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HOLEY GROUND?

Geology professor addresses Clarksville's sinkhole problem

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Last semester, a sinkhole opened up on the eastbound side of I-24 near exit 9, and was quickly repaired. After heavy rains, it reopened on March 19 closing lanes of traffic until it could be repaired.

APSU's main campus has had its share of sinkholes. In 2014, a sinkhole opened during the building of Fortera Stadium and the Peay bowl outside of Harned Hall is a repaired sinkhole. The Sundquist Science Center is built on a series of sinkholes.

Clarksville, and much of the Tennessee area is porous land made up of large amounts of limestone. Limestone dissolves with the rain creating pockets in the land. Some of these pockets become sinkholes.

Kallina M. Dunkle, associate professor of geology, spoke about the sinkhole issue.

"The big issue is the geology underneath us," Dunkle said. "So if we go back in time one hundred million years, we actually had an ocean in this area, Tennessee, about 300-350 million years ago. That ocean water deposited what we call limestone."

Limestone contains a mineral that is easily dissolved in acidic water.

"Most of our rain is just a little bit acidic, just enough that it can dissolve away that limestone," Dunkle said.

For 300 million years rain settled into small fractures created by shifts in the earth, eventually creating a series of subterranean caverns and cave.

"Where we're at here, what we basically have is soils, so some clay, and directly underneath that limestone," Dunkle said.

Lack of solid rock support under soil is what causes sinkholes.

"What we really have around this area that form our sinkholes is what we call soil piping, so it's not really that the rock itself is collapsing, it's that we get a bunch of rain," Dunkle said. "That water basically washes all of that soil down into this big open pit down below."

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY

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TOP: Kallina M. Dunkle, associate professor of geology is an expert on the sinkhole issue in Clarksville, Tennessee. BOTTOM: A giant sinkhole appears during construction of Fortera Stadium in 2014. MAHALIA SMITH | THE ALL STATE

Walk A Mile raises over $8,000

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APSU students, members of the ROTC program, cast members from the Roxy Regional Theatre in downtown, Bikers Against Child Abuse, and citizens from the Clarksville community came together for the Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event on Thursday, March 22, at Fortera Stadium.

The event helps to bring to the forefront the issue of sexual assault and the resource of the sexual assault center in town.

The Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event gets the community to talk about the effects and presence of sexual assault while participating in a walk with others.

"The reality is that domestic violence and sexual assault affects everyone, and so we can continue to educate and create ways to prevent (it). But it takes a community to create cultural change," Stephen Dominy, Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and member of the Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory Committee at APSU, said.

According to www.walkamileinhershoes.org, "Every two minutes someone in America is raped. One in six American women are victims of sexual assault. That means someone you know, someone you care about, has been or may become the victim of sexual violence. It may be your mother, your sister, your friend, your girlfriend, your wife, your coworker or your daughter."

According to www.rainn.org, "11.2 percent of all students experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence or incapacitation (among all graduate and undergraduate students).

Among graduate and professional students, 8.8 percent of females and 2.2 percent of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence or incapacitation.

Among undergraduate students, 23.1 percent of females and 5.4 percent of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation.

4.2 percent of students have experienced stalking since entering college," according to rainn.org.

"This is a silent epidemic that people do not want to talk about because it is so personal. But there are so many people in our family, that sit beside us in our

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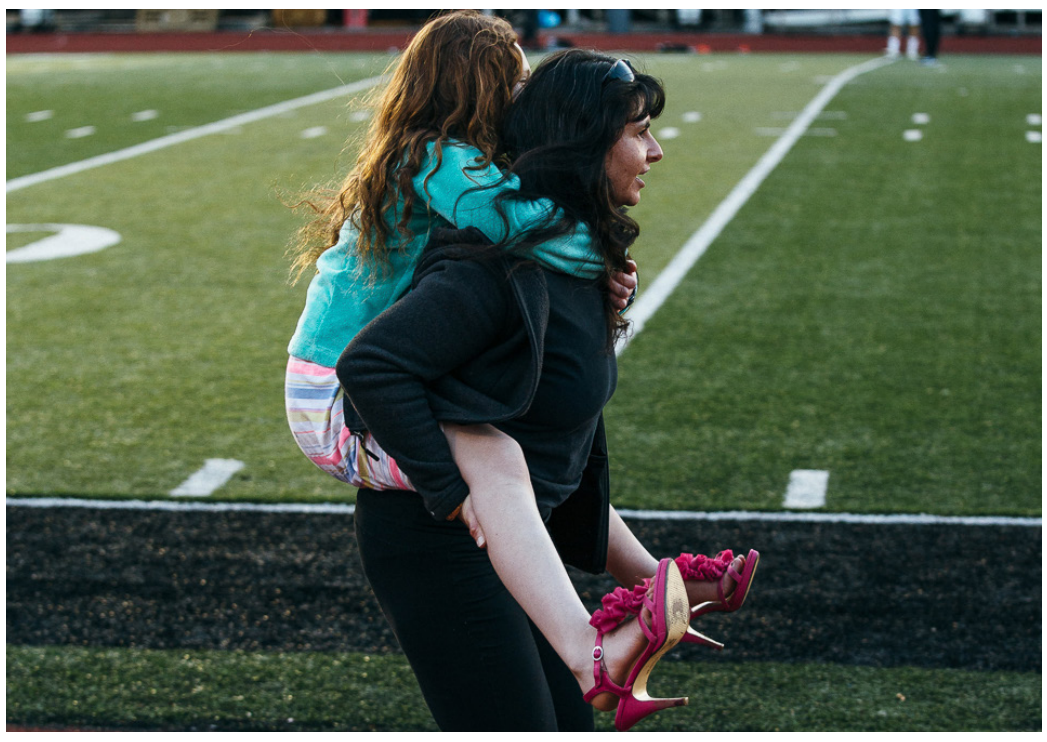

Walk A Mile In Her Shoes promotes raising awareness of sexual assault in the community by walking in heels around Fortera Stadium on March 22. BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

FACTS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT:

- **11.2** percent of all students experience sexual assault through force
- **8.8** percent are graduate and professional students
- **23.1** percent undergraduate female students
- **5.4** percent of male undergraduate students

SINKHOLE

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In some instances, the sinkhole is minor and can be repaired quickly. In other cases, sinkholes can be as large as a room or building. The sinkhole at the football stadium was one such case.

