

SPRING DANCE CONCERT



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Students dance in a variety of performances at the annual Spring Dance Concert in Trahern theatre Saturday, March 28, and Sunday, March 29.

Top: A group of students perform “Bounce.”

Above: Abby Ramsey, center; Alaina Runions, left; and Jennifer Whitcomb-Oliva, right, performing “Steal Your Carbon.”

Right: Cody Furline and Ramsey performing “Fall.”



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Domestic violence is more common on campuses

By JENELLE GREWELL
Staff Writer

College campuses are grounds for elevated dating violence, according to the Break The Cycle Web site.

Charlie Struckel, assistant director of Public Safety and assistant chief of Campus Police, said domestic violence is any kind of emotional or physical abuse.

“It doesn’t have to be opposite genders,” he said.

He said it doesn’t even have to be a dating or sexual relationship; it could be a family relationship.

In Tennessee, there are two categories of domestic violence, Struckel said: domestic assault, which is for immediate families, and domestic abuse, which covers dating, roommates and household members.

Struckel said domestic violence laws in Tennessee are interesting because they are the only laws that allow no officer discretion and officers are mandated to arrest if the officer can establish a primary aggressor.

He said the reason the law is this way is because often the victims are so victimized they do not want to prosecute.

Struckel said harassment is defined by electronic means of one or more times, such as phone calls, text messages, e-mails and letters.

He said in a traditional relationship, if the woman says she does not want to talk to the man anymore and he sends 30 e-mails or texts over the weekend, it is considered 30 different counts of misdemeanor harassment.

Struckel said in the state of Tennessee an order of protection can be put in place for protection as a victim of domestic violence.

“A big problem we have is third party contact,” he said. Third party contact is the use of a third person, outside of the relationship being used to

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New housing unit to be built by 2011

By JAMILA WEAVER
Guest Writer

Construction of a new residence hall will begin as early as Summer 2009, according to Joe Mills, director of Housing and Residence Life.

The new unit, to be completed by 2011, will replace three residence halls and is to be located on Castle Heights, according to Mills. He said the unit will primarily house freshmen.

Mills said a student survey was performed to assess what students wanted in housing. “A study was done about two or three years ago that we looked at upgrading our facilities and we just felt it was important for us to stay current and keep with the most current housing in Tennessee.”

The new facility will be co-ed and will have two wings and four floors in each. There will be 208 rooms, housing two students per room. There will be four study rooms and four kitchens per floor, as well as wireless internet and internet connections in each room. The building will share a large laundry room, as well as a game room with flat screen televisions and pool tables.

Mills said there are also plans for a convenience store in the building. He said if a convenience store is included, it may provide employment opportunities.

A survey will be conducted next year to learn what the

students want in the facility.

Students gave feedback about what they would like to see in campus housing. Christopher Redmon, sophomore advertising major, said “I would like to see elevators because moving is stressful enough, to not have any.”

Nadia Berry, senior biology major, who has been a residence assistant in Blount Hall, said “I would like to see full kitchens and a shower-bath combo so students can take baths, instead of just a shower.”

Most students agree there is a need for new housing. Both Berry and Redmon said current housing is old and full of mold, and the safety of the students in those buildings is questionable.

“There was no insulation in Killebrew as well as a bug problem, and Rawlins was horrible. During fall of 2008 the stairs fell in while students were on them,” Redmon said.

Redmon said his experience living in Blount Hall was acceptable, but expects new dorms to be clean. “It was okay, not too bad, but I would like to see new buildings so that things can be clean and safe for the students.”

Cross, Killebrew and Rawlins Halls, which together hold 392 beds, are the buildings that will be replaced by the new structure. They will continue housing students until Fall 2011; then they will be demolished and new buildings constructed.



OFFICE OF HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

The new residence hall, scheduled to start construction as soon as Summer 2009, will have two wings and four floors and house primarily freshmen.

Mills said the \$25.5 million-project will not affect students financially. Students living in the building will be paying through housing costs. Costs will be similar to what they are in Hand Village, which costs approximately \$3,000 per semester. Some students said they may be more comfortable paying the housing cost for a new facility.

“If we get something new, a cost increase will be okay. We should get what we pay for,” Berry said.

Mills said APSU is trying to reach an enrollment goal of 10,000 students, and in order to keep them on campus, facilities should be upgraded for those that decide to come to APSU.

“This will enable our admissions office to be a very

effective recruiter, in getting more students to come to APSU. The way the floors are set up, more students will choose to stay on campus, and that will increase our retention rate and create a real positive atmosphere for Austin Peay.” ♦

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ROCC Virtual Career Fair

The Tennessee Board of Regents with its Tennessee Career Information Center will hold the first statewide Regents Online Campus Collaborative Virtual Career Fair Monday, March 30, through Thursday, April 9. The event is free and meant to connect job-seekers with local employers. For more information, contact Callie Wise at 615-366-3931.

The Star Access Express returns

In recognition of Disability Awareness Month, the Star Access Express will be returning to APSU. The Star Access Express Bus tours will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, in the UC plaza. Free food and free T-shirts will be available for those who take the tour, and participants must present a valid APSU ID. For more information, contact Philip Voorhees at 221-6230.

Job openings at *The All State*

The All State student newspaper is accepting applications for the 2009-10 year, including editor in chief, advertising manager, all editorial board positions, writers, podcasters and vodcasters, photographers, advertising representatives, cartoonists and copy editors. For more information, contact Tabitha Gilliland at 221-7375.

Horseback riding with Adventure Recreation

The group will leave from the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center for JuRo Ranch in Mount Juliet at 8 a.m., Saturday, April 4. The group will return to campus in the evening. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 25, with a limit of eight people. The trip costs \$55 and includes a meal and transportation. For more information contact Jasin Willis at 221-7564.

