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Govs advance to the big dance



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By **MARLON SCOTT**
Sports Editor

Thursday, Feb. 28, in Richmond Kentucky at the McBrayer Arena, the APSU Govs defeated the Eastern Kentucky University Colonels to clinch their second straight Ohio Valley Conference Regular Season Championship, but they did not care.

Four days later, the Govs defeated ECU again 76-51 and avenged last season's loss to the Colonels in the OVC Tournament Championship game. But that did not matter either.

Sat., March 7, in Nashville, Tenn., at the Municipal Auditorium, the Govs beat the UT-Martin Skyhawks 78-77 with a last second free throw and still was not satisfied.

One game has been the focus of the Govs since this season began and it took place in the Municipal Auditorium last Saturday. The TSU Tigers were the only thing standing between the Govs and their goal this season. The Tigers turned out to be not much of an obstacle. The Govs defeated TSU 82-64 and earned the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

"I am just so happy for our players," said Govs coach Dave Loos.

"I would have felt bad if this group had left Austin Peay without a trip to the NCAA. They're going to get that now."

Solid defense and three-point shooting were the keys to the Govs' win. The Tigers shot only 37 percent (22-of-60) from the field and 19 percent (4-of-21) from three-point range. Tiger guard Bruce Price had scored over 20 points in the Tiger's first two games in the tournament. Thanks to the combined defensive efforts of Kyle Duncan and Wes Channels, Price scored only three points in the game. His teammate, Jerrell Houston, led all scores with 25 points.

Right behind Houston was Gov guard Todd Babington. He drained 6-of-8 from downtown on his way to 24 points. Early in the game, the Tigers focused on shutting down the Govs' post game. Playing man-to-man defense smothered both Reed and Fernandez Lockett in the paint. As a result, the Govs swung the ball out to Babington behind the three-point arc and he made them pay.

Babington made his fourth 3-pointer with just over 11 minutes remaining in the first half. It ignited a

13-4 Govs run. Ahead 31-22 at the four-minute mark, Babington continued to expand the Govs' lead with a short jumper off the glass. He finished the first half with 16 points.

While Babington dazzled fans with his marksmanship from outside, Lockett produced highlights on the inside. He crashed the offensive board multiple times, finishing with high-impact, two-handed, rim shaking dunks. At halftime the Govs led 40-25.

For the third game in a row, four different Govs scored in double figures. In addition to Babington's 24 points, Derek Wright scored 13; Reed added 11, and Lockett slammed his way to 10.

The team combined to shoot 52 percent (27-of-52) from the field and 60 percent (9-of-15) from three-point range.

The balanced attack proved to be too much for the Tigers. When they adjusted to cover the red hot Babington, it opened up the post game for Reed and Lockett. Whenever they swarmed inside, Babington continued to make them pay for ignoring him.

"We really got it going down the

stretch. The key to it was our defense," Loos said. "[Babington] gives us a threat that is tough to deal with. We have got a good inside/outside balance when he is scoring like that, the way he shot it tonight."

Battling in the paint, Houston converted a three-point play after being fouled to bring the Tigers within 17 points, 55-38, with 11:38 remaining. He would go on to score seven more points for the Tigers, but they would not get within 15 points of the Govs for the rest of the game.

"We had to keep telling ourselves, 'don't let up,' because they are a team that could come back at any moment," Reed said. "When there was about three or four minutes left, we knew that as long as we kept hitting our free throws, it would be fine."

Gov seniors Wright, Lockett and Babington were named to the All-OVC tournament team. Babington was also named the MVP of the tournament.

With the net from the rim as a trophy, the Govs will now go into the NCAA tournament with a new goal: An NCAA first round victory. ♦

Series to battle debt

By **KASEY HENRICKS**
Editor in Chief

Financial responsibility. Figures indicate students need to exercise more of it. APSU's Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs will be offering assistance to students to help raise awareness and improve decision-making in matters regarding finances.

"APSU is participating in a pilot-test program to help USA Funds, a student-loan guarantor, to evaluate new online courses that help students make better decisions about their personal finances," said Donna Price, director of the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs.

Numerous studies indicate that college students and graduates are facing substantial money problems, whether through student loans, credit cards or some other form.

According to the Project on Student Debt (www.projectonstudentdebt.org), nearly two-thirds of students graduating from public four-year colleges and universities have loan debt. Of these borrowers, half owe \$15,472 or more, a quarter owe \$22,822 or more and a tenth owe \$32,994 or more. Furthermore, debt levels for graduating seniors have more than doubled from \$9,250 to \$19,200 during the past decade.

Credit card debt is another concern for many students. According to Nellie Mae, a Sallie Mae student loan company (www.nelliemae.com), 83 percent of undergraduate students enrolled at public

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Donna Price, director of the office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs

universities have at least one credit card.

When compared to obtaining a student loan, the process of using a credit card offers ease, accessibility and convenience. These factors can play a significant role in the decision-making of credit card users. Nellie Mae reports the average credit card debt amounts to nearly \$2,500 for college students. Of these students, approximately 27 percent owe \$3,000 or more. Since credit card interest rates fluctuate and are often higher than student loan rates, many students pay significantly higher credit card interest rates — as much as two to three times more than student loan interest rates.

The mentioned factors of student loan and credit card debt strongly influence an individual's credit report.

According to the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act of 2003, a credit report is a number used to predict the likelihood of credit behavior. Better credit ratings are shown with higher numbers.

If a person does not exercise fiscal responsibility, negative information affecting credit reports may remain in a personal file for up to seven years. However if an individual applies for a salary position earning \$75,000 or more, there is no time limit. For students affected by these and other financial issues, APSU will be providing assistance.

"It is important for all students to be better informed about the implications of loan indebtedness, credit card debt and overall financial responsibility," Price said.

A three-part series entitled "It's All About Credit," begins March 17 and will be sponsored by the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs.

The three courses to be offered include: "How do I manage my credit-card debt?," "How can I protect myself from identity theft?" and "What do credit reports and credit scores mean to me?."

"The online courses each generally take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete," Price said. Students have the option to complete any number of courses, and because these courses will be Web-based students have the convenience of choosing the time and place in which they are to participate.

For more information contact Terry Huth, secretary of the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, athuth@apsu.edu. ♦

No need to cause 'Ruckus' over illegal downloads

By **KYLE NELSON**
News Editor

APSU is now offering free music downloads of up to 2.5 million songs to students through a partnership with Ruckus Network, Inc. This deal comes while the Tennessee General Assembly considers passing a law requiring universities to prevent illegal music downloads.

According to Reggie Wooden, Web-internet specialist of the Office of Information Technology, the partnership did come as a reaction to possible legislation, but "We want to contribute to the entertainment and social aspect of the university."

The service is free to students, but not to faculty, staff or alumni, who will have to pay \$8.99 a month for the same service students receive. Faculty, though, can use content in class, according to Wooden. This service will provide nearly 3 million songs to subscribers.

"We found pretty much everything in our testing," Wooden said. He said they couldn't find one song out of fifty in their search.

The service though, requires subscribers to download the Ruckus player, which is an overlay to the Windows Media Player. Across the top of the player, a banner of ads stream across because Ruckus is an ad-supported provider, according to Wooden. That is why APSU and subscribers pay nothing for the service.

APSU conducted pilot testing on Ruckus earlier to see the viability of the service.

"Students tended to buy into it real easily," Wooden said. "I was surprised initially ... but the current

generation is more used to listening to music on their computers."

In addition to this, digital rights management encoding, or DRM, protects the songs downloaded through the free service.

"It is technically impossible to play without a Ruckus player due to digital rights management, or DRM," Wooden said. DRM-encoded songs are meant to prevent people from sharing music, and will prevent subscribers from placing their downloaded music on an MP3 player or CD.

Popular music provider, iTunes, uses DRM-encoded songs, but after Steve Jobs, Apple Inc. founder, made public his opposition to DRM-encoding in April 2007 iTunes has begun switching to DRM-free songs. Also, with the free service you are only able to play your songs on two computers, and can only switch one of those computers every 30 days, according to Wooden. Also, the songs offered by Ruckus are encrypted with an expiration date so that after a student graduates, the content expires. But there is another type of subscription offered by Ruckus.