"To properly try and repair that, what I have to do is take big boulders that are bigger than that opening, and get smaller and smaller pieces, with the idea being that I want water to still get through, but I don't want all that soil material running down because that's when I see the collapse of the surface," Dunkle said.

There are ways to protect buildings from sinkholes.

"When they're looking at building somewhere, there are requirements that for every so many feet I have to drill a hole and see what's going on," Dunkle said.

While this system can work, it is possible for builders to miss sinkholes at a site and still build.

"Something that works better is what we call geophysics, so the idea is I put something on the surface, typically in a line, I send a signal through the ground. That signal changes when it goes through an open space versus solid rock," Dunkle said. "There are different types of equipment that can do that. The one that would work the best around here is something we call electrical resistivity imaging, or ERI."

Sometimes contractors decide to move the building to another spot when sinkholes are found. But in some cases, like Sundquist, another spot isn't available.

"What we do in that case is, you add extra supports to the building," Dunkle said.

Stilt like supports are added underneath the building to keep the building from collapsing should the sinkhole open.

While sinkholes can be devastating, modern science and technology help to prevent problems before they happen.

WELL-KNOWN APSU SINKHOLES:

- The AP Bowl
- The bowl between the Woodward J Library and Morgan University Center
- The Sundquist Area

WALK

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church. They are walking beside us everyday that have nowhere to go. And do not know what to do but that's why the sexual assault center is here," Cynthia Pitts, Advisory Board Chair for the Clarksville Sexual Assault Center said. "It's free so people can come and get the care they need not only for the victims, but for their families as well. I think it's so powerful."

The walk is also a fundraiser for the Sexual Assault Center.

"The walk became a component of raising funds and awareness for the center here in Clarksville," Dominy said. "It also became a component because of our commitment to preventing and stopping domestic violence and sexual assaults on our community."

The Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event has been going on for two years at APSU, and the Sexual Assault Center has been in Clarksville for two and a half years.

Several organizations in Clarksville have seen the effects of sexual assault here in the community, and they have donated to help the victims.

The Army ROTC program on APSU's campus donated a sizable sum to the Sexual Assault Center in Clarksville.

According to LTC John Montgomery, "Last year, the cadets raised approximately $2,500, and this year they raised about $7,250. They really challenged themselves this year. Their goal was $5,000 because they wanted to double last year's efforts, and they exceeded that."

The Roxy Theater raised $1,200 for the Sexual Assault Center in Clarksville.

Career Fair offers opportunities for APSU students

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APSU Career Services hosted the Spring Career and Internship Fair in the MUC Ballroom.

The main objective for the Spring Career and Internship Fair is to provide a path for students, both grad and undergrad, with opportunities for a specific profession in their futures.

The Marine Corps and the Coast Guard put up shop to show people what all a person can achieve through military service.

Several forms of law enforcement such as the Paducah Police and even the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol were present to give intel on the rewarding career path of a police officer.

All of this provided the many keys for the students of APSU to see the varietal potluck of careers and jobs. However, it was not just an opportunity for the APSU body but for the businesses and institutions that came to APSU to present themselves and their positional offerings.

"It allows opportunity to the student body, and for the opportunities that await after school," Gunnery Sergeant Giroir of the U.S. Marines, said

"It is great [the fair]," Katie Woodward of Summer Internship for College Students, a Christian project camp for students, said. "It gives a lot of people opportunities to see what's out there."

Another opportunity out there for college students, is graduate school

"Rhodes College,"Arlinda Fair said, "is a good private liberal arts school in Memphis, Tennessee and contains limitless forms of educational career paths."

The fair displayed APSU's potential towards its own body, showing many of the available graduate degree programs.

It also brought the various students to the businesses and institutions, providing the students the opportunity to display their own goals, dreams, and potentials towards their desired field or discipline.

"It is an opportunity, for APSU to form partnerships with employers that hire our students and alumni." Amanda Walker, director of career services and director of the event, said.

"Students are highly encouraged," said Dr. Walker, "to seek future employers, even if they are freshmen and sophomores. It makes it easier for the students to obtain jobs. The fair is an access to future employers."

Eighth Young Women's Leadership Symposium encourages participants

This year marks the eighth installment of the Young Women's Leadership Symposium on campus. It provides sessions on salary negotiation and knowing your worth. BRYAN SMITH | THE ALL STATE

MAHALIA SMITH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The theme for the 2018 Young Women's Leadership Symposium highlights the successes women have made in history, and encourages women to make the changes they want to see in the world.

For eight years, the symposium has brought different speakers to campus to teach women and men leadership skills. The symposium was held in the MUC Ballroom on Friday, March 23.

"This symposium was born out of my dissertation proposal when I was in grad school, because I was really saddened at the number of women that were in office especially in the Kentucky and Tennessee area," assistant professor of political science and creator of the symposium Marsha Lyle-Gonga said.