Wings for Wishes

The Chi Omega Women’s Fraternity is hosting Wings for Wishes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, April 2, in UC rooms 303-305. The event is an all-you-can-eat wing-tasting contest. Tickets are \$7 and all proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For more information, contact Kara Palm at 423-593-2185.

Health and Human Performance Internship

Students who plan to enroll in the Health and Performance Internship for Summer 2009 who did not attend the March 3 meeting must attend the last orientation at 2 p.m., Thursday, April 2, in the Dunn Center room 282. The deadline to purchase insurance for the HHP internship is Wednesday, April 15, in Browning. Students must bring a copy of their receipt to the Dunn Center room 268. For more information, contact Gregory A. Moore at 221-6341.

Violence: campus safety statistics

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contact the victim on behalf of the offender. He said third party contact is the same as if the offender is contacting the victim directly.

“In Tennessee, the laws are really, really stringent, and it is good because it gives us a lot of ability to help the person who is being abused,” Struckel said.

Struckel said the three biggest issues in a college setting in terms of crime are theft of property, domestic violence and identity theft. He said domestic violence is one of the biggest problems because it is more likely to happen in a college setting. “You get a whole bunch of girls and guys together away from home for the first time and those related issues,” he said.

Kevin Chandler, freshman agriculture major, said he is not really worried about domestic violence. “I mean it would be harder for a girl because I don’t think anyone is going to try to hit me,” he said.

Struckel said the most common type of domestic violence seen on a college campus is stalking. “Women are three times more likely to be a victim of that on a university setting,” he said.

According to Break the Cycle Web site, nearly one-third of college students report physically assaulting a dating partner, as many as one-quarter of female students experience sexual assault over the course of their college career, and approximately 90 percent of victims of sexual assault on college campuses know their attacker.

Darlene Talley, a senior psychology major, said she was not aware domestic violence was more likely in a college setting. She said it makes her uneasy because not only does she attend APSU, but her daughter does as well.

“Not only do I have it from a student perspective, but I have it from a parent perspective,” she said.

Struckel said the parts of campus with most cases of domestic violence are the residence halls, particularly the married housing such as Emerald Hill.

Chandler said he thought domestic violence would be less of an issue in a college setting. He said with the way the dorms are and with people always keeping an eye on everyone he thought it was less likely, with the separation of genders in the dorms.

“Maybe during the day, but at night they check the dorms,” he said.

Struckel said the APSU campus is good at raising awareness on domestic violence.

“We can do a domestic violence program in a dorm, and we require that housing request that we do it.”

He said when freshman and transfer students get briefed, they are made aware of programs offered on the Web site and are told to let their residence assistant know when they want a program.

Struckel said the best way to prevent domestic violence is honesty. He said if someone does not want to be in a relationship, they should let the other person know, and if that does not work, than to let the police know.

“Most times all issues in the victimization could have been handled if the police got involved in the beginning, but more often we are called in at the tail end,” he said.

Struckel said ways to prevent domestic violence and promote safety on campus are to have a cell phone on hand, walk in lighted areas near emergency phones at night, not parking next to vans when it is or will be dark and to go with places with a buddy or request an escort by Campus Police.

Struckel said the campus is not well-aware of domestic violence because APSU does not have a lot of homicides from domestic violence but statistics show 68 percent of female homicides from last year were stalking and harassment issues.

“We take this very seriously so we can stop it at a smaller level before it turns into something,” he said.

Struckel said campus police does not guarantee safety but to ensure a safe environment. “Our budget is not unlimited, our man power is not unlimited and so we have to use common sense,” he said.

“Any time someone feels they need to call the police, nine times of out ten, they should call the police,” Struckel said.

Struckel said campus police can do a lot for students when it comes to domestic violence.

He said one thing they can provide is transportation to and from the Legal Aid Society.

The Legal Aid Society is located at 120 Franklin St. and gives free orders of protection with classes.

He said the problem for students is getting to the police; as long as police know about the issue they can handle it. “We have been very successful, there have never been headlines about a student getting killed from domestic violence,” he said.

Struckel said the campus police have a 90 second response time.

Talley said she feels pretty safe on campus. She said she once had an allergic reaction and campus police had a quick response time. “It was not hard to get a hold of one,” she said.

Struckel said he does not want people to think APSU is plagued with domestic violence. He said when he first arrived at APSU four or five years ago, the campus was considered one of the safest campuses in the Tennessee Board of Regents.

“We are much better than we were four or five years ago, but because we are so much better we create more stats for ourselves.”

He said this makes it appear APSU is not as safe and statistically APSU is not the safest campus anymore.

He said there are now more police, and with more police, more crimes are caught. He said it is not more people committing crimes, but police catching them more. ♦

State Statistics

Tennessee made a “C” on the 2009 State-by-State Teen Dating Violence Report Card.

To get a protection order:

The client must be at least 18 years of age. The abuser must be a spouse or former spouse, relative by blood or adoption or a current or former sexual partner.

The abuser must have committed, attempted or threatened to commit physical or sexual abuse, stalking, damaged property, sexually assault or unlawfully held the client against his or her will.

Obtaining a protection order is free of charge. Temporary protection orders are valid for 15 days; a full protection order is valid for up to year or longer.

Source:
Break the Cycle Web site
www.breakthecycle.com

Protection Order Web site
www.protectionorder.org

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Being Normal is over Rated

Tubman— sight impaired; Abraham Lincoln, Harrison Ford, Boris Yeltsin— mood disorders;

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and David Beetham— tourette's syndrome; Galileo, Herist


Albert Einstein, Denny Glover— dyslexia; Charles Darwin, Beethoven, Michaelangelo— OCD

Disability Awareness Month

The STAR Center Access Express

10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2009

University Center Plaza



Commonly referred to as "the STAR Center on wheels" by many staffers and consumers alike, the Access Express provides computer access evaluation, workplace accommodations, employer orientations and assistive technology evaluations to those in need of the services but who are unable to access them.

