country-music tale “Crazy Heart” expanded from narrow release and broke into the top 10, coming in at No. 8 with \$3.7 million. Jeff Bridges and Maggie Gyllenhaal have acting Oscar nominations for the film, which follows a boozy country star trying to turn his life around.

While “Avatar” features a human-alien romance light-years away, “Dear John” centers on a long-distance love story between a soldier (Channing Tatum) and his sweetheart (Amanda Seyfried) back home.

“Dear John” had a record opening for Super Bowl weekend, topping the \$31.1 million debut for “Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert” in 2008.

The movie was based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks, whose Hollywood adaptations such as “The Notebook” and “A Walk to Remember” have been steady draws for women. Female crowds made up 84 percent of the audience for “Dear John,” according to Sony.

Sparks “creates these stories that really pull at your heartstrings, and certainly that may be first and foremost for women rather than men, though I think a few of us have hearts, too,” Bruer said. “But his stories really resonate and are very compelling for women.” ♦

Top 10 Movies	
Associated Press	
1.	“Dear John,” \$32.4 million
2.	“Avatar,” \$23.6 million
3.	“From Paris With Love,” \$8.1 million
4.	“Edge of Darkness,” \$7 million
5.	“The Tooth Fairy,” \$6.5 million
6.	“When in Rome,” \$5.5 million
7.	“The Book of Eli,” \$4.8 million
8.	“Crazy Heart,” \$3.7 million
9.	“Legion,” \$3.4 million
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94 Poultry serving
95 Cobbler's need
96 Palindromic name
97 Asian ox
100 Nonclerical
103 It's down in the mouth
104 Vandellas' leader
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109 Christie or Costello
112 Lion's pride
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The ladies of the post

Jamen, Rayner lead the Govs down low for Ohio Valley success



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Left: Sophomore center Jasmine Rayner and senior forward Nicole Jamen pose in a similar attitude to the one they present on the court.



LOIS JONES | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

On every basketball court, there is a war zone. Specifically, it is an area; imagine a circle with a three-foot diameter, directly underneath the basket. In this area, the usual sound of shoes squeaking on hard wood is drowned out by the deep “thud” of impacting bodies and the sonorous slaps of powerful hands on leather or skin. This war zone is called the post, or in the paint. It is a land where the average height of players is closer to seven feet than five feet. Players have to be big to play successfully in the paint — or at least have big games. This season’s Lady Govs team includes a dynamic duo that is terrorizing opponents in the paint. Senior forward Nicole Jamen and sophomore center Jasmine Rayner are two of the top three scorers on the Lady Govs roster this season. They are also the top two


rebounders on the team. Any plan to defeat the Lady Govs begins with trying to contain these two. At 5’10” and 5’11”, respectively, Rayner and Jamen don’t exactly intimidate people off the court. If anything, their easy going attitudes and easily instigated smiles attract people rather than scare them as they pursue their majors on campus. Jamen is majoring in finance. When she is not studying or playing ball she enjoys watching television and hanging out. One of her favorite places to eat is Rafferty’s. Jamen also admits she has quite a sweet tooth. “I love anything sweet,” Jamen said. “I can eat a whole box of donuts by myself.” Jamen will graduate in May and is already thinking about life after college. “It’s scary,” Jamen said. “I have two goals. I can’t see myself without basketball next year.” “Perhaps playing overseas

or if not that, trying to find a job with my degree and apply for a master’s in business.” Jamen is from Yaounde, Cameroon and was selected to play for the Cameroon National Women’s Team last summer. As a member of the team, she played in the Federation Internationale de Basketball Amateur (FIBA) Africa Championship in Madagascar. Jamen said she likes NBA superstar Dwight Howard. “I think he is just so dominant,” Jamen said. Rayner is majoring in interdisciplinary studies, but she wants to be more than a teacher in the future. “I really want to be a principal, so I want to get my master’s in administration,” Rayner said. Rayner does not discriminate when it comes to food. But she said if she had to choose, she prefers soul food, “some down home cooking; something my momma cooked.”


Rayner spends her spare time in a unique way. “I like to pretend I am a celebrity,” Rayner said. “I dress up and think I am Beyonce, sing all her songs and dance to them.” Rayner said she wears 00 for Robert Parish, a player her father always talked about. Parish is a NBA Hall of Fame center who played for both the Celtics and the Bulls. She also said she likes Charles Barkley because she hated being shorter than other players playing in the post when she was younger. Her father reminded her how Barkley was shorter too, but still dominated the game. On the court, Jamen and Rayner are not as nice. Playing against the biggest players on the other team, they cannot be nice and succeed. Both players have played for Lady Govs head coach Carrie Daniels for more than one season and understand their roles in her system.