The focus of her dissertation was finding ways to get more women into politics. This year's symposium took some inspiration from the #MeToo movement and the effect it has had on many public figures.

"What is very surprising is the amount of engagement that we've had with the #metoo movement and the fact that women are really realizing that they have a voice," Lyle-Gonga said.

The 2017 symposium was met with a small controversy as some students led a silent protest against the keynote speaker, Congressman Marsha Blackburn.

While Blackburn's presence was contested, Lyle-Gonga said that it was important for her to be there.

"I try to make the symposium one that is very open for everybody. Of course there were those people that were against having Marsha Blackburn there," Lyle-Gonga said. "But one of the things we have to realize in society is that for us to progress, we need everybody at the table."

The 2018 speaker was Jill Ayers, a local circuit court judge.

Alicia Schoenthal, senior english major, attended the symposium for the first time on Friday. She heard about the event in one of Lyle-Gonga's classes.

"I'm actually in the women in politics class with Dr. Lyle-Gonga and she had mentioned it, and it was just exciting, I'm ready," Schoenthal said. She was looking forward to the "Are you really a hustler?" session.

"I'm deciding to go to the 'Are You A Hustler' session, because your girl is not a hustler, and I would like to be," Shoenthal said.

In addition to the female students of APSU, the symposiums are open to the public, including high school students and men.

"Here we have a chance for all of us to understand where we're coming from, so that's one of the reasons men should be at the table with us," Lyle-Gonga said.

Change comes by mutual understanding, according to Lyle-Gonga.

"We need men for us to be able to be elevated. They need to understand our needs and some of the things we go through as women, because if we're not talking and engaging with men, we won't make any progress," Lyle-Gonga said.

Schoenthal also encourages others to attend the symposium.

"I think that anyone who is open to the idea or excited about women in leadership should definitely be encouraged to come whether that's male, female young, old, I think it is incredibly important to get our voices heard," Schoenthal said.

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Foy Fitness Center- 425 Marion St.
Saturday, March 24- 2:04 a.m.
Referral

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Sevier Hall- 12 Gov's Ct.
Tuesday, Feb. 20- 11:18 p.m.
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ARREST WARRANT SERVICE MISDEMEANOR
601 Hannum St.
Saturday, March 17- 8:33 p.m.
Report

VANDALISM-MISDEMEANOR
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Thursday, March 15 8:30 p.m.
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PERSPECTIVES

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
— First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Activism without action is empty

Announcing what one believes in on social media is not the same as fighting

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Social media has a hold of our lives. Since everyone has social media, everyone who leans toward liberal beliefs thinks of themselves as an activist. They are feminists, civil rights activists and LGBTQ+ rights activists and they are "fighting" for everyone's rights.

Personally, I consider myself a feminist in the broad sense, based on my beliefs. I do not believe I am what I would call an active feminist. I would not tag myself as an "activist" in any other equal rights campaign I believe in or put them as descriptions of myself in summaries.

I believe there is an inherent difference between believing in an idea, arguing for an idea or even taking steps to help those you believe deserve it through donations or individual articles and being an active, committed part of a movement.

It is true, some people are simply unable to do as much as they like. There are also people who make consistent efforts through donations and occasional analysis because it is the most they can do, and I would not rob these people from identifying so deeply with what they believe in.

However, there are plenty of people who ignore protests, refuse to help out or attend events run by related organizations and never really cross the line as anything more than a silent supporter. Yet, if 2 percent of the posts on their Twitter have a hashtag for their movement, they consider themselves involved.

A part of this may be the fact that talking about doing something can be difficult to distinguish mentally from actually having completed the action. Though consciously a person knows they have not yet accomplished the task, the mental responses associated with completing a task may already feel so accomplished they are no longer motivated.

"Tests done since 1933 show that people who talk about their intentions are less likely to make them happen," Derek Sivers said in his 2016 article posted to sivers.org. He also says "Announcing your plans to others satisfies your self-identity just enough that you're less motivated to do the hard work needed."

This is likely why Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr activism feels so validating for people. These platforms give some less able people a way to spread information and contribute. Still, people in positions of privilege often go on these platforms and send "thoughts" or claim to "stand with" those who are oppressed without actually contributing more than a hashtag.

Social media should be a part of any movement because it is such a big part of our lives in general, but verbal support is only the bare minimum. To really consider yourself a part of a movement. If you want to help people in groups you are not a part of, you have to invest yourself in the movement and take responsibility.

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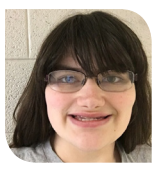
Technology Brings Us Together

Even as we get busier, computers, smartphones, social media keep people in connected loops, help them do more than has ever been possible before now



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We all love to go to the Internet and check our social media, right? It seems like most everyday people can pull out their smartphones and see the latest trends, news and text messages from family and friends.

According to Pew Research Center, in 2018, 95 percent of Americans have cellphones of any kind, 77 percent of Americans own smartphones, 73 percent own desktop or laptop computers and 53 percent own tablet computers. This means that almost all Americans have access to some or all online features.

Today, we live in a digital era, and some people began to worry about the overuse of technology and how it can corrupt society or isolate them, but technology can help connect us in many ways.

One example of how technology connects us is that we message friends and families.

There are times when we are so far away or that we do not have enough time to talk to our loved ones personally. Texting or chatting with them online helps us to easily connect with them anytime so we do not have to wait to talk to them when they visit us.