This event will include *free* soft drinks, cotton candy and snow cones.
Free T-shirt available with valid APSU student ID upon completion of bus tour and evaluation.

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If you need special accommodations, please call 221-6230 (v) or 221-6278 (tty) by Thursday, April 3.

the allstate

is accepting applications!

The All State student newspaper is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 year, including editor in chief, advertising manager, managing editor, section editors (including News, Perspectives, Features and Sports), assistant section editors (including News, Perspectives, Features, Sports, Online and Multimedia), director of multimedia operations, photo editor, art director, coordinating editor and chief copy editor.

The All State is always accepting applications for writers, podcasters and vodcasters, photographers, advertising representatives, cartoonists and copyeditors.

Editor in chief applications for the 2009-2010 year are due at 12 p.m. Monday, April 6, to Tabitha Gilliland. Applications for advertising manager for 2009-2010 are also due at 12 p.m. Monday, April 6, to Tabitha Gilliland.

Applications for all other positions will be accepted until 12 p.m. Thursday, April 9, to The All State editor in chief.

For all applications, visit http://www.apsu.edu/student_pubs or UC Room 115. For more information, e-mail gillilandt@apsu.edu, stop by UC Room 115 or call 221-7375.

YOUR TAKE

Students comment on sports attendance

For this week’s YOUR TAKE, we asked APSU students what APSU athletic events they have attended this semester and what APSU could do to improve athletic attendance. To participate in the YOUR TAKE, contact The All State at www.theallstate.com, or call us at 221-7376.



“Give out more free stuff. If there is a game with free stuff, I’m there.”

Jaima Corneyhan, sophomore finance major



“I think I only missed two or three basketball games, and I plan on going to as many baseball games as possible.”

Scott Sanders, sophomore marketing major



“Advertise a little more. I feel like the only reason I have missed the games I have is the fact that I didn’t know where to go.”

Matthew Kosh, freshman nursing major



“APSU can improve attendance at athletic events by giving away more free items.”

Adrian Sensabavgh, political science major



“APSU should improve the quality of student and student-athlete well-being and purpose on campus.”

Josh Whaley, junior business major



“Have prize drawings for those who attend more than half of the games during the season.”

Kevin Criswell, junior political science major



“I would like more free family tickets for the football games.”

Velencia Johnson, junior journalism major



“I think that the attendance would improve if the athletic events were advertised more thoroughly, and also if there were more give aways.”

Mallory Roberson, freshman health and human performance major

AAUP conference discusses higher education future



Greg Rabidoux
Staff Writer

I was one of the hearty (crazy?) few who answered the call to attend the AAUP-sponsored conference on Tennessee higher education over this past weekend held at Tennessee State University. Panelists included Richard Rhoda, the Executive Director of Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), Clarksville’s own State Representative Joe Pitts (D) and Representative Beth Harwell (R). In addition to Mr. Pitts, we at APSU, were also ably represented by Pete Stoddardt, Jim Thompson and Phil Kemmerly, the current AAUP chapter president for our campus who moderated the discussion.

There was much concern from faculty to ensure we “are at the table” when funding and budgetary decisions are made, and there was a creative metaphor deployed by at least two of our speakers to describe the

current state of higher education. Curious? It involved a cliff, a rocky fall at the bottom and a hang-glider. Let’s just say the federal stimulus may help us land “softly” at the bottom in two or more years when the expected \$470 million federal injection runs out. Me? I like the view at the top looking down rather than always looking up wondering what the breeze up on the mountain must feel like. That’s also what I’d like to see when it comes to the overall state of higher education in Tennessee: more of a view from the top when it comes to meaningful measurements nationwide and less looking up at the leaders from the bottom third of the pack. You know what they say in Alaska, when you aren’t the lead dog the view never changes. It is time for our view to change. For the better.

Other impressions from the conference? My sense is there is a built-in assumption among some administrators and legislators without a bureaucracy like THEC, there would be unfettered rivalry and competition between rival academic institutions. As one put it, such a circumstance would lead to a “bloodbath” among institutions, all vying to scratch and claw their way to possess their fair piece of a shrinking funding pie. On the other hand, it seems arguable so long as academics across any state can be divided and

pitted against each other, seems like they can be more easily conquered. You don’t need to have attended Machiavelli U to get that premise, just a quick read of the Cliff Notes should suffice.

What about states that are consistently leaders in higher education and turning out educated graduates who are work-force ready? Well, while intra-institutional competition and politics are played there too (Is there anywhere they aren’t played?) Such states also tend to have a clear and concise mission regarding higher education and collaboration (among the political, corporate and academic sectors). Collaboration is valued nearly as much as the “go-it-alone” strategy which often leads to fragmentation and incrementalism. And if you guessed those last two terms aren’t usually associated with consistent excellence in higher education, even in lean fiscal times, you’d be right. Perhaps our own experience with the Hemlock Semi-Conductor investment in the Clarksville area and its close collaboration with APSU may serve as a paradigm across the state for how to conduct the business of higher education in tough economic times. If so, we’re fortunate local leaders like Representative Pitts and President Tim Hall obviously have the savvy and vision to help pull off such a coup.

If I could leave all of my fellow colleagues with any one message after attending this conference, it would be the following: If you want to have a voice in any of the upcoming discussions about higher education reform in Tennessee don’t wait for an engraved invitation to the budgetary banquet table. Be prepared to show up, even if uninvited. And as one panelist reminded us all, it isn’t the sporadic lobbying or communication that really spurs legislators. It is the constant, on-going communication that is the natural product of a cultivated relationship. Sure this takes a lot more effort and time to grow but then that’s what it takes if you ever want the view to change.