"With the Ready to Go account you can sync your computer with a Microsoft Plays For Sure device," Wooden said. Plays For Sure is a certification on certain MP3 players that are compatible with music providers like Napster, according to Microsoft (www.microsoft.com/windows/logoprogram). Neither the Microsoft Zune nor the iPod are compatible with the songs provided by Ruckus. This other service costs \$19.95 per semester, Wooden said. In addition to these things, since the songs are in the



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WMA format, these songs cannot be listened to over iTunes.

APSU has had issues with students downloading music illegally, Wooden said. He said that in the first two or three weeks of the fall semester, they received two messages a week from the Recording Industry Association of America about possible legal action against students who had downloaded music illegally. Wooden said they would refer these instances to the Office of Student Affairs. ♦



Good Morning APSU

Your Community

Library Athenaeum

LaVergne T. Walker, civil rights activist and former APSU affirmative action director will lead the Library Athenaeum series at 1 p.m. on Wed., March 12 in Woodward Library. She will present “The Chronicles of a Social Activist: From Teenager to History Maker”, where she will talk about her activity in civil rights, her career as an affirmative action director and her current actions as a social activist.

Resumé building workshop

The Career and Advisement Center will host a resume workshop from 11:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. on Wed., March 12. The workshop will cover what to include and exclude in a resume, what employers look for and what mistakes to avoid. Contact Allen Barger at 221-7896 for more information.

Debate ‘08

Pi Sigma Alpha, College Democrats, College Republicans and *The All State* will present Debate ‘08, a voter’s issues debate at 7 p.m. on Thurs., March 13 in University Center Room 307.

Society for Collegiate Journalists

The Society for Collegiate Journalists is holding their next meeting from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Fri., March 14 in University Center Room 306. All interested communications and journalism students are invited to attend. Contact Dave Campbell at davecampbell23@gmail.com for more information.

Pre-Law Society

The Pre-Law Society will meet at 5:30 p.m., March 18 in the University Center Room 213. The meeting is open to anyone interested in Pre-Law. Contact Emery Walters at ewalters14@apsu.edu for more information.

Bernice Johnson Reagon

Nationally and internationally known scholar, Bernice Johnson Reagon, will speak about songs created during the Civil Rights Movement at 6 p.m., Wed., March 19 in the Music/Mass Communication Concert Hall.

Etiquette luncheon

The APSU Leadership Series will be hosting an Etiquette Luncheon at noon, Tues., March 25 in University Center Ballroom C. Students will learn tips and instructions for a business luncheon or interview. A three-course meal will be provided. Space is limited. Sign up at Student Life and Leadership. Contact Tinsley Hembree at 221-7043 for more information.

SGA: WEEKLY ROUND-UP

SGA passes bills to post pictures, plugs

By TINEA PAYNE
Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association discussed SR 9, 10 and 11 during the Feb. 27 Senate meeting.

Identity and plug resolutions passed

SGA voted on SR 9, presented by Sen. Yousef Behbahani. The identity resolution helps students recognize SGA senators by posting the name, campus e-mail address, contact information and photos of senators on the legislative branch page of the SGA Web site (www.apsu.edu/sga). The identity resolution passed.

SGA also voted on SR 10, presented by Sen. Aaron Taylor. The legislation, the plug resolution, calls for a formal recommendation to the Faculty Senate to add more electrical outlets in the food court area. Taylor said the resolution by no means would implement new outlets, but would evaluate if reconstruction is possible. The plug resolution passed.

Chalk resolution fails

Sen. Joseph Vasquez presented SR 11. The chalk resolution would have banned the chalk writing across campus and other public displays that the resolution claimed defaced campus property. The Senate motioned to amend SR 11 and strike out lines 32-37 of the legislation, but it was not amended. The chalk resolution failed.

New positions and announcements

SGA elected Sen. A.J. Wolfe to the Academic Council and elected Sen. Jody Dorris to Internal Affairs.

SGA Vice President R.J. Gossett recommended Senator Steven Biter to the parliamentarian seat. The Senate elected Biter as Parliamentarian during the meeting. Gossett said he would elect volunteers for a program committee to serve on the Mister and Madam Governor Awards. SGA President Bryan Huffman also announced the Help Athletes and Greeks events on March 24 at the Pace Alumni Center.

“This is an outstanding opportunity to meet some alumni and help with networking,” Huffman said ♦