Technology can also help us to improve socially. Most of society use social media almost daily and post their content. They receive friend requests and they message them. This can boost their social skills because they share ideas and interests to the public.

According to the article, "The Impact of Social Media Use on Social Skills," on newyorkbehavioralhealth.com, social media users can improve their writing skills when they write and post blogs.

I agree because by using social media, you can boost your grammar in writing and you can interact with others online.

Users would post blogs for others to view them and follow them. Social media such as Tumblr helps them to break their comfort zone and chat or follow strangers with the same interests.

Another good thing about technology is that businesses are now contacting new workers or employees online.

Some users would create a professional account on social media and would contact jobs or schedule interviews.

This is because more people are going to social media and the Internet as technology is becoming more advanced.

From Kristen Herhold's article "How Businesses Use Social Media: 2017 Survey," on Clutch website, 52 percent of businesses say that they have improved their revenue and sales on social media.

When businesses or companies post advertisements for costumers to view them, they would receive money from costumers who buy the products.

Without technology or the Internet, we would not receive any news or information on sites or articles.

Without news or information, people would not know what is going on in the world. Students in schools or colleges would not be able to do research online.

With online technology, we have access to almost all information and news. We also share news and information to others online.

Technology has connected us in so many ways that we can imagine.

With the help of improvements projected in the future, we would be more connected to friends as we use the online world more often.

Since both our business and personal lives are becoming dependent on the current state of technology, it is best to embrace the changes as they come.

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EXTRAS

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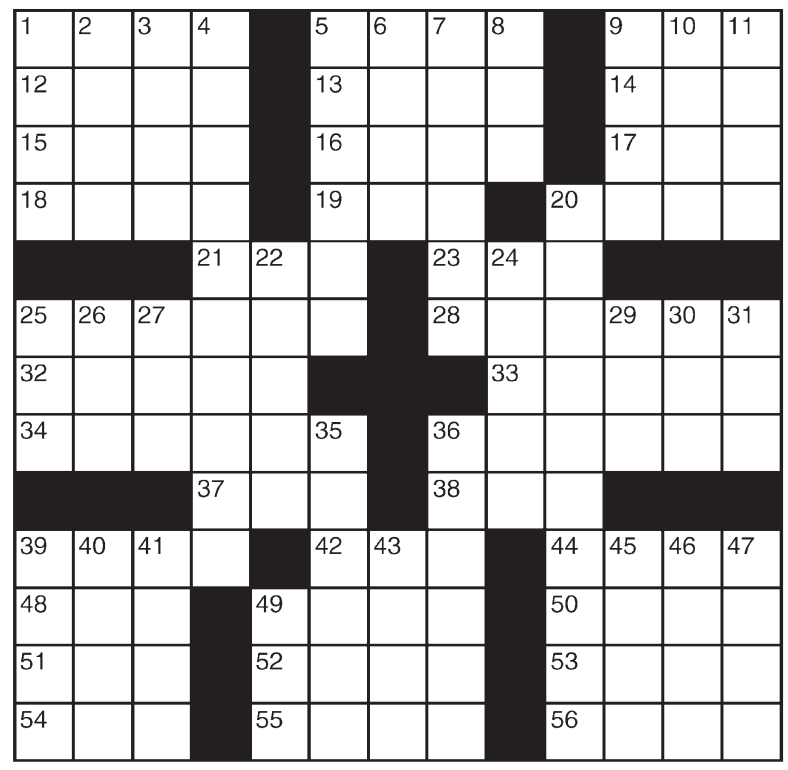

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SGA ELECTIONS: APRIL 3-5

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» Voting ratification will be at 4 p.m. April 6 in Claxton 103
» Chief Justice applications due April 6
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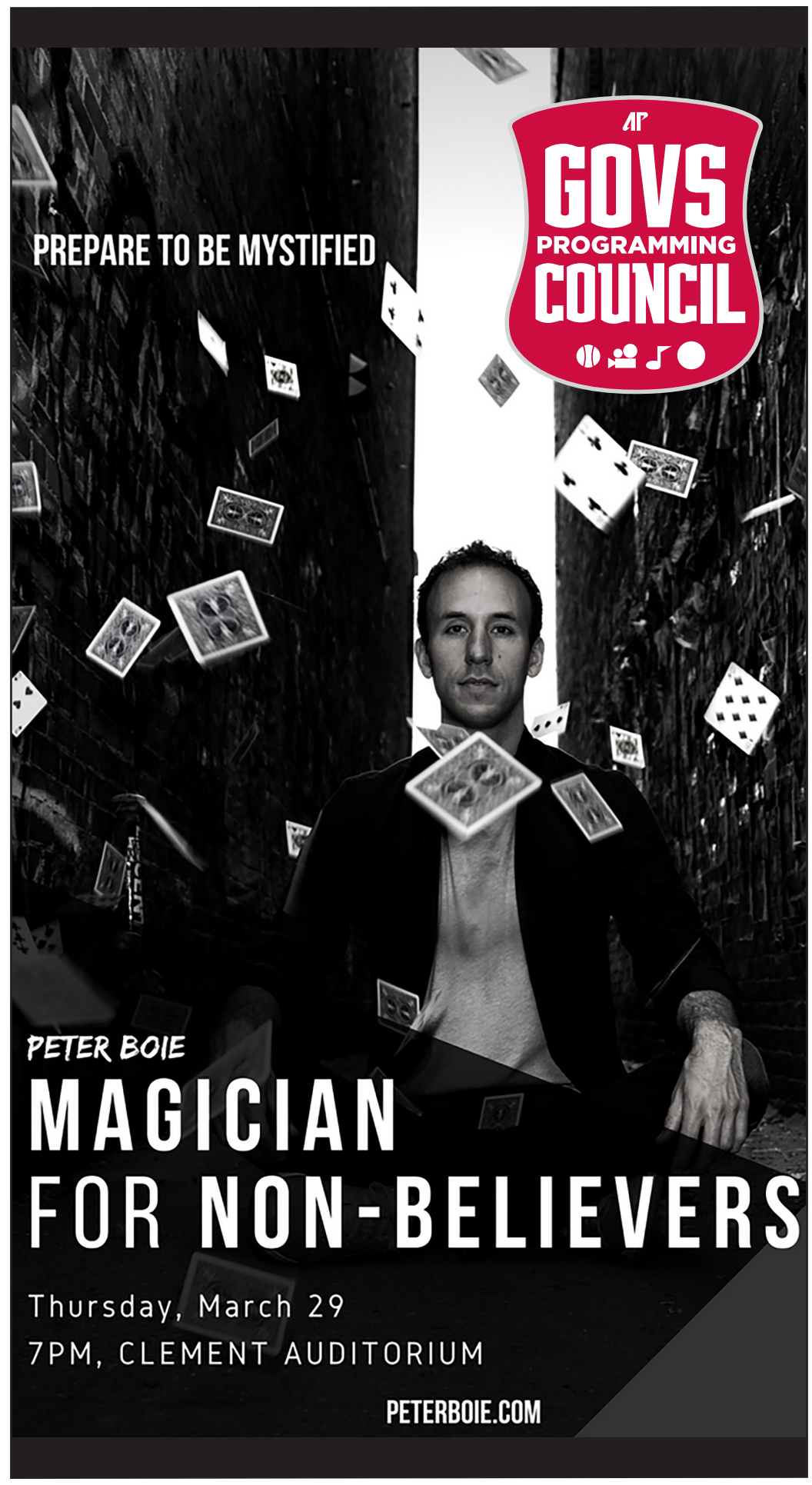