One more thing, let’s not forget we are doing a lot right in higher education. There are lots of successful programs, dedicated and qualified educators and many students that we and our colleagues across the state have every right to be proud of as they move onto the next chapter in their life. Maybe we need to do a better job of making sure the decision-makers hear about these stories and their positive impact upon our state as well. Oh yes, stalwarts like Phil, Pete and Jim sure could use your help and would love to hear your voice on this issue. They may even give you some coffee and donuts as part of the deal. Notice I said “may.” ♦

Organic foods don’t have to cost a lot of green



Alex Cook
Staff Writer

Recent trends are showing many people are choosing to go organic when they shop for their groceries, despite higher prices. Unhealthy substances in many produces, such as high fructose corn syrup and red dye #40 have pushed people into spending extra dollars in order to endure maximum health. However, the organic choice doesn’t have to carry the organic label, or price. Sure many foods have the certified organic label, but for this choice to be the right path many people need to know what to look for on the back of that nutrition label.

As children, almost everyone is taught to get three servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Yet many people are starting to break away from quantity to get quality, without breaking their wallet. In 2002, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) implemented national organic standards.

Having certain foods grown and processed without preservatives or pesticides was a great, perfect idea. According to the article “Organic Production” on the USDA’s official Web site, by 2005 all fifty states had some certified organic farm land. This finally meant truly organic food for consumers. By placing a seal on all the foods that where evaluated and passed, the USDA made finding organic foods easy. This green circle seal with the words “Certified Organic” may have made finding the foods easier; however, for most of these foods it wasn’t easier on a person’s wallet since people were ultimately buying them

for the gratification.

On the backs of every item people consume, there is a list of ingredients. Some of the ingredients are familiar, others are just flat out unpronounceable. Knowing what to look for in this list can mean knowing you will be able to buy gas the next time it spikes. Many Web sites like the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition have many articles on how the nutrition labels and ingredient lists work. Knowing how to compare the “Certified Organic” food with the conventional will allow some flexibility in the wallet.

Whether a person is shopping at Whole Foods or Wal-Mart, organic is definitely the way to go. Simply look at the back of the food labels and find out what ingredients truly are and what they do.

“Recent trends are showing that many people are choosing to go organic when they shop for their groceries, despite higher prices.”

If you’re like me, then you love eating rich organic foods, yet with this up and down economy, many more people are giving up the organic name for cheaper products. This may save your wallet and bank account, but maybe not your health. Living green and organic doesn’t have to be expensive, just smart. ♦

This week in ridiculous: vacuum cleaners to DUI



Jess Nobert
Assistant Perspectives Editor

I’m going to start off this week with a story a friend sent me. It’s from the Associated Press and I don’t know if I can say it any better than they did.

“A man police caught performing a sex act with a car wash vacuum has been sentenced to 90 days in prison. Jason Leroy Savage must also submit to drug testing. The 29-year-old from Michigan was sentenced Wednesday, March 25, at Saginaw County Circuit Court. Savage pleaded no contest to indecent exposure last month.”

In local news, a man in Hopkinsville, Ky., fell asleep in the I Don’t Care Bar & Grill. When he woke up and set off the alarm, he couldn’t find a way out, since the door was locked. Police came and helped him escape. No charges were filed, because it isn’t a crime to fall asleep and get left behind after closing-time.

“A Michigan man has learned not to stick his fingers in certain places.” Get your mind out of the gutter.

Victor Harris, of Saginaw, Mich. was putting an additive into his gas tank when some paper flew into his tank. When he tried to get it out, his two fingers got caught.

After being stuck for two hours, his friends called the fire department and it took another two hours for them to arrive and get the tank tube cut out and have doctors remove his fingers from the tube. Harris needed two stitches.

This guy in Pennsylvania got real smart and robbed a retired police chief at a police convention. The retiree, John Comparetto, said he was held up

when he was walking out of the men’s room. He surrendered his wallet and cell phone.

Comparetto and some of his colleagues chased the assailant down the street and eventually caught the 19-year-old as he was trying to get into a cab to get away. The kid is awaiting trial for four other robbery charges.

“A man police caught performing a sex act with a car wash vacuum has been sentenced to 90 days in prison.”

Another one from the AP, “Police said a New Hampshire man was arrested early Monday, March 30, after allegedly urinating on an employee at the MGM Grand Casino at Foxwoods. Police said the man, 39, began urinating inside a concourse trash can and then on a casino employee. Police charged the man with breach of peace. They said he was intoxicated and was arrested without incident. The man was scheduled to appear Tuesday, April 14, in New London Superior Court.”

A man from Houston was out of town, and got busted with a DUI. “Police had an easy time catching a man suspected of driving under the influence,” the AP reported, because he was passed out in his car in the fast food drive-thru.

“The other customer took the keys out of the ignition and called police, who arrested the man on suspicion of driving under the influence.” The police said he passed out because he combined alcohol and prescription drugs. ♦

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Future teachers run the amazing ‘peay’ race

By MARLON SCOTT
Editor in Chief

Ignoring the light rain fall at 5 p.m., Friday, March 27, professor Benita Bruster stood among the red and white stones that make up the large AP logo in front of Harned Hall, wearing a new black APSU College of Education T-shirt, with her arm raised in the air.

With a loud count of “1- 2- 3 go,” she quickly lowered her arm and 19 excited and determined two-person teams scattered in different directions.

The Amazing Peay Race had begun. The race was the center attraction of the “Spring Fling” hosted by the faculty and staff of the APSU College of Education. According to Bruster, the Spring Fling was one of several events planned by the department after they received a grant from the university at the beginning of the year.

“We got a grant back in the fall for student engagement and student retention; to get our students more involved with faculty and give us time to spend together outside the academic arena so that we can enjoy each

others company and have some fun,” Bruster said.

After hosting the “Welcome Back Bash” in the fall, Bruster had the idea of including the race in the spring event. Emulating “The Amazing Race” from television, both graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Education comprised teams who had to solve clues and find 13 different locations on campus.

“We have our faculty members all over campus with all kinds of tasks for the students to do crazy things,” Bruster said.

Participants in the race described having to do everything from drinking coffee to singing “I’m a little teapot” while wearing a bullet-proof vest, a silver helmet and carrying a rifle.