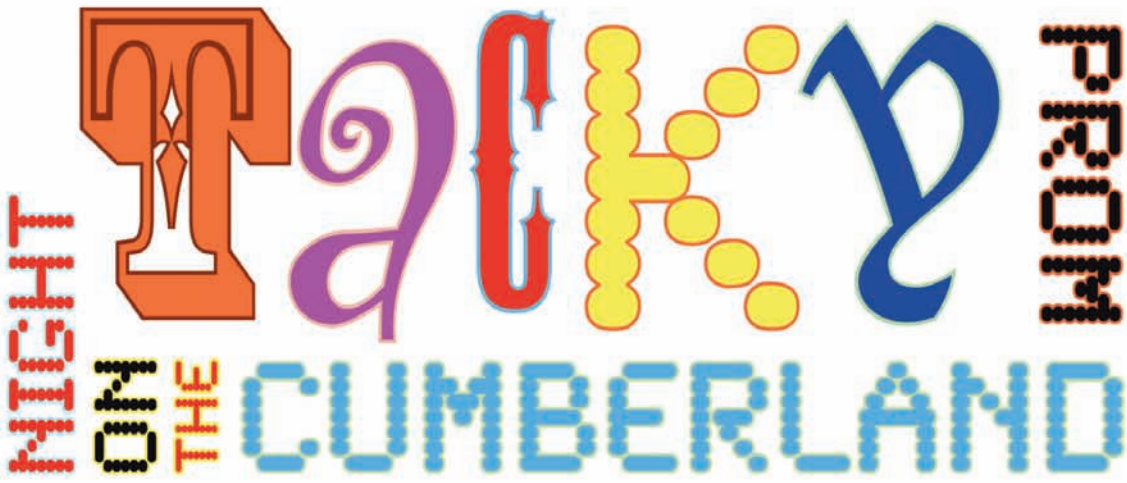
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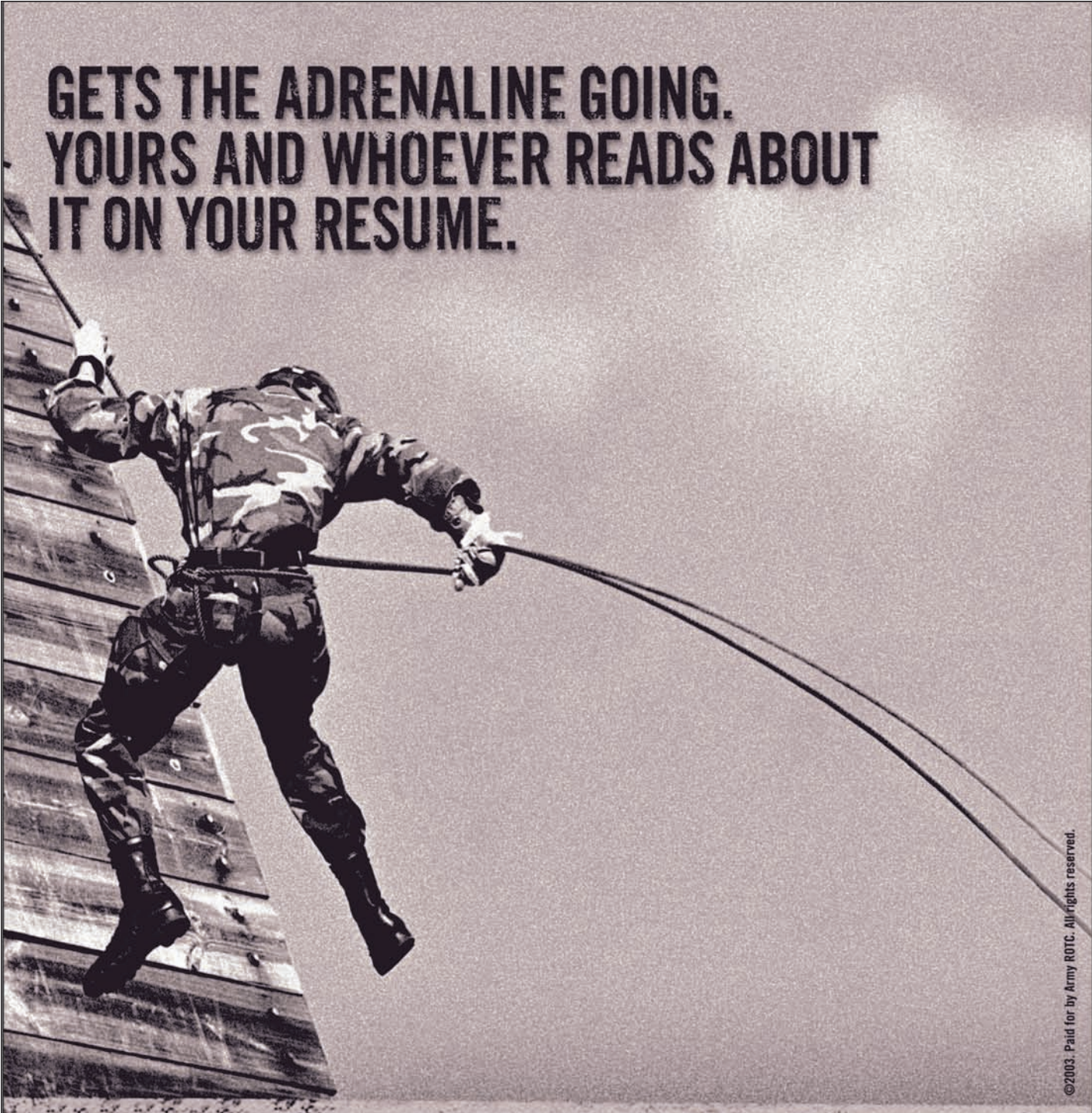
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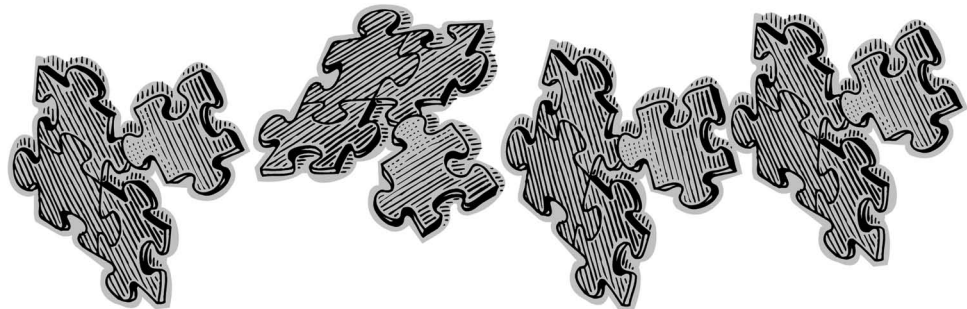
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3. This \$200 will be credited to your account and will hold your room until the fall semester 2008. The deadline to cancel housing and receive your \$200 back is July 1, 2008. Cancellation of your housing after this date will result in the forfeiture of your prepayment.
4. If you are not returning to housing, you will need to completely check out of your room at the end of the semester and your \$100 deposit will be returned to you within 4 weeks if there are no damages to your room.

Any questions? Please contact the housing office at 221-7444 or e-mail us at housing@apsu.edu.

Student Government Elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Senate will be held next week. Polls will open March 17th at 9:00am and close March 19th at 11:59pm. Make your voice heard as you elect those students who serve as your liaison with the university.

Below are some key dates:

- **Wednesday, March 12th: Candidate Debate in the UC @12:20pm**
- **Thursday, March 13th: Meet the Candidate Session in the SGA Office @ 5:00pm**

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OUR TAKE

Building project promises mess for the best

Editorial Roundup

THE ISSUE:

APSU plans to demolish three sorority houses to build a new 400-bed dormitory.

OUR TAKE:

While it is unfortunate that the sorority and Tri-County and Veteran Upward Bound's houses have to be demolished, we at *The All State* see this change as a potentially beneficial one.

For those of us at *The All State*, APSU's plans to demolish three sorority houses and build a new 400-bed dormitory brought up a few questions.

Our first concern was whether or not these changes were being made in the interests of students. As the eyes, ears and mouth of the APSU community, TAS keeps a look out for any processes and procedures that could impact students.

This being said, we at TAS see this change as a potentially beneficial one. New dormitories will be built to replace Killebrew, Cross and Rawlins halls; three buildings that are eyesores on our campus.

Not only will the look of the campus improve, but also with the addition of the new dormitory on Castle Heights Road, there will be a

lot more room for increased enrollment without crowding.

However, students might be affected by the level of noise and general chaos associated with the massive construction project. Chances are the new dormitory complex won't be completed any time soon, so students can expect to fight with bulldozers and dump trucks for parking spots.

Our second concern was whether or not it was fair for the sororities and the Veteran and Tri-County Upward Bound programs to have their houses razed. In any large undertaking, something is going to have to be sacrificed, and these organizations happened to be the unfortunate ones.

Being forced to relocate from a place considered your own is never a

joyful affair, and TAS sees their loss as an unfortunate side effect of change.

Our final concern is that although the demolition and the construction of a new housing complex is a necessary change, there are those who argue that there are other more pressing problems that need attention.

Such issues include increasing the availability of regular and handicapped parking spots. For the 7,443 full-time students at APSU there are 3,790 available parking spaces.

The Trahern building is also in serious need of renovation. In 2005, a chunk of concrete about 10 inches in diameter and almost two inches thick, fell from the ceiling in the Trahern darkroom. The Felix G. Woodard Library could also benefit

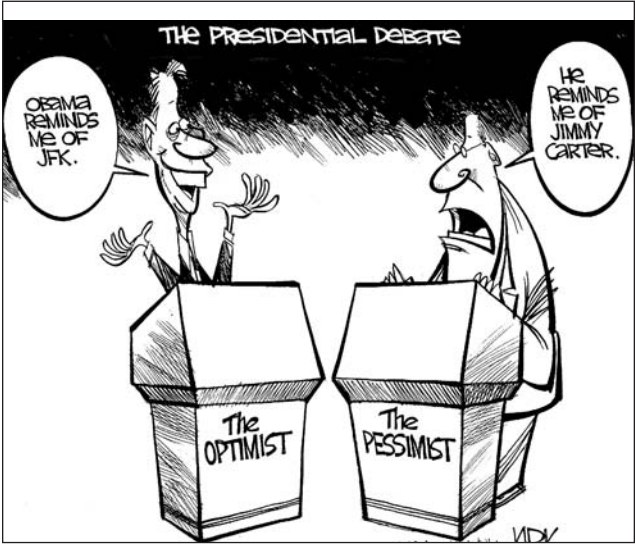
from a revamping of its own.

TAS agrees that these are serious problems affecting the APSU student body and need to be taken care of.

However, TAS also recognizes the difficulty involved in receiving funds for any kind of large-scale project. In the large scheme of things, it is better to use what is given than to be picky and lose out on an opportunity to improve.

This being said, TAS can find no reason to criticize the administration for the recent decisions that have been made. So far, the changes to be put in place look as though they are going to be beneficial for both students and the university.

TAS will continue to monitor the progress of the project and plans on keeping the APSU community up to date on any new developments. ♦



POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Presidential primary race set for long haul

Warning: The column you are about to read may contain material that is unsuitable for zealous Barack-backers (there may also be less than reverential things said about Hillary and McCain. Anyway, you've been warned, you may now proceed).