FEATURES

Rallying for gun control at McGregor Park

Students and community members gathered at McGregor Park on Saturday to coincide with national marches, as students protest for stricter gun control from Congress. JUNO VON PALKO | THE ALL STATE

Protesters gather in Clarksville park as 'March for our Lives' travels country

JUNO VON PALKO
STAFF WRITER

Almost 200 people rallied at McGregor Park to push for stricter gun laws in the wake of widespread gun violence in the US on Saturday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., particularly in response to the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

Eight hundred twenty-five March For Our Lives events took place internationally. While an official march did not take place in McGregor Park, the March For Our Lives event in Clarksville, Tennessee, involved a rally consisting of speeches, dedications, poetry readings, musical performances and a demand for change.

Many of those who attended were school students, graduates, parents and children, all there for a common cause.

Protesters handed out flowers with the names of victims from various school shootings, such as Columbine and Sandy Hook. Two tables presented resources on how to contribute to the conversation and voter registration.

A junior at APSU Middle College, Nahan Abubucker led the event. She has expressed great interest in the topic of common sense gun control, and her introduction speech called attention to her views on a lack of progress made on gun control laws.

"Just talking about this makes us

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Walking the extra mile for sexual assault

Participants of all ages joined Thursday's walk, in which they marched for one mile in women's shoes at Fortera Stadium. BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

Students march to raise awareness of sexual assault

DOMINIC GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" is an international men's march to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence. This literal approach to sexual assault prevention is under the notion that you cannot understand another person's experience until you have walked a mile in their shoes.

APSU hosted their version of the march "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" at the Fortera Stadium on Thursday, March 22.

"I think this is a great idea to address an important topic," former APSU student Taylor Tussey said. "It's an easy, inclusive way to get so many different people involved and informed, like me."

The mile-long walk brought attention to students as well as the entire community that was encouraged to attend.

"This topic is near and dear to the Bikers against Child Abuse," Biker 'Hoss' said. "Our job is to encourage kids specifically and uplift them after they have experienced assault."

Making their presence known at the

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walk, the B.A.C.A. takes a firm stand against all forms of child abuse. In a short ceremony, they welcome a child into the B.A.C.A. family by giving them their own biker jacket and patch.

Immediately a bond is formed between the child and the bikers. Two bikers are assigned as the child's primary contact as the child goes through the court process. To protect their identities, each biker works under a pseudonym, like 'Hoss' does.

"It's so important to bring awareness to what so many people go through on the daily," junior psychology major Cas Mendoza said. "This is stuff [the women and gender studies program] talk about."

APSU is one of the leading institutions regarding domestic violence and sexual assault prevention in Tennessee.

APSU provides a Women and Gender studies program minor. This program supports students as they become social justice activists in their homes and communities.

The program along with the Feminist Majority Leadership alliance have produced 17 annual showings of Eve Ensler's play "The Vagina Monologues." Only women can participate as talent in the play, however anyone and everyone is encouraged to watch.

These productions aid the V-Day global activist moment that has raised over $100 million towards ending violence against women and girls and educating individuals about the issue.

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CAS MENDOZA
JUNIOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

To attend the walk on campus, tickets at the gate were $5. The cost goes towards a fundraiser for the sexual assault center in Clarksville.

The sexual assault center's mission is to provide healing for children, adults and families affected by assault and violence through educational manners and counseling.

Around campus several yard signs can be seen saying "prevent sexual violence." These signs feature statistics such as "only 13 percent of rape survivors report assault" and "8 in 10 survivors knew their attacker."

APSU says it is keeping the conversation open.