The first team to complete the challenges and cross the finish line on the second floor of the Claxton building, where the rest of the fling was being held, received 25 Chartwell’s dollars and their choice of assorted prizes, including gift certificates from the P.F Chang’s chinese restaurant. Each participant received the new College of Education T-shirt.

Those not competing in the race were welcome to watch movies, sing karaoke and play games while also enjoying the food and drinks being served.

While the drama of the race unfolded outside, Bruster taught several of her fellow faculty and students how to play the card game Nertz.

After an hour of intense Nertz competition, the winning team emerged, panting heavily after sprinting to ensure their victory.

Tired but happy, the winning team was the president and vice president of the Student Tennessee Education Association: sophomore Bradley Clifton and senior Megan Smith.

After the cheering died down and the two winners collected their breath and their prizes, they described the race.

“It was good. I enjoyed the challenges except for when we had to drink a cup of coffee right at the beginning of the race. That was crazy,” Clifton said.

“It was hard,” Smith said. “The whole challenge was completely hard because I

haven’t worked out and there was a lot of running.”

Clifton and Smith won by an impressive margin. It was well over 10 minutes before another team, tired and wet, appeared.

Each team was greeted by a chorus of cheers and clapping when they finished. Then they chose their prizes and were directed to the rest of the party where they exchanged stories about the challenges in the race.

Clifton and Smith agreed to compete again if there was another race in the future. Both had attended the “Welcome Back Bash” as well and were pleased with both events.

“I really like it. Education can be kind of scrambled, especially with the blocked classes and people are running crazy doing observations and everything,” Clifton said.

“Little events like this give everybody a chance to come together again as the college of education and get that sense of family.”

Smith said, “Before, your professors are so far away from you. You never get to know them really. Just to do stuff like that beside our teachers and have them know us and cheer us on. It’s fun.” ♦

Rabidoux explores the politics inside of Hollywood

By TANGELIA CANNON
Features Editor

“I have always loved politics, movies, and how politics are portrayed on the movies” Greg Rabidoux said, when introducing his book “Hollywood Politicos, Then and Now.”

As a child, Rabidoux remembers watching political thrillers and movies and wondering whether or not they were accurate and just how accurate they were.

It wasn’t until he got older and became involved in politics that Rabidoux would begin to see how things worked behind the scene. It was during this time the Rabidoux changed his focus on politics.

“I became a lot more interested in the impact that Hollywood had on politics, through the movies, and the actual celebrities had on politics,” Rabidoux said.

“For instance, rather it was George Clooney, Michael J. Foxx, Ashley Judd, Angelina Jolie, Susan Sarandon, or Barbra Streisand. What impact did they have? Was it money? Name recognition? If they say vote for this or for that, does it have some magnetic power or influence,” Rabidoux said.

According to Rabidoux, it has taken five years to gather information and complete

interviews for his book. However, the writing, editing and end process of completing this book has happened in the last year and a half.

“It is a big project when you write a book like this,” Rabidoux said. “It is chock full of trivia and facts from lots of different sources and celebrities.”

While working on this book during the final year, there have been several students that have spent hours helping Rabidoux complete all of the work in order for it to be published.

Christina Chester-Fangman, Diana Darks, Leslie Crouch, Frankie DeJesus, Enderson Miranda, Misty Ayres and Kelly Maddox were responsible for reading the book, critiquing it, setting up book promotions and getting in contact with stores such as Target, Barnes and Noble and Books-a-Million to do book signings.

“So far all of my readers have said that it reads like a novel since it is fast-paced,” Rabidoux said.

“Even if you have no interest in politics, the reviews have been that you will get interested in it because there is a lot of other stuff that people can relate to: movies, Hollywood, celebrities.”

While writing this book, Rabidoux had the wants of the students in mind. He created this book so students of any major and minor could read the book and become interested, without being intimidating and needing prerequisite knowledge.

“However, I also wrote the book so that it would appeal to a broad audience, even outside of the university,” Rabidoux said.

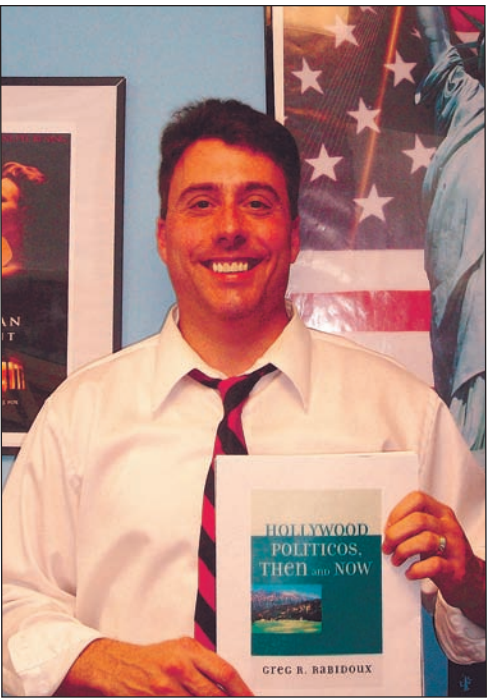
“I wanted it to contain material that they could also become interested.”

The book covers many topics inside of politics such as the greening of America, the stimulus, social issues, environment, jobs, unemployment and other current political issues.

Within Hollywood, there are many celebrities that have become activists in different areas of politics. For example, Jolie has done work for Cambodia orphans and Foxx with Parkinson’s disease.

“While writing this book, I tried to get across the message that you don’t have to be a celebrity, an actor, or incredibly wealthy in order to make a difference,” Rabidoux said.

“I think this rings true for our students at Austin Peay. When students get together, they can make a difference.” ♦



TANGELIA CANNON | FEATURES EDITOR

Greg Rabidoux shows off his book “Hollywood Politicos, THEN and NOW.”