There's a saying in politics that if your party has more than one candidate it doesn't really have one. The same is said for quarterbacks in football. Well, we're about to find out. Sen. John

McCain locked up the republican nomination, a foregone conclusion for some time, and Gov. Mike Huckabee finally "gave up the ghost" despite being mathematically eliminated from his party's nomination for some time, or don't you watch "Saturday Night Live?" Over at the multiple candidates party, Hillary rebounded from a string of primary wins for Barack with her own critical democratic primary victories in Texas and Ohio. The delegate count now

stands at 1,391 for Sen. Clinton, 1,477 for Sen. Obama. The tally needed to gain their party's nomination is 2,025. The next big state with 158 delegates at stake is Pennsylvania in about five weeks.

Is it just me or has this presidential primary race been going on for nearly as long as Brett Favre's been throwing touchdowns and interceptions? Sorry, had to get that in now that the Green and Gold legend claims to be hanging up the cleats. We'll see. He wouldn't be the first superstar to "pull a Jordan" and come back for more. Though, his retirement does give him more time to campaign for his presidential choice. Do you see him as a "Barackbacker," a "McCain-Man" or a "Clintonian"? Of course, in Green Bay the signs all read "Favre for President."

Anyway, what looked like unstoppable momentum for Barack was indeed stopped by the other "Comeback Kid" Hillary. What helped propel her to victory in Texas and Ohio? Well, some criticism of Obama finally seemed to start sticking to the new "Teflon Candidate" (Hey, you were warned, stop whining). Criticism, really questions, like, "Is Mr. Obama ready for the presidency from day one?" "Does he have the years of experience, expertise and a battle-tested team around him to address major policy problems like health care, the economy, unemployment, the environment?" And a question that seemed to resonate in Ohio, "Does Sen. Obama have a clear vision for leading America in the age of terrorism, can he defeat Sen. McCain on the Iraq War issue?"

If nothing else, Hillary's hammering away at these and related issues the last several weeks seemed to raise enough doubt about "The Blessed One" to wrest the momentum, at least for now, from Barack. In fact, one political pundit actually dared to ask if Hillary's criticism of Barack as mostly style and little substance wasn't actually near the truth. (Don't worry Barack-backers, I think he was a Republican and the producer probably yanked his press credentials shortly after the comment.)

As for Hillary "In It To Win It" Clinton, she has vowed to go "toe-to-toe" with Barack all the way to the democratic party's national convention. Now that would be something. A

convention that is actually going to decide something of substance as opposed to the "made-for-television" events both parties have hosted ever since the 1968 democratic party convention in Chicago turned into a drugged-out, psychedelic, police-beat-down of a nomination forum.

The Republicans? Well, now that the GOP has finally pushed Mr. Huckabee aside (What a GOP scandal!), their nominee can hit the oil companies, Fortune 500s, the exclusive country clubs and Dick Cheney for gobs of campaign cash for attack ads come this fall. (Oh, sorry, those are all just outdated stereotypes of the GOP, Mr. McCain may even consult the Hispanic, African-American and youth vote in his party for advice. I believe all three are roommates, and I could give him their number).

Moving right along, just what does Barack have to do to snatch momentum back? First, don't pretend your campaign is untouchable. At least privately admit that rallying the African-American and younger voter is not enough. Counter Clinton's claims of policy and expertise superiority with some well-placed discussions of your own detailed policy goals and plans. It's not like Barack pulled "Gentlemen Cs" at Harvard while doing something silly like cheerleading. No, he pulled As while serving on Harvard Law Review at law school. The guy is flat out smart. Continue to prove you are not simply part of a civil rights revivalist "movement" but a real-live person who is ready to step in the Oval Office and lead from day one. Frankly, in this day and age we really can't afford too many more "do-overs."

And Hillary? She is still trailing in the delegate count and a Barack victory in Pennsylvania could just about finish her off. She needs to "let her hair down" (figuratively, of course) more often. The Hillary that voters interact with in small groups seems to be warm, funny and "real." The "Made-for-TV" Hillary seems to be cold, distant and robotic. Polls indicate that a little more vulnerability may not hurt. Of course, when not showing your, um, feminine side, keep attacking Barack's lack of experience and policy mastery. The more he takes the bait the less he can simply call for "hope" and "change" without voters asking "For Whom?" and "What type?"

What about Sen. "Straight-Talk Express" McCain? Don't write off the younger voters or the minorities. The reason the hard-right wing of your party hasn't trusted you all of these years is the liberal streak you seem to show now and again. Unleash your "liberal side" enough to counter criticisms that you are too old (71) and too committed to the Iraq War to appeal to these constituencies. Either way, it will be uphill for the republican war-hero. Polls show him losing to Obama by 7-10 percent and even trailing by 5 percent to Hillary if the national election were held today.

Oh yes, and Barack claims he can really "bust a move," looks good in briefs or boxers, and calls George Clooney "a good friend." Hillary admits to "bad hair days," says she should "exercise more" and "adores chocolates." Geez, all of that describes me, maybe I'll run for president someday. ♦

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Political dynasties part of U.S.

In 1809, Thomas Jefferson wrote a letter to the citizens of Philadelphia regarding the office of the U.S. president. In it he said, "In no office can rotation be more expedient." Almost 200 years later his words are uncannily relevant. If presidential candidate Hillary Clinton wins the election it will mean at least 24 consecutive years that either a Bush or Clinton has held the highest

office in the land — 28 years if you count Bush Sr.'s vice presidency under Ronald Reagan.

That means the average college freshman who is 18 and eligible to vote this year for the first time will have never lived during a presidency not held by a Bush or a Clinton.

Of course, this isn't the first time in U.S. history that the same names have come up. We have had two Roosevelts, two Adams and two Harrisons, and that's just counting the presidents. Familial political legacies seem to be an entrenched part of the U.S., especially once you get into national and state legislatures.

The left likes to insinuate that the Bushes have, in some underhanded way, managed to infiltrate a number of the highest offices in the land. The Bushes are perhaps the right's version of the Kennedys, albeit less glamorous and romanticized. As a country supposedly steeped in the values of democracy, the idea of dynastic politics should make us uncomfortable.

This past summer I was in the Philippines and happened to be in Manila during the annual State of the Nation Address by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo — pertinently, her father was president of the Philippines from 1961 to 1965. Aside from recording the tradition of burning gigantic and grotesque effigies by detractors of the president (something that I think would spice up our own politics), the newspapers were filled with pictures of local and national politicians who were attending the event. In the Philippines, political dynasties are the rule rather than the exception, and pictures of politicians reflected this.

Here are some actual captions from *The Philippine Daily Inquirer*: "Brother and sister act: Sens. Alan Peter and Pia Cayetano." "Rep. Lani Cayetano, wife of Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano. Lani took over her husband's old seat in Taguig." "Sen. Juan Miguel Zubiri speaks with Sen. Aquilino Pimentel, whose son Koko was dislodged from the 12th slot by Zubiri."

This kind of open nepotism and dynastic politics tends to make us think that "lower case d" democracies in countries like the Philippines are only playing at democracy, while we, a "capital D" Democracy are really holding the torch for true democratic principles.

We tell ourselves India, Indonesia and Pakistan are democracies on paper, but who are they kidding? Of course, each of these countries listed has had either a woman president or prime minister, so in some ways these countries are more progressive than the U.S.

It is ironic that the Philippines, a country that in 2007 narrowly beat out Indonesia for the title of "Most corrupt country in Asia" in a survey by the Political & Economic Risk Consultancy, has a political model largely copied from the U.S. system. No one talks about dynastic politics in the Philippines because it is so common, perhaps the very reason the Clinton/Bush dynasty seems curiously absent from the general debate and conversation in our own country.

We like to think of the U.S. as the standard bearer of democracy, the model that other nations should strive to achieve (or, alternatively, the model that we like to impose upon other nations). Can we criticize countries for their corruption, nepotism and dynastic politics if they are just an inflated version of what is happening here in the U.S.?