"I work in the ROTC program [at APSU]. We are big advocates for ending sexual assault," Assistant military science professor Capt. Margaree King said. "It's important to start the conversation that these things happen. This walk starts conversations."

Tickets to participate in the walk cost five dollars. The fee was part of a donation to the Sexual Assault Center in Clarksville, helping provide services to local victims. BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

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really tired," Abubucker said. "So, we put it off, we put it off and we put it off, but if we keep waiting for a good time to talk about gun violence, we might as well never talk about gun violence because there's never a good time."

Among one of the main topics of her speech was a call to action in response to Congress's actions on the topic of gun violence and restrictions.

"Everyone tries so hard to turn their heads because every conversation devolves into an argument," Abubucker said. "This country needs to sit down and really think about whether or not our pride is worth more than the lives being ripped apart."

The midterm elections come Nov. 6 this year, and one of the biggest goals of events such as March For Our Lives is to create change in regards to gun violence. The marches gather community together to stand for one common goal.

"This isn't over yet," Abubucker said. "We students have made the choice to say that if the grown men and women of this nation are not brave enough to make the change, then we will stand where they will not stand. We will fight where they will not fight."

To take part in the movement for change, text "students" to 644-33, or visit every.tw/Students to find more information.

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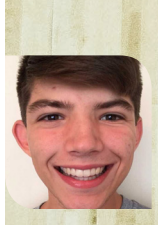
APSU MIDDLE COLLEGE JUNIOR

SPORTS

Looking back at Figger's first shot



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The Govs' season came to a close Wednesday, March 21, after an 83-81 loss to the UIC Flames in the CIT quarterfinals.

One season removed from an 11-19 finish, the Govs had plenty of questions to be answered. The biggest question:

How would the program fair without Dave Loos, who retired after 27 seasons as head coach?

Enter Matt Figger, the former associate head coach and recruiting director for the South Carolina Gamecocks during their run to the Final Four of the 2016-17 NCAA Tournament.

On top of handing the reigns over to a new coach, the Govs faced the issue of being the fifth most inexperienced team in the country based off of games played. A team with five freshmen, two of which saw 25 plus minutes of action per game, proved to be a formidable opponent slated against a tough schedule.

After being picked to finish 11th in the Ohio Valley Conference, the Govs wrapped up their season in third place, with a 19-15 (12-6 OVC) record.

The Govs began the season on a two-game road trip, falling to Vanderbilt and the top team in the country, Virginia. After the tough road start, the Govs won three out of their next four, beginning the season 6-7 out of conference.

Moving toward the end of December, APSU opened conference play blazing hot, going 7-3 in their first 10 outings. During conference play, APSU swept five of the seven teams they played twice, including the defending conference champions Jacksonville State.

Finishing 12-6, the Govs traveled to the Ford Center as the third seed in the OVC. They defeated Eastern Illinois March 1, but fell the next night in the semifinals to the Belmont Bruins.

The Govs returned home to the Dunn Center two weeks later to host the first round of the CIT against the University of Louisiana Monroe.

The team witnessed victory at home, moving on to the quarterfinal against the University of Illinois Chicago, falling in heartbreaking fashion 83-81, concluding their post season.

The team saw 19 wins for the first time since the 2010 season, where they also finished 19-15.

APSU not only defied the limitations the preseason polls placed on them, but shattered them on the way to their best season in nearly a decade.

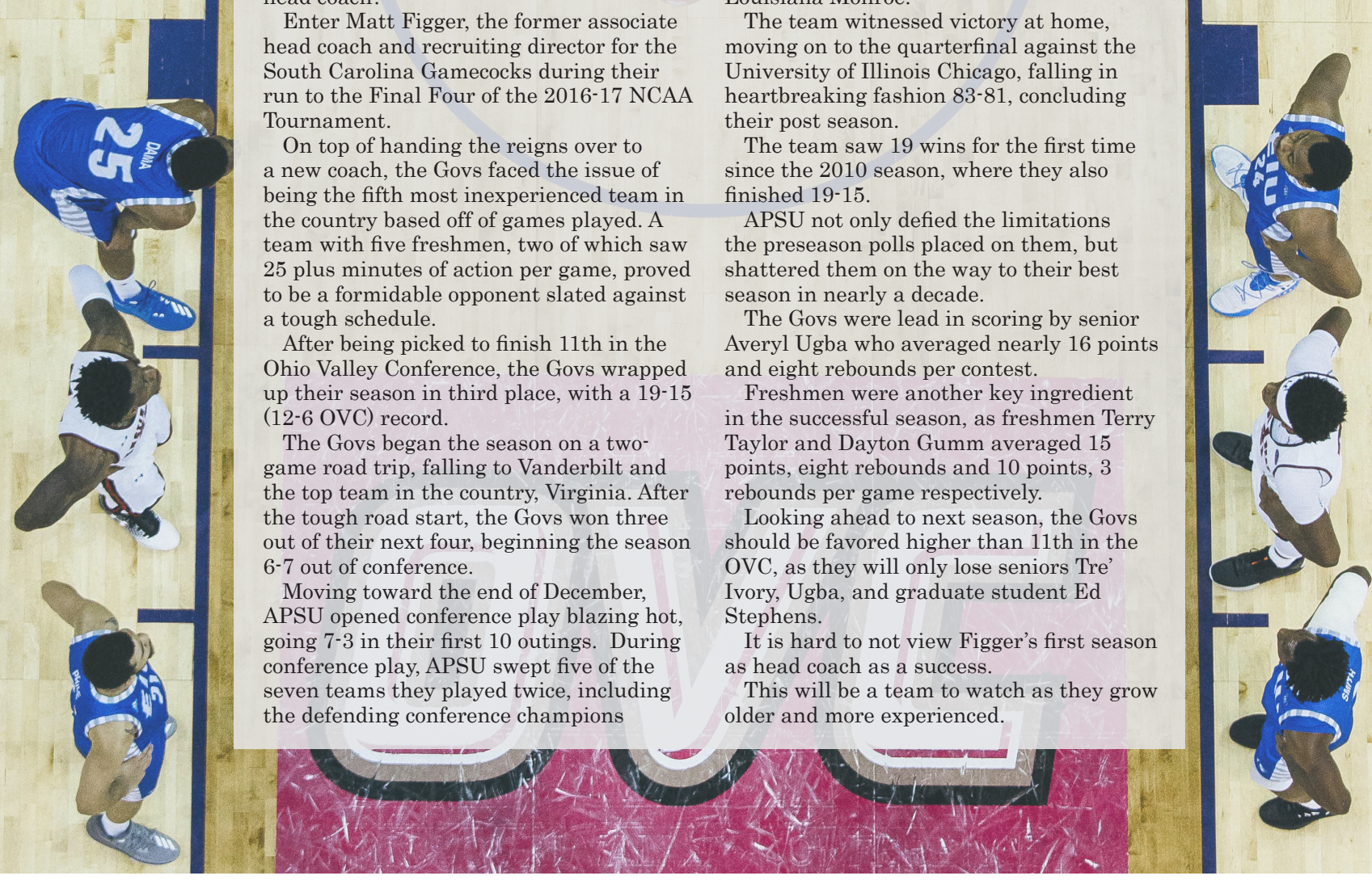
The Govs were lead in scoring by senior Averyl Ugba who averaged nearly 16 points and eight rebounds per contest.