MATEEN SIDIQ | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Felix G. Woodward Library is currently conducting the LibQUAL+ Survey in order to get student input so that the library will be more user-friendly for APSU students, faculty, staff, and outside community.

Library offers LibQUAL+ survey

By MARLON SCOTT
Editor in Chief

The staff and faculty of the Felix G. Woodward Library want the opinions of APSU students, faculty and staff as well as other APSU community members who use the library to help measure the quality of their services.

As a result, they are running the LibQUAL+ survey from Thursday, March 19, until Thursday, April 9.

A link to the survey is provided on the Woodward Library homepage.

“We want honest opinions about the library so that we can improve what we do,” said Lori Buchanan, Woodward Library Assessment Coordinator, professor and chair of the LibQUAL+ Assessment Task Force. According to Buchanan, the LibQUAL+ survey has been used in over 1,000 libraries world wide.

Information provided at www.library.apsu.edu/assessment/libqual+/default.htm states LibQUAL+ is a research and development project being run by the Association of Research Libraries and Texas A&M University.

The survey is designed to request, track and evaluate opinions and perceptions provided of a library’s service quality. Woodward Library is using money from the Student Academic Success Initiative awarded to them by APSU President Timothy Hall

to support the survey and follow up focus groups.

“We will be following up the survey by conducting focus groups next fall; we will use the information from the survey answers and additional comments as a starting point for these further discussions,” Buchanan said.

Working with Buchanan as a member of the LibQUAL+ Assessment Task Force is instruction librarian and assistant professor Christina Chester-Fangman.

“Although the library has done surveys in the past regarding different aspects of our services, this is the first time we have participated in LibQUAL+, a nationally normed library quality survey, and we are very excited about this opportunity,” Chester-Fangman said.

“I am looking forward to conducting one of the focus groups and talking to our students to find out what we in the library can do to positively impact their academic success and make their experiences in the Library more enjoyable.”

Prizes are being offered as additional incentive to take the survey. One grand prize winner will receive a SanDisk Sansa Fuze 8GB video MP3 player. Additional prizes will be given to 15 participants including five Sandisk 2GB MP3 players and five \$25 Best Buy gift certificates.

For more information on LibQUAL+ at APSU, contact Buchanan at 221-7017. ♦

Special Olympics Event and Fundraiser

The APSU Department of Communication has teamed up once again with Bikers Who Care to hold the 4th annual Special Olympics Pledge Drive on Cable 99 in order to raise money for Area 12 Special Olympics.

Track and Field Event: April 23
Pledge Drive: April 26

We are looking for APSU students or student groups to volunteer. Volunteer positions include:

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APSU VocalEASE has the world on a string



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APSU show band performs cabaret

Staff Reports

The lights went down Friday, March 27, as APSU’s VocalEASE and Show Band began their performance.

The jazzy cabaret performance was free for all who attended the night’s festivities.

The group sang “The Joint Is Jumpin’ (Ain’t Misbehavin’)” and continued with energy in the switch of genres, such as the calm melodic “Bali Ha’I” from “South Pacific,” soloed by soprano Nicole Paul, a junior vocal education major.

They also borrowed a few other hit songs such as “Seasons of Love” from “Rent,” and they ended with a performance of “Blue Skies,” a popular song written by Irving Berlin and recorded by several famous singers through the years.

“Hey, Good Lookin’,” which was

originally sung by Hank Williams, was another song on the list. The night also included a performance of “I’ve Got the World On a String.”

The group gave a fun performance of “Chili con Carne,” a recipe for Mexican chili set to music, while holding oven mitts and gathered around a crock-pot and spices.

“I thought the performance was outstanding. I really enjoyed “Lucky” with Julia Appleton and Jay Wilkinson,” Torion Cross, a senior liberal studies major, and dance minor, said.

“We are lucky to have such talent,” John Travis Bussell, a junior vocal education major, said.

At the end of the performance, the audience gave the singers a standing ovation. ♦



Above: Members of VocalEASE perform “Down By The River.”

Left: Members of VocalEASE perform “Hey, Good Looking.”

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Students display art during 41st Annual Student Art Show that runs March 31-April 3.

- April 1- APSU Clarinet Choir, 7:30 p.m., MMC Concert Hall
- April 3- Mid-South Jazz Concert feat. John Proulx 7:30 p.m., MMC Concert Hall
- April 8- 41st Annual Student Art Show Trahern Theater
- April 15- Visiting Writer Serires feat. Allison Joeseeph Gentry Auditorium
- April 22- APSU Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m., MMC Concert Hall
- April 27-May 3- Visual Communications BFA Senior Exhibition, Trahern Theater