I am not questioning Hillary Clinton's ability to run the country, nor am I criticizing her politics. What I am saying is that, for the sake of democratic principles, we need to end the Clinton/Bush dynasty. ♦

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Beauty of old love overlooked by young

In 1920, F. Scott Fitzgerald published his debut novel, “This Side of Paradise.” Like some of his other novels, it was basically about young love and the eventual disillusionment of the young lover. He became the fresh, new novelist and voice of his generation. It was also the successful completion of a personal quest for Fitzgerald. The success of the novel allowed him to have enough money to win the hand of the girl of his dreams, the Southern belle, Zelda Sayre. He went on to write about more young lovers and his culture continued to clamor for more.



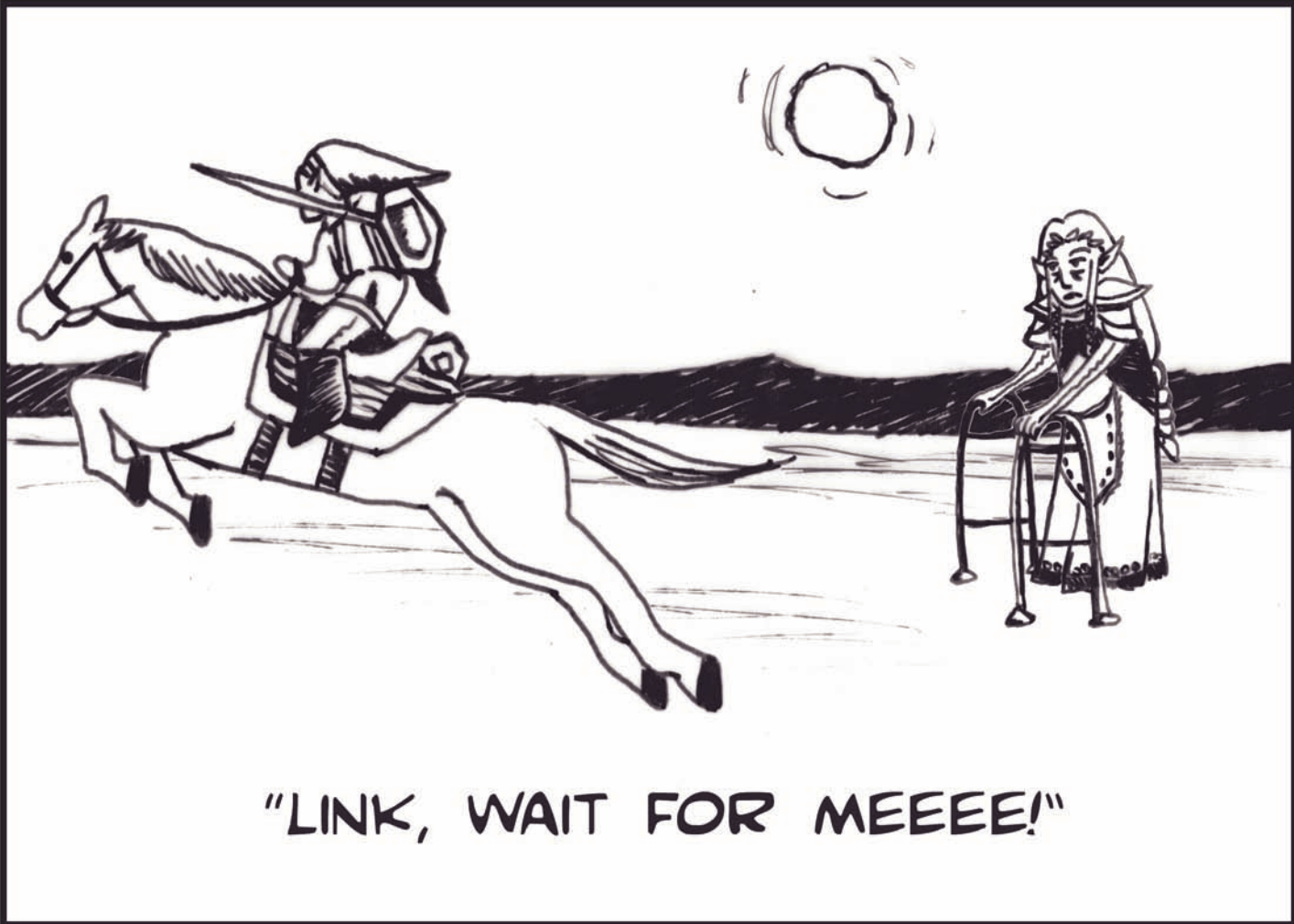
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Almost a hundred years later, if you look at the majority of movies (especially movies with romance) it would seem that our own culture is still clamoring for more stories about young love, but there’s a truth even in the title “This Side of Paradise” that I think we tend to overlook. Young love and falling in love with someone for the first time is only one side of paradise. Don’t get me wrong, that certainly is paradise. There’s nothing like meeting someone, falling completely for that person, and then getting to be with that person.

There are, however, other sides of paradise to think about. Those so enamored of love at first sight are generally the people who have no idea of the wonder of love at 1000th sight. We’ve become so convinced that the beginning of the relationship is truly the beautiful and poetic part of the story that we’re overlooking, in general, the rest of the story. The real adventure and real poetry begin after you’ve won the initial battle. Anyone can fall in love, but it takes truly epic determination to re-fall in love and continually alter your perception to see someone how he or she deserves to be seen.

Every engine of the human condition is arrayed against staying in love and keeping it fresh and amazing throughout the years. It’s a struggle. It’s human nature to get bored and take the easy way out by trying to find new experiences rather than trying to re-experience something as new. It’s true that things fall apart. As we know people longer we tend to build up images of them in our minds to the point where we no longer even really look at them. We lose that necessary sense of wonder that comes from really perceiving things.

T.H. White, in “The Once and Future King,” talks about “Knowledge of the World” which he calls the seventh sense. As we get older, our seventh sense gets stronger, but it has a tendency to kill all of the other senses. If you think that I exaggerate the difficulty and truly poetic and adventurous quality of actually making a relationship work, just look at our divorce rate. Finding someone to marry is easy. Lots of people get married. Much fewer stay married.



GRAPHIC BY MELINA PEAVY/ASSISTANT ART DIRECTOR

Far fewer still keep a truly loving and romantic marriage, and I feel like our culture ignores that struggle. We’re so focused on the initial push that it’s no surprise no one seems ready for the long haul. It’s like we’re teaching people how to start the car, but we’re not really teaching them how to drive even though they’re going to try driving some day. People have some vague idea that the honeymoon feelings should last, but they were never supposed to.

As some people know, the relationship between Fitzgerald and Zelda ended tragically. Their marriage became consumed when they never outgrew their party life and alcohol. Zelda had mental breakdowns and was institutionalized. In 1947, she died when a fire

ravaged her mental institution. Like some weird metaphor though, Zelda actually is, in a sense, immortal through the imagination of Shigeru Myamoto, the creator of the Legend of Zelda series of video games. He actually named Princess Zelda after Zelda Fitzgerald, and Princess Zelda does get to stay young forever. Those of us who aren’t video game characters, however (and I believe that most of you aren’t), can’t stay forever on that side of paradise even though that seems to be what our culture is focused on. It seems to me then that this only leaves two choices: leave paradise or find the other side. ♦

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Wisdom found in ‘Cheese’

Who would’ve thought a story about cheese could be so inspiring? I recently read Dr. Spencer Johnson’s book, “Who Moved My Cheese?” which is a fable-like story about two mice named Sniff and Scurry, and two “Littlepeople” named Hem and Haw. These four creatures live in a maze and search daily for cheese to eat.

One day, they all find a large supply of food at “Cheese Station C,” and begin to live comfortable, confident lives. Their confidence, however, begins to turn into what Johnson calls, “the arrogance of success” and it doesn’t take long for them to build their entire world around Cheese Station C. When the cheese finally runs out, the four creatures are left with the dilemma of finding a new source of food.

The mice scurry back into the maze, unfazed by the sudden change in fortune. However, Hem and Haw, the two Littlepeople, are left dumbstruck by the tragedy of losing everything they had. Their course of action in the face of the unexpected is the focal point of the entire story.