“We just have to bang, get rebounds and put back those easy points,” Rayner said. In her second season, Rayner has scored 247 points, third most for the Lady Govs. She is averaging 10 points and seven rebounds a game and has produced six double-doubles. Her best performance included 22 points and 15 rebounds in one game. Jamen is having her best season as a senior. She has scored 249 points, second most on the team. She is also averaging 10 points per game in addition to eight rebounds. Jamen has posted seven double-doubles this season. All this success comes primarily in the paint, where the two are used to getting beat up by more than one defender. “You have to get used to it if you are going to play in the paint,” Jamen said. “You are supposed to expect contact.” Both players believe this season’s team is better


than the team that won the OVC Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament last season. They attribute their success to their teammates and the chemistry they all share. “It goes both ways, inside and outside game,” Jamen said. “I was always told that a good team has to have a good inside.” “But the inside is good by having a good outside that can play with a good inside. I don’t think the success of the team relies on the post players or the guards only. It has to go both ways.” “I actually feel that we are defending better than we did last year, man-to-man, and that we are all more comfortable playing with each other. I know I am,” Rayner said. “Last year we thought about the game so much, it took us out of our game. This year we are all just playing and we are getting more comfortable with each other playing.” ♦



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Lady Govs sweep Racers, 76-72



LOIS JONES | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore guard Whitney Hanley scored 20 points in the win against the Racers on Saturday, Feb. 6.

By **MARLON SCOTT**
Senior Staff Writer

The Lady Govs made it a clean sweep for the season against heated rivals, the Murray Racers, with a 76-72 win on Saturday, Feb. 6.

It was the second game of a three-game road trip that began with a loss to Tennessee-Martin Thursday, Feb. 4. The Lady Govs recovered well in Murray, Ky.

Junior guard Ashley Herring and sophomore guard Whitney Hanley scored 20 points. They are the first pair of players to score 20 points in the same game this season. Herring passed the 1000 point mark for her career at APSU.

Sophomore center Jasmine Rayner tied a career high in her sixth double-double of the season with 14 points and 17 rebounds.

Murray's senior guard Kayla Vance led all scorers with 23 points.

"This is a huge win for our team, especially the way we loss on Thursday," said Lady Govs head coach Carrie Daniels. "To come back, especially on the road as well; we have not been very successful on the road

this season."

Whatever hangover the Lady Govs were suffering from, the loss against Tennessee-Martin was clearly gone at the beginning of the game against Murray. Herring capped off a 23-10 start with two free throws at the 9:53 mark.

Aggressive plays by the Lady Govs guards helped subdue the Racers, who remained behind at halftime 31-25. The Racers made only 9-of-33 (27 percent) from the field in the first half. Conversely, the Lady Govs made 12-of-28 (43 percent) and shot 80 percent (4-of-5) from the free-throw line.

"I thought we came out from the tip and we played very intense, very aggressive," Daniels said. "We were ready when that ball was tipped and that is something we have not always done this season. I was very excited and impressed with the team from the get go."

The Lady Govs maintained their edge until Murray made

an 11-4 run and took their first lead 50-49, with 8:57 remaining in the game.

The two teams battled for control until Lady Gov freshman forward Meghan Bussabarger came off the bench and hit some clutch shots.

Bussabarger drained a 3-pointer at the 1:31 mark to give the Lady Govs a 71-68 lead. She later hit a short jumper just inside the free throw line to maintain the three-point lead with less than a minute left in the game. Afterwards, the Lady Govs made 3-of-4 at the free-throw line to steal the win.

"We weathered the storm when they came at us. I felt like even though they came and they took the lead away from us, we came back and we didn't fold which we could have done," Daniels said.

"We could have hung our heads after losing two straight games. I was very proud. I saw a team on that floor." ♦



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Controversial buzzer-beater drops the Govs

By **ANTHONY SHINGLER**
Senior Staff Writer

When rivals APSU Govs and Murray State meet it is almost guaranteed to be a tough physical game and Saturday, Feb. 6, it was just that. But this time, there was a controversial call that decided the ending. With 4.1 seconds remaining, APSU sophomore center John Fraley nailed two free throws that tied the game at 63-all. MSU's Issac Miles drove up the court, and hit a jump shot at the buzzer that put Murray State up 65-63.

After the initial call from the official declaring the bucket good, they would go to the replay monitor to see if the ball left Miles' hand before the buzzer.

APSU assistant coach Scott Combs was able to see the replay which led him to believe the ball was still in Miles' hand when the backboard lights lit up.

The referees conversed and called the shot good, that providing Murray State their 13th straight victory

and a 22-3, 13-0 in the OVC. The Racers are No. 1 in the conference standings.

"I didn't see the video (of the shot)," said APSU head coach Dave Loos in a video interview with The Leaf Chronicle. "There were too many people around there (the replay monitor)."