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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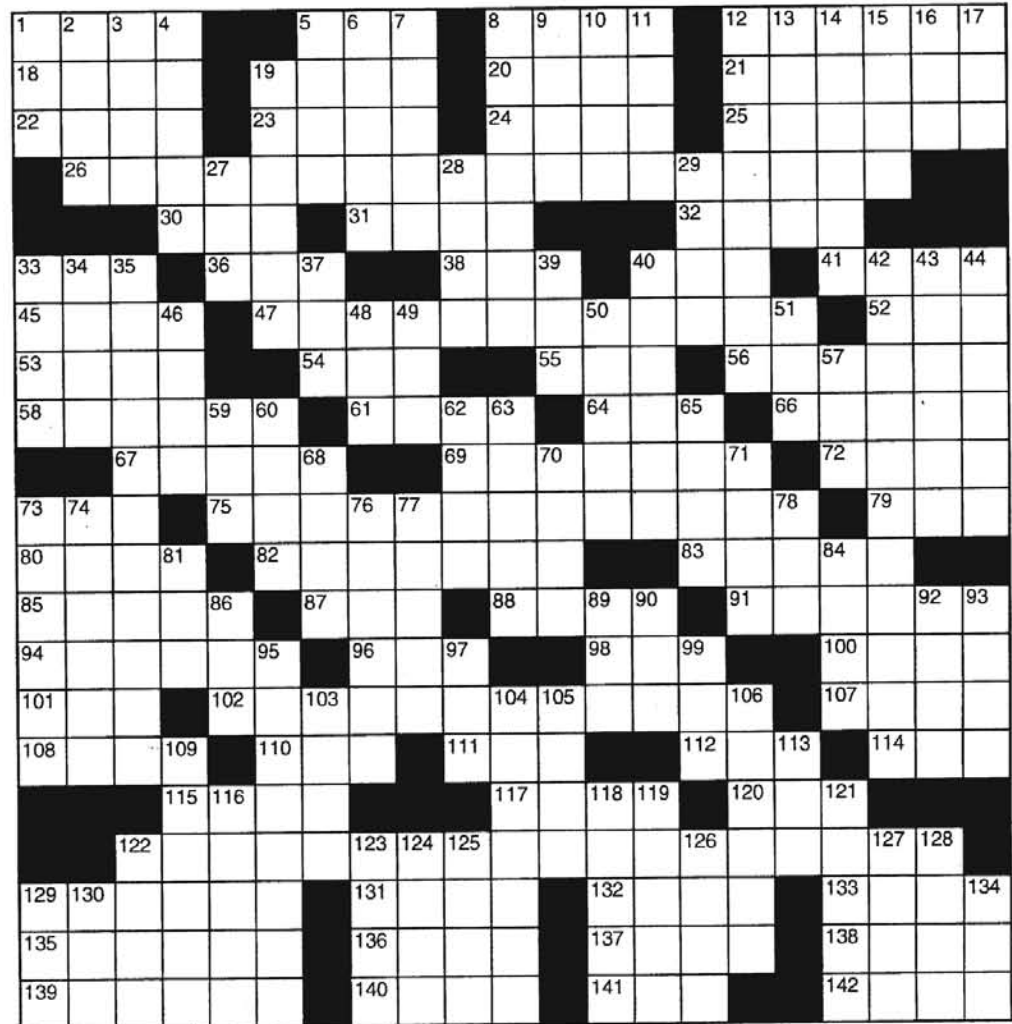
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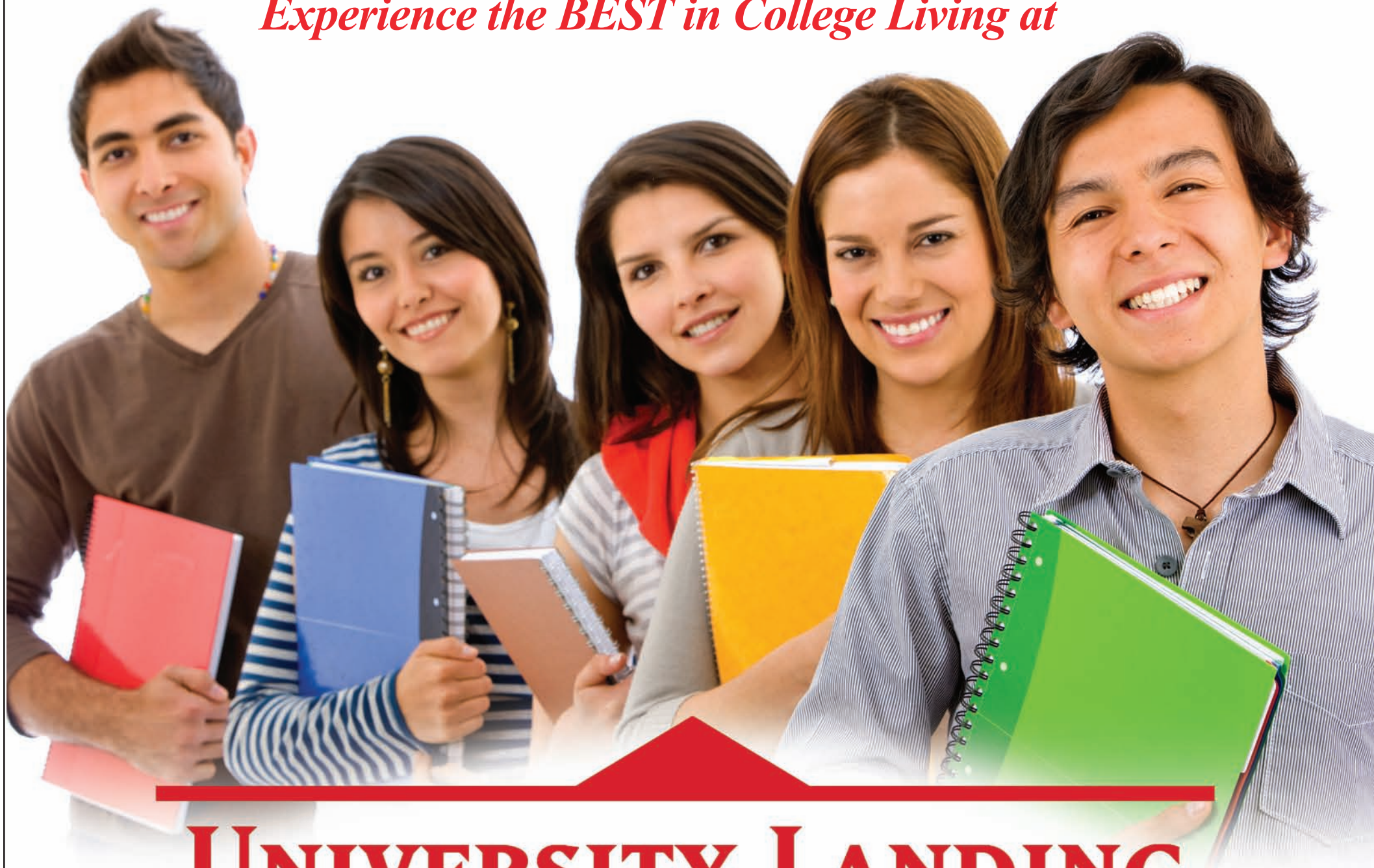
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Govs go 1-2 against Gamecocks



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Left: Govs pitcher Dan Tenholder winds up before the throw to the base. Tenholder went 1-1 in the series against Jacksonville State.