Although the story itself sounds somewhat silly, and the book has been criticized for being simple enough for elementary schoolers to understand, it has supposedly helped millions of people change their attitudes about the changes involved in life.

I was quite intrigued at the level of depth such a simple story went into. It’s frequently stated throughout the book that the story can be applied to any situation, whether it be the loss of a job, a stale relationship or the need for a spiritual awakening.

Being a college student, I found it applied best to the modern trend of job hunting. It’s been said that most Americans will change careers almost six times in their lifetime.

A lot of people (especially those of the older generations) lament the lack of “loyalty” this trend reveals. They say it just goes to show how unpredictable young people are, and how undependable they are in the work force. Wistful remarks are often made about the good old days, when people stayed in the same career 20 to 30 years.

Loyalty was and still is an important factor employers look for. However, the fact that younger generations don’t seem to understand the concept implies to older generations that America is on a downward spiral toward economic chaos.

Is this such a bad thing though? Do employers have a reason to panic? According to the guidelines outlined in “Who moved my cheese?” employers should make the most of an economic trend that only seems to be increasing. One of the main themes running through the book is that when the market changes, you’ve got to change along with it, or else become “extinct.”

The same can be said for students trying to make their way in the work world after college. So many people have high expectations. They think that the four years they’ve spent cramming information into their brains will pay off as soon as their diploma hits their hands. But what’s a student to do when their dreams smack the ground?

The answer, according to “Who moved my cheese?” is to keep moving. Haw, one of the Littlepeople in the story, leaves the barren Cheese Station C in search of new cheese. He grows tired because he had waited too long to leave the last place. However, he discovers what “nourishes his soul” when he lets go of his fear and trusts that what lies before him is much better than what lies behind him.

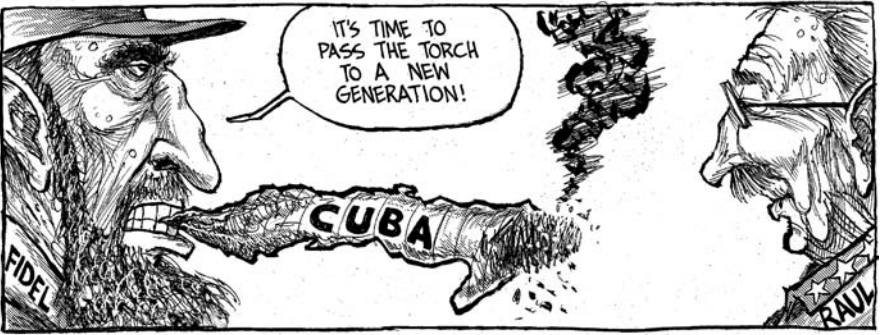
Perhaps the biggest thing lying in the way of Haw and people today is their fear of the unknown. Fear keeps us from enjoying our lives to their full extent, and takes away our ability to do something great with ourselves.

“What would you do if you weren’t afraid?” is one of the most profound questions of the entire book. I put the question to myself. What would I do if I wasn’t afraid? Several things come to mind. I would turn around and tell that girl sitting behind me on the airplane to quit kicking the back of my seat. I would go scuba diving and surfing (as of yet, I can’t even swim underwater without plugging my nose.) If I weren’t afraid I’d tell people what I really thought about

them, and I’d stand up for myself when someone put me down. Although it feels like I’m a doormat on occasion, I’m still working on it. There’s only so much a person can change about themselves at once.

The most important lesson I learned from the book is to view change not as a horrible, unfortunate circumstance, but as a chance to renew something that had turned old and moldy. So many people keep relationships, jobs and beliefs that suck the life out of them, and turn their lives into moments of monotony. The best way to have a good life is to maintain a good attitude. As Chuck Swindoll once said, “I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it.” ♦

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Non-traditional students get short end of scholarship stick

BY LAURA ROBERTS
Guest writer

How many non-traditional students feel they should be entitled to receive the HOPE scholarship? I’m a 39-year-old freshman at APSU. There are a lot of non-traditional students who have purchased lottery tickets who don’t have children. Is it fair to non-traditional students to help send other people’s children to college when they could use the money themselves?

In his State of the State address, Gov. Phil Bredesen suggested lowering the GPA requirement for high school students because there is an abundance of funds for the HOPE scholarship. I have written to the governor’s office about non-traditional students possibly receiving these awards, and the answer I received was so politically written, that in the end, it meant absolutely nothing. If

the GPA is lowered there will be a lot of high school students applying for the HOPE scholarship who don’t want to work for what they get. In my opinion, most professors would rather teach students who want to be in college.

To lower the GPA is to lower expectations of students. If students don’t have a high standard to achieve, they will only do what they have to in order to just “get by.” Unfortunately, there are a lot of students who just want to “get by,” and lowering the GPA requirement gives them an excuse.

Currently, there are provisions in the HOPE scholarship for non-traditional students. These students are defined as those who are 25 years of age or older, have an adjusted gross income of less than \$36,000 and have never been enrolled in college. To qualify for the award, these students are first required to attempt 24 credit

hours and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above. If the student meets these requirements then his/her college will certify that the student is eligible for the award.

I feel that 24 credit hours is too long to wait. Why should non-traditional students have to get 24 credit hours if high school students don’t? For most students, that would be an entire year.

Also, one of the HOPE scholarship requirements for non-traditional students is that you have never been enrolled in college before.

This requirement isn’t fair because there was no HOPE scholarship 22 years ago when I first enrolled in college. But, because I was enrolled at one point, I can never receive the HOPE scholarship. ♦

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No buried treasure found in ‘Fool’s Gold’

By SAMANTHA PARIS
Staff Writer

“Fool’s Gold” is a movie for the winter blues. The film, set in the Florida Keys, overflows with scenes of blue water, white beaches and clear skies.

After an hour of tropical paradise, some might be hoping spring would hurry up. Another thing this film has going for it is the rock-hard bodies of Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey.

In this romantic-comedy adventure, Kate Hudson plays Tess, a multilingual history scholar married to Ben Finnegan who is played by Matthew McConaughey. They marry after a spring break fling. Not long after she found out he was an armature treasure diver.

Ben becomes obsessed looking for clues in the sea to an 18th century Queen’s dowry — 40 chests of priceless treasure that was lost in 1715. Tess was once determined to find the treasure herself, but after many years she feels she has wasted time on the hunt and with Ben.

Since he is obsessed with finding the treasure and does not have a job, Tess files for divorce. She has made a choice to go back to school, get her Ph.D. and start writing books, with the help of selling McConaughey’s rusty boat “Booty Calls.”

Ben wants Tess back. So after he discovers some big clues about the treasure and promises his luck will change, he lures Tess back to him. With Tess’s love of discovery, the divorced couple reunites to find the sunken treasure.

Tess works aboard the yacht “Precious Gem” of multimillionaire Nigel Honeycutt, played by Donald Sutherland. Sutherland’s British accent is pronounced at times and other times almost nonexistent.

Ben and Tess convince Nigel to help them look for the treasure. Sutherland then sponsors the treasure hunt and race against rap mogul “Big Bunny,” played by Kevin Hart.

Hart’s character is also a loan shark and wants Tess and Ben dead. At this point, the action becomes violent. There are many people trying to find the treasure. Ben’s mentor turned nemesis, Moe Fitch, is one of those trying to claim the prize.

Can they find the treasure before the bad guys, and will they



Matthew McConaughey stars in “Fool’s Gold” with Kate Hudson. McConaughey is shown above on the set of “Ghosts of Girlfriends Past”

rekindle the love for one another? These are the questions that arise in “Fool’s Gold.”

The movie takes a while to get started, but toward the end the story raises in excitement. The movie is not great and is very predictable, but does have its good moments.

The funniest scene in the movie is between a gay couple that cooks on the “Precious Gem.” They have chemistry which is something that Hudson and McConaughey severely lack.