The controversial loss snapped APSU's four-game winning streak, dropping them to 14-11 overall, 8-5 in the conference standings.

APSU currently sits in fourth place in the conference, only trailing Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State and Murray State.

The Govs led much of the first half, and took a 33-30 lead heading into halftime.

The second half the Govs led or tied the score for 19:08 before MSU would take the lead. APSU would lead by as many as six, 49-43 with 10:28 remaining in the half on a layup from Duran Roberson.

MSU tied score, 61-61 on a three-point play from Miles, after a Wesley Channels foul on his layup

that was good with 2:19 remaining.

MSU then took their first lead of the second half, on another Miles layup, 63-61, with 92 seconds remaining.

After a missed free throw attempt by Miles on a foul after his layup, the Govs would tie the game back up from after Fraley's free throws when the controversy started.

"It's disappointing, because I thought our kids deserved a better outcome than that," Loos said.

"They played so hard and did a good job. We had our chances and didn't get it done. But I couldn't ask for any better effort than what they gave."

MSU's Danero Thomas led all scorers with 23 points and 11 rebounds. MSU also had Tony Easley and B.J. Jenkins finishing in double digits with 12 points and 10 points respectively.

Anthony Campbell was the only Gov to score in double figures with 20 points. Channels who had

an uncharacterstic night, served his first single-digit game since the Marian game earlier than season, had eight points for the night. He was 3-of-8 from the field, but 2-of-3 from beyond the arch. Roberson also chipped in eight points each.

The Govs shot 20-of-45 from the field (44.4 percent), while going 7-of-15 (46.7 percent).

The Govs were out-rebounded by MSU 42 (20 offensive, 22 defensive rebounds) to 24 (six offensive, 18 defensive rebounds).

"They played so hard and did a good job," said Loos. "We had our chances and didn't get it done. But I couldn't ask for any better effort than what they gave."

The Govs return to action on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Gentry Center to take on Tennessee State University with a 7:30 p.m. tip-off.

The Govs will play host to Jacksonville State, Monday, Feb. 13 at home with a 7 p.m. tip-off. ♦



LOIS JONES | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior point guard Caleb Brown manuevers past the taller defender to create an offensive play.

High competition, rivalries make sports 'worth watching'



Marlon Scott
Senior Staff Writer

Recently, a lot of stupid behavior by fans in college has been in the national media. As a result, celebrations after sports victories have been put under a microscope. Questions like, "Should students be allowed to storm fields or courts?" and "Should there be stiffer penalties for

excessive celebrations?" seem to be on the lips of sports personalities everywhere.

While details like safety and property damage are included in the debate, the true issue is sportsmanship. Everyone who has played organized sports as a kid knows no matter the result of the game, the two teams are going to line up for the brief handshake and "good game" drill. It is a traditional show of respect for the other team and the game. I understand and commend the practice.

However, what makes

sports appealing is competition. There is always a winner and a loser and part of the privilege of winning is celebrating.

High-fives, fist bumps, chest pounding, jumping into each other, high-stepping and roaring are just a few examples of what I believe are the essential rights of winners and their fans. I loved the celebration dances of the '80s. I do the Icky shuffle every time I win a game of Madden on my PS3.

I understand there will always be a few who take it

too far. But blanket bans and fines (way to go, SEC) are not the answer. I don't want to work in a sports world where fans do a polite golf clap after a game-winning field goal or last second half-court shot for the win.

Give sports fans the benefit of the doubt. We know a good celebration when we see it and have no problem giving losers who abuse the privilege.

If it must be regulated, then simply limit availability. Let celebrations happen only in championship games. It could add even

more incentive to win and promote creativity if a team knows its only chance to show off to the world is if they win the championship.

Imagine watching the Super Bowl to see what 10-second choreographed dance some wide receiver and his quarterback have been working on since training camp. Better yet, envision the Govs playing Murray in the OVC Tournament for a bid into the NCAA Tournament. John Fraley catches an alley-oop thrown from half court and throws it down for a two-handed, game-winning

jam that is so nasty you want to call him Miss Jackson.

In the spirit of sportsmanship, should we stand and applaud politely while wishing Murray better luck next time? I don't think so.

Competition and rivalries are what make sports worth playing and watching. Like it or not, there will always be winners and part of winning is looking a loser in the eye and saying "Today, I beat you."

Remember, I don't make the rules, I just know them. ♦

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| 6. Purdue | 19. Northern Iowa |
| 7. Georgia | 20. Georgia Tech |
| 8. Duke | 21. Temple |
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| 11. Wisconsin | 24. Baylor |
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West Virginia's Da'Sean Butler (1) shoots over Pittsburgh's Jermaine Dixon during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Morgantown, W.Va., on Wednesday, Feb. 3.