Freshmen were another key ingredient in the successful season, as freshmen Terry Taylor and Dayton Gumm averaged 15 points, eight rebounds and 10 points, 3 rebounds per game respectively.

Looking ahead to next season, the Govs should be favored higher than 11th in the OVC, as they will only lose seniors Tre' Ivory, Ugba, and graduate student Ed Stephens.

It is hard to not view Figger's first season as head coach as a success.

This will be a team to watch as they grow older and more experienced.



APSU Men's Basketball defeats Eastern Illinois in the quarterfinals of the 2018 Ohio Valley Conference Championship Tournament in Evansville, Indiana, on Thursday, March 1. BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

World Cup Watch: France

France enters the 2018 World Cup with a roster that's depth can rival any team.

Up top, the French present goal scorers such as Karim Benzema, Olivier Giroud, Alexandre Lacazette, Antoine Griezmann, Kylian Mbappé, and Ousmane Dembélé.

In the unlikely event that those five struggle to produce, players such as Anthony Martial, Thomas Lemar and Kingsley Coman still pose a threat in the final attacking third of the field.

The French depth continues in the midfield with a shortlist that includes N'golo Kanté, Paul Pogba, Morgan Schneiderlin and Bayern Munich's Corentin Tolisso.

Defensively, the 1998 World Champions still have a solid performer in Hugo Lloris in net, but a back up role is well guarded with Alphonse Areola.

Questions must be asked, though, about France's aging defense. Youthful defenders, such as Raphaël Varane and Samuel Umtiti have not been solid out of the back, as shown in France's 3-2 loss to Colombia on Saturday, March 24. In addition, the stacked French midfield rarely seems to link up as they should.

Tennis Shorts

MEN'S TENNIS
L 7-0, at Tennessee Tech (3-23)
L 6-1, at Jacksonville State (3-24)

WOMEN'S TENNIS
L 4-3, at Jacksonville State. (3-24)

Govs crash out of CIT after UI-Chicago clash

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SPORTS EDITOR

The final moment of the 2018 APSU Men's Basketball season saw the University of Illinois at Chicago's Godwin Boahen's mid-range jumper sail over Chris Porter-Bunton and into the net.

Boahen's fifth field goal of the game pushed the Flames (19-15) to a 83-81 win over APSU (19-15) and into the semifinals of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament.

However, the curtain draws closed for the Govs.

The Govs had opportunities to pull away, but the squad shot 12.5 percent behind the arc and 45.1 percent from the field while UIC found points in a 82.6 percent performance at the line and 43.5 percent shooting from three point land.

The Govs held a five point lead at the half, a lead that was as high as 11 at three separate occasions.

"We always play well in the first half," freshman Terry Taylor said. "We got to complacent. We cannot do that."

Taylor led the team in points, with 31. Taylor also wrapped up a double-double with 12 rebounds.

Taylor finished his season with 530 points while aiding the Govs to a third place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"We accomplished a lot," Taylor said. "We knew we had to come together and play as one."

The Govs worked their way into a quarterfinal appearance of a tournament past the OVC round for the first time this millennium.

"I am proud of what we did, but we came up short," Taylor said.

Taylor will be one of eight Govs who will return next season.

Following a strong first season under a remodel, the Govs will continue to focus on the goal of winning an OVC Championship and the OVC Championship Tournament.

"I will have to set the tone in games and practices [as a leader]," Taylor said. "I had them [Tre' and Averyl] as leaders and show me the ropes."

Also finishing with a double-double was senior Averyl Ugba, who finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

"My role here was to be a leader and to a veteran," Ugba said, who finished the season with 534 points and 273 rebounds.

The Govs continued to fight in the final moments of the matchup with freshman Dayton Gumm drawing the game level with 10 seconds to go.

"We did not quit," Head Coach Matt Figger said. "We did not get a stop. I could of called a timeout, but I did not want their defense to get set.