The movie looks more like “National Treasure” than the previous movies (“Hitch” and “Sweet Home Alabama”) of Director Andy Tennant. The movie tries to capitalize on the success of the past McConaughey and Hudson flick, 2003’s “How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days.” The chemistry just wasn’t there for this film.

But there is something for both sexes in this film. For the guys, they have Hudson in a bikini most of the film. There is also Nigel’s daughter Gemma, played by Alexis Dzenia, who is also bikini clad most of the time. This film does include a lot of action. There are all kinds of toys that guys enjoy such as motor scooters, jet skis and planes. Let’s not forget fighting. There are chase scenes and underwater fights, as well.

For the girls we have McConaughey. Women will watch almost anything if McConaughey is in it. In the film, he is either wearing a tie-dyed shirt or no shirt at all.

But one question does arise: Does McConaughey always have to be shirtless in his movies? He does have charm in the film so that may be a real life characteristic.

The film felt like a commercial for a personal trainer or Bowflex. Rock hard bodies running on a beach convinces the couch potato of winter to get up and motivated. The film is rated PG-13 and runs 1 hour and 43 minutes. ♦

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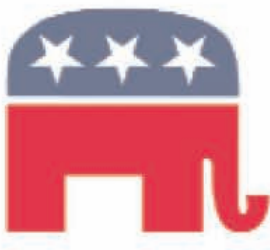
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Following a passion leads to dream come true



By MARSEL GRAY
Assistant Online Editor

For many people, dancing is just another hobby. Most people would not perceive it to be a way of life, yet for APSU alumna Natalie Walker dancing is both a hobby and a sport, as well as a lifestyle.

The idea of dancing was implanted in Walker at a very young age. “My mom told me I used to dance all the time,” Walker said. She started dance classes at the age of four. From that moment, her dance career took off. Walker learned all forms of dance, from jazz to tap and from lyrical to ballet.



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Natalie Walker, in the back wearing blue pants, participates one of the dance classes in her studio.

When she entered high school, Walker continued her dancing career. It wasn't until she wanted to join her high school dance team that Walker encountered her first real problem. She wasn't allowed to dance for both her high school dance team and continue taking lessons.

“What am I going to do?” said Walker when recalling the experience. However, during her freshmen year she stopped her dance lessons to try out for the Clarksville High School dance team.

Though Walker remained a member for three years, dancing for her high school was quite different than taking dance lessons. High school dancing was only jazz and was under much stricter guidelines, compared to lessons which consisted of all types of dancing. High school dancing was slightly easier.

In the summer of 1995, Walker was asked to instruct dance students: However within a year, she found herself opening up Natalie's Dance Network, a dance studio located in downtown Clarksville, TN.

“[Opening up my own studio] was fun, a dream coming true,” Walker said, “I did everything from run the desk, costuming and instructing.”

The road to following dreams is tough. Indeed, during college, Walker had to balance a university education, owning her own dance studio and a personal life. Her success in each department shows her commitment to passions as well as time management.

Walker graduated from APSU in three years with a degree in Health and Human Performance and a minor in Wellness Promotion. “I did not have sleep for three years,” Walker said. She

married her high school friend Ben and now has two kids, a three-year-old daughter, Kender, and a one-year-old son, Camden.

Even still, Walker is planning on growing from the success. “My current place is too small,” Walker said. Three years ago Walker purchased a single lot of land in the St. Bethlehem area of Clarksville where she plans to build her new dance studio.

Since Natalie's Dance Network first opened, it has grown tremendously. The studio now employs a secretary, seven teachers and has even more eager kids wanting to learn dance than when it first started.

For Natalie Walker, dance can best be described as “emotional.” Indeed, Walker's life is a testament to following a dream and passion which has led her to unimaginable happiness and success.

For more information on Natalie Walker, or if interested in taking up dance visit www.nataliesdancenetwork.com ♦

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APSU to host junior Govs summer camp

By KIMBERLY SHUEL
Staff Writer

APSU will be hosting a recreational-based day camp at the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center starting May 27 and continuing through the summer until August 1. The week of July 4 will be the only week closed.

The Junior Govs Summer Camp is available for the children of students, faculty and staff. It is one option for your child while you are teaching, at work or in class.

Greg Pigott, camp coordinator, is extremely excited about getting the word out. In regards to children attending the camp Pigott said, “We are not just limited to the APSU community so if they have friends, they can send them our way.”

“We are a recreational-based day camp for kids 6 to 12 who can experience healthy lifestyles while having fun. Activities include swimming, rock climbing, arts and crafts, sports, field trips, speakers, a talent show and several other things that are in the works,” Pigott said.

There will be different sessions during the camp. Pre-Session will cover (May 27-30) “We Are All Different,” Session I (June 2-13) “Out Community Leaders,” Session II (June 16-27) “Scientific Summer,” Session III (July 7-18) “Be Healthy and Be Well” and Session IV (July 21- Aug. 1) “Creatures of the Wild.”

The camp cost includes a daily lunch, a camper T-shirt and field trips. The cost is \$75 per week. Early drop-off and late pick-up is \$10 more, and there is a 10 percent discount for each additional child you enroll. If you want to add swimming lessons for your child, that cost will be \$30.

The camp will run from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. It will not be a full commitment so for kids also attending APSU sports camps, no conflict should arise.

Registration is open, available online and at the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center. For more information contact Greg Pigott at 221-7564 or at pigottc@apsu.edu. ♦

NONA'S COOKING

By SHANNA MOSS
Photo Editor

Homemade Cheese Ball

2-8 Ounces package cream cheese
10 Ounces sharp cheddar cheese (any cheddar will do)
1 Stick of butter
2 Tablespoons of milk
1 Tablespoons of Worcestershire Sauce

Cream all ingredients together and shape into a ball. Place onto a sheet of plastic wrap and wrap it up. Chill until hard. For garnishes use chopped nuts, paprika, garlic powder, and parsley (to name some) onto a sheet of wax paper and roll cheese ball on it and serve. This is a fast and easy treat to make in the dorm's that will last a couple of weeks.

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by Linda Thistle

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OPINION

Favre retires an era of football

By MARLON SCOTT
Sports Editor

I was sitting on a couch in *The All State* office while watching the television when he began to speak. For three days I had observed and listened to the endless speculation, shock and contemplation of this announcement. There had been rumors before, but this time it really happened.

Thurs., March 6, at 12:30 p.m., Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre formally announced his retirement from the Packers and the NFL at a televised press conference. The event was as surreal as it was historic.

While many argue Favre's ranking among the pantheon of the greatest quarterbacks of all time in the NFL, his status as a sports icon is irrefutable.

For 17 years and a record breaking 253 consecutive starts (275 including playoff games), the world has enjoyed watching Favre, "the gunslinger," play NFL football.

Whether it was his child-like enthusiasm for the game or the exciting improvisation that only he could pull off, Favre attracted fans from all over the world. As did his legions of fans (including the whole state of Wisconsin), I anxiously awaited the explanation for why Favre was not going to play anymore.

As I listened to him emotionally explain how he had nothing else left to give to football, and cleared my then suddenly blurry vision, I tried to put in perspective this monumental football event.

It obviously ranked below natural disasters and assassinations. But it hurt more than watching the final episode of your favorite show. I assume it was not quite as painful as a divorce. Perhaps it was closer to the sadness of breaking up with a steady girlfriend.

The ripples of Favre's decision were still spreading wider, threatening to create a tsunami in Japan like the flap of a butterfly's wings. I sat galvanized and determined to absorb every word. Because when he stopped speaking, the era of all the great quarterbacks I grew up with will have passed.

Favre now joins the ranks of John Elway, Dan Marino, Steve Young and Troy Aikman—the great quarterbacks, who filled the Sundays when I was younger and are responsible for my love of the game. Each one left a void in their franchise and the heart of their fans that is still trying to be filled.

The future is still bright with quarterbacks like Peyton Manning and Tom Brady. However, Favre was the iron man of a different league. Unlike the enigmatic persona of some newer quarterbacks, He gave the impression that after the game we could go fishing.