Right: Govs pitcher Jacob Brisbin throws to the base in attempt to send the Evansville player back to the bench with an out. Brisbin pitched for one inning in the Govs' only win in the JSU series.

By TYLER O'DONNELL
Staff Writer

The weekend of March 28 and 29, ended in a series of losses on the road for the APSU Governors baseball team. They lost twice to the Jacksonville State Gamecocks in a best-of-three series. After being swept in a doubleheader Saturday, March 28 (6-5, 4,0), the Govs got the win on Sunday, March 29, 10-9. The Ohio Valley Conference contests between the teams marked the first and only series against each other this season. Last season's match-up also resulted in Gamecock victories. The Gamecocks were the Govs' first OVC conference opponents of the year. They play Morehead State in early April, followed by later dates against Tennessee Tech, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee-Martin, Eastern Illinois and Murray State. The games Saturday, at Rudy

Abbot Field, looked promising for the Govs early on. After scoring five runs in the first inning of game one, the Govs' bats stopped working. They were held scoreless the rest of game one and much of game two. Pitching kept the Gamecocks in check for much of the early game, but they found their offense in the eighth with a bases-loaded single. Ryne Harper, the Govs starter, gave up four runs on six hits in four innings of work. Ryne Mantooth and Ricky Marshall, pitching in relief, each gave up one run. That proved to be the deciding factor after the offensive drought for the Govs. Trey Lucas led the team, scoring in a run on three hits on four at-bats. Stephen Huff started game two and gave up three runs on five hits in only two-and-a-thirds-innings' work. The

defense committed only one error. However, the Govs had only three hits in the match-up, one of them coming from the bat of Lucas, along with Jared Delong and Brooks Hunton. The Govs made up for their lack of offense Saturday with 12 total hits in the final game of the series on Sunday. The Gamecocks pitchers were lit up by eight different Govs, three of which had multiple hits. In the eighth inning, they scored four runs from three hits to take a 10-6 lead. The Gamecocks rallied in the bottom of the ninth, coming within one run of the Govs, but the Govs held on for the win. Daniel Tenholder (1-1) picked up the win. In three innings of pitching he threw four strikeouts, walked one and allowed six hits for three runs. Jon Clinard led the offense hitting 3-for-4, with 3 RBI. ♦

Govs Baseball Schedule

Wed., April 1 - MTSU at 6 p.m.

Fri., April 3 - SIU Edwardsville at 6 p.m.

Sat., April 4 - SIU Edwardsville at 1 p.m.

Sun., April 5 - SIU Edwardsville at 1 p.m.

Tues., April 7 - Lipscomb at 6 p.m.

Wed., April 8 - at Evansville, 6 p.m.



LOIS JONES | PHOTO EDITOR
Gov Jared Delong scored two runs in the win against JSU.



Head coach Casey Dickson looks down as her team plays the Tennessee State Lady Tigers. The Lady Govs lost 2 of 3 games against the Lady Tigers.

Lady Govs down and out, drop to 1-7 in OVC

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The APSU Lady Govs (7-24, 1-7 OVC) played host to the Tennessee State Lady Tigers (13-14, 5-4 OVC) in their first Ohio Valley Conference three-game series. APSU dropped two of the three games 1-2 (1-10, 2-1, 6-7) at home. The series began with a single game Saturday, March 28, and concluded with a double-header Sunday, March 29. Lady Govs' pitchers Abby Mabry and Ashley Boldaboth combined to give up nine runs total in the fifth and six innings in the loss. Mabry pitched four solid innings, giving up only two hits and one run before Tennessee State's bats heated up and the scoring spree started.

The first game in the double header was closer. Senior Ashley Elrod, who allowed only two hits and three walks, struck out a team season-best 10 hitters. Tennessee State starter Megan Hedrick matched Elrod's performance for the first four innings, which kept the game deadlocked 0-0. APSU's bats came alive in the fifth inning. Brittany Williams started the Lady Govs's bats with a one-out single. Williams scored on a triple by Tiffany Smith, who in turn scored on a single from Ashley Alverson to lead 2-0. Tennessee State cut the margin 2-1 in the top of the sixth from a two-out single by Royesha Goodman. Elrod finished the remaining

innings and struck out the final four hitters to end the six-game skid for APSU. The final game of the series and of the double-header had another pitching gem early on. Tennessee State led 2-1 through four and a half innings. Much like the first game, the bats came alive again for APSU, who loaded the bases to open the fifth inning. Three straight singles by Alverson, Krista Henke and Randal Davenport helped APSU gain the five runs scored in the fifth inning. APSU scored five runs off three hits and two errors, taking the lead 5-2. Tennessee State matched APSU, scoring five more runs off six hits to capture the win for the Lady Tigers. ♦



(2) Michigan State

(3) Villanova

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(1) North Carolina

Scott leads bracket standings

Staff Reports

The college basketball season is coming to an end with all the drama that comes with it. We finally know the final four with Michigan State (Midwest), University of Connecticut (West), Villanova (North), and North Carolina (South). The biggest upset this weekend came with the Midwest region where we saw the overall number one seed, Louisville, fall to Michigan State in a convincing 64-52 win. The All State tournament end is drawing nigh and the results are in for this week. Check online at www.theallstate.com for bracketology conversation by leader Marlon Scott and runner-up Anthony Shingler.

Bracketology Standings

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| 1. Marlon Scott | 94 pts. |
| 2. Anthony Shingler | 86 pts. |
| 3. Devon Robinson | 85 pts. |
| 4. Patrick Armstrong | 76 pts. |
| 5. Joe Wojtkiewicz | 74 pts. |