The Govs controlled the ball for a large portion of the game, racking up 50 points in the paint and 71 field goal attempts, while the Flames dropped 60 attempts.

"We missed a ton of layups," said Figger. "With the 50 points we scored in the pain we should have scored 70."

The roll of the ball seemed to be against APSU as multiple shots grazed the rim or crashed against the backboard without falling into the net.

"Sometimes the ball just does not go in," Figger said.

APSU finishes their season with 19 wins, and a third place conference finish after being picked 11th in the OVC.

Zach Glotta looks on as the Govs crash out off the 2018 CollegeInsider.com Tournament following a 83-81 quarterfinal loss on Wednesday, March 21 from the Dunn Center. BRYAN SMITH | THE ALL STATE

Govs Games

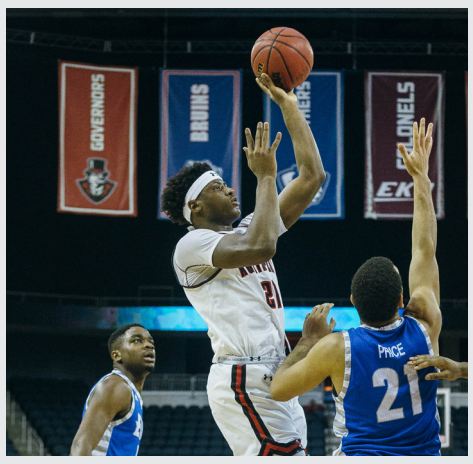
BASEBALL
vs. Southeast Missouri (OVC)
Clarksville, Tennessee
March 29-31

SOFTBALL
vs. Tennessee Tech (OVC)
Clarksville, Tennessee
Friday, March 30, 3 p.m., 5 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD
Florida Relays
Thursday, March 29, All Day

Player of the Week

Terry Taylor


BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

The true freshman forward from Bowling Green, Kentucky, dished out a whopping 31 points in the Govs' final outing of the 2017-18 season.

Taylor also recorded 12 rebounds, for his ninth double-double of the season, while having a perfect night at the free-throw line (2-2).

Taylor finishes the season with 530 points.

Govs Results

MEN'S BASKETBALL
L vs. UI-Chicago 83-81
CollegeInsider.com Tournament

BASEBALL
L at Tennessee Tech 4-0
L at Tennessee Tech L 15-12
L at Tennessee Tech 12-6

SOFTBALL
W at Morehead St. 3-1
W at Morehead St. 6-3

Winnipeg Jets clinch postseason spot following win over Nashville

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Captain Blake Wheeler wasn't certain at the beginning of the season if his Winnipeg Jets would contend for a playoff spot. Now he has his answer.

Mark Scheifele scored the only goal in a shootout and the Winnipeg Jets clinched a playoff spot with a 5-4 win over the Nashville Predators on Sunday night.

The Jets are in the postseason for the first time since 2014-15 and just the second time since their move from Atlanta before the 2011-12 season. The franchise hasn't won a playoff series since 2007.

"A lot of uncertainty coming into the year, where we were going to be," said Wheeler, who has been with Winnipeg since the relocation. "I don't think many people thought we were going to be where we are at, a playoff team. Every single guy in here has had a huge part in that. It's a big moment for our team and for our organization."

Jets rookie Kyle Connor scored a power-play goal and had two assists, giving him seven goals in six games. That includes a pair of overtime goals in Winnipeg's previous two games and gives him 29 on the season. That's tied with Vancouver's Brock Boeser for the rookie goal scoring lead. Boeser's season ended March 5 with a fracture in his lower back.

"He's one of the single biggest reasons why we are where we are," Wheeler said. "(Connor has) put up nearly 30 goals and is a real impact player playing with Mark Scheifele and I. It's quite a surprise."

Dustin Byfuglien also scored on the power play, and Bryan Little and Blake Wheeler each added a goal and an assist for Winnipeg.

Kyle Turris, Ryan Ellis, and Viktor Arvidsson each had a goal and an assist, and Roman Josi also scored for the Predators.

Nashville backup Juuse Saros stopped 43 shots while the defending Western Conference champions rested their Vezina Trophy candidate Pekka Rinne after playing the night before in Minnesota.

Connor Hellebuyck made 32 saves for the Jets, improving to 39-11-0.

The clubs have combined for 41 goals in five meetings this season.

"There's a lot of people shooting the puck out there. They got a lot of talent on their team," Predators coach Peter Laviolette said. "Our guys do a pretty good job scoring goals. I can't explain it. Both teams have good goaltending. Both teams played pretty good defense, but offense seems to rule the day."

The Predators went 1 for 5 on the power play.

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OVC Standings

	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL	W TENNIS
1ST	TENNESSEE TECH	EASTERN ILLINOIS	MU**AY ST.
2ND	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	APSU	EASTERN ILLINOIS
3RD	BELMONT	EASTERN KENTUCKY	JACKSONVILLE ST.
4TH	APSU	SIUE	APSU
5TH	MOREHEAD ST.	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	UT MARTIN
6TH	MU**AY ST.	JACKSONVILLE ST.	EASTERN KENTUCKY
7TH	JACKSONVILLE ST.	UT MARTIN	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
8TH	EASTERN KENTUCKY	BELMONT	TENNESSEE ST.
9TH	UT MARTIN	MOREHEAD ST.	SIUE
10TH	EASTERN ILLINOIS	MU**AY STATE	BELMONT
11TH	SIUE	TENNESSEE TECH	
12TH		TENNESSEE ST.	

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