Manning could easily explain his complex check down progression which changes depending on the team he is playing and the coverage they play on which down. Favre would



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Packers quarterback Brett Favre throws one of his 5,377 career completions. Favre retired Thurs., March 6.

say his receiver looked open, so he threw it. When the name Packers is mentioned, some people immediately think of Vince Lombardi and Bart Starr; I think of Brett Favre. When I contemplate the future without him, another part of the kid in me becomes the casualty of adulthood. The tombstone is marked Brett Favre. It sits between the markers of the Easter Bunny and Santa Clause. ♦

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE APSU MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM 2007-08 Ohio Valley Conference Champions!

- Congratulations to ...
- Todd Babington — 2008 OVC Tournament Most Valuable Player!
 - Drake Reed — First-team All-Ohio Valley Conference for the second time!
 - Derek Wright — All-OVC honors for the First Time — Second Team!
- The Governors earned their second straight title and not only post ed back-to-back 16-4 seasons but won the title by three games each season as well!

GO GOVS!! Good Luck in the Big Dance!

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Govs blaze trail to OVC Championship



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Ernest Fields finishes with a two-handed slam dunk.

By MARLON SCOTT
Sports Editor

Since losing to the Eastern Kentucky Colonels by one point in the O'Reilly OVC tournament championship game last season, the APSU Govs have had one goal: Win the 2007-08 OVC tournament and advance to the NCAA tournament. Blazing a fiery trail and leaving burned teams behind them without looking back, they have taken all the steps necessary to achieve that goal.

Step 1: Repeat as the OVC Regular Season Champions

Taking advantage of his first start in place of the suspended junior, Drake Reed, sophomore Ernest Fields dropped a double-double, 16 points and 16 rebounds, on the Eastern Kentucky University Colonels, leading the Govs to a 65-59 win. Improving to 20-10 overall, 10-9 in the OVC, the Govs clinched their second straight OVC Regular Season Championship.

As the No. 1 seed in the OVC tournament the Govs were poised to make another run to the OVC tournament championship game.

Step 2: Pay back ECU by defeating them in the first round of the OVC Tournament

For the third time this season, the Govs found themselves facing the ECU Colonels. Remembering how they were eliminated by the

Colonels in the tournament championship game last season, the Govs returned the favor and ended the Colonels season Tuesday night, March 4, in the Dunn Center.

Fields earned the title "Colonel slayer" leading the team with 15 points and eight rebounds. He was one of five Gov players who scored in double figures. With an active full court press and completely dominating the Colonels on the boards (43-26), the Govs would outpace ECU early in the game and never look back. At halftime they led 39-27. The Govs won the game 76-51.

After making a clean 3-game sweep of ECU for the season, the Govs get ready to face a UT-Martin team that has both the OVC Freshman of the Year and the OVC Player of the Year.

Step 3: Defeat UT-Martin with a last second free throw shot from Reed

The semifinal basketball game between the Govs and the UT-Martin Skyhawks was a battle that was not resolved until the last seconds of the game. With two seconds left, Reed made a free throw that gave the Govs a 78-77 victory over the Skyhawks.

The Govs made only 12-of-22 free throws in the game, but Reed made sure the one they needed most found the net. UT-Martin's Lester Hudson, this seasons OVC Player of the Year, and his teammate Marquis Weddle, the OVC Freshman of the Year combined for 51 points in the game.



LOIS JONES/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Drake Reed follows through on a jump shot.

Sophomore Wes Channels led the team with 16 points. Reed added 13. With a crowd pleasing two-handed dunk, Fernandez Lockett eclipsed the 1000-point mark in the second half. Babington also earned his 1000th point with one of his trademark 3-pointers.

Improving to an impressive 23-10. The Govs had one more obstacle between them and their goal of winning the tournament.

Final Step: Tame the Tigers 82-64

The Govs played hard gaining momentum and heat like a comet, streaking toward their goal of the NCAA tournament. Leaving the rest of the OVC burning in their wake, the Govs are still red hot and ready to explode. ♦

Lady Govs defeat Louisiana Tech 8-6, bitten twice at Bulldog Classic

By MARLON SCOTT
Sports Editor

It has been a rough season for the Lady Govs softball team. Inclement weather has postponed or cancelled half of their games and they had won only one game (1-4) before they traveled to Starkville, Miss. Fri., March 7, to play in the Bulldog Classic hosted by 18th ranked Mississippi State.

According to APSU Sports Information, Lady Govs coach Jim Perrin was looking forward to getting his team on the field.

"Right now we just need to be able to get out on the field and play," Perrin said. "You can practice all you want, but it's not the same as playing a real game. We need to see live pitching, because it isn't that long before we get into conference play and due to weather we're just behind where we need to be."

The Lady Govs got plenty of experience playing four games against Louisiana Tech, Charleston Southern and Mississippi State over three days. On day one, they defeated Louisiana Tech 8-6 and then lost to Charleston Southern in extra innings 3-4. All that Louisiana Tech heard in game one was the distinctive ring of aluminum bats hitting softballs as the Lady Govs swung their way to a 6-0 lead in the first two innings. Lady Gov sophomore Ashley Taylor hit her first home run of the season in the second inning after her teammate, junior Krista Henke, opened the inning with a single.

Louisiana Tech plated two runs in the fourth inning and rallied their way to three more in the sixth to make the score 5-8. But the Lady Govs defense held Louisiana Tech to just one more run



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Ashley Taylor prepares to take a swing. Taylor hit her first home run of the season against Louisiana Tech.

in the seventh and secured the win. Junior pitcher Lacey Briscoe earned the win. She threw four strikeouts, walked four and allowed four runs on six hits (three earned) in five innings of pitching.

The Lady Govs' offense stalled early in the second game against Charleston Southern. They did not score until the fifth inning and tied the score 2-2 in the sixth. After holding the Lady Bucs in the seventh inning, it looked like the Lady Govs were going to win two in a row when they scored a run off of a Lady Buc error in the top of the eighth. But the Lady Bucs plated two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to win the game 4-3. Freshman Ashley Alverson led the Lady Govs offensively going 3-for-4 with one RBI.

On day two, 18th-ranked tournament host Mississippi State took advantage of some early Lady Gov errors to take a 3-0 lead. In the seventh inning junior pitcher Ashley Elrod hit a RBI

double to make the score 3-1 and then advanced to third on a groundout by freshman Randal Davenport. But Mississippi State's pitcher Misty Flesher struck out Alverson to end the rally and win the game. Flesher terrorized the Lady Govs for seven innings, allowing one run (earned) from four hits with one walk and six strikeouts.

The Lady Govs played their last game on day three against Charleston Southern. Unlike the first time these two teams met on day one, the Lady Bucs established dominance in the second inning and never let up. The Lady Govs scored one run on a throwing error in the first inning. Plating four runs in the third inning, the Lady Bucs took a 5-1 lead and then topped it off with four more runs in the sixth inning. Sophomore pitcher Meagan Williams was tagged with the loss. Lady Gov Tiffany Smith, Detra Farley and Daniella Hooper each had two hits in the game. ♦



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Catcher Daniella Hooper prepares to make a throw.

Attention Seniors!

Students scheduled to graduate in May will have an opportunity to participate in Grad Finale, an event designed to make sure all preparations have been made for Spring Commencement.

Grad Finale will be from 2-6 p.m., Tuesday, March 18 and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, March 19. Both sessions will be at Morgan University Center Ballroom. Students may participate in either session.

The following offices will provide information at Grad Finale:

- The Office of Enrollment Management and Academic Support will answer questions about Commencement, scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday, May 4 in the Dunn Center.
- The Office of Alumni and Annual Giving will welcome students as APSU alumni.
- The Office of the Registrar will answer questions regarding completion of degree requirements, honors, diplomas and transcripts. A student's eligibility for graduation also will be checked.
- The Business Office will be able to answer questions related to account balances.
- The Office of Student Financial Aid will answer questions about financial matters such as student loan repayments.
- The College of Graduate Studies will assist students receiving graduate degrees. Information about APSU's graduate programs and how to enroll also will be available for undergraduates.