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Stuart Arkovitz, adjunct English instructor,

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Michael Hoover stated that Tennessee should focus their attention on something better and quoted Benjamin Franklin. "If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins." **TAS**

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Gardner's last point was to "get in the game," meaning that professionals are humans just like everyone else. He emphasized that any one person is capable of doing great things.

suggested that people should find the easiest way to solve a problem. He said that there is no entrepreneur. As to "get in the game," he said humans just like to play. He said that any one person can do anything.

Moodie explained. "Stand out and be remarkable." **TAS**

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To learn more about these programs visit the financial aid office in the Ellington building or go online to www.asa.org/repay/options/forgive/default.aspx. **TAS**

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The campus crime log includes arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within two business days of an incident and new information to an incident available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

- 12:49 a.m.; Mar. 8; Castle Heights; domestic assault
- 10:49 a.m.; Mar. 8; Hand Village; public intoxication
- 7:54 p.m.; Mar. 1; Sundquist; theft of property
- Visit TheAllState.org to see an interactive map of the campus crime log and crime statistics.

A collage of various sports and school activities, including students playing basketball, soccer, and other sports, as well as students in classrooms and at school events.



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Nonlethal weapons provide protection

»KIMBERLY WALLACE

Guest Writer

Perhaps you've heard, or perhaps you haven't. A Tennessee state law was recently passed that allows college students with permits to carry concealed guns in their cars on campus.

However, APSU has a conflicting ban, placed by the SGA, on all types of weapons on campus.

I understand SGA's thinking: No weapons equals no injuries.

But how many Jack the Rippers or Ted Bundys out there are going to listen to the rules?

Plain and simple — students need a way to protect themselves.

Perhaps you've heard, or perhaps you haven't. A Tennessee state law was recently passed that allows college students with permits to carry concealed guns in their cars on campus.

Students should be able to protect themselves in a nonlethal way. The best way for this to happen is to use nonlethal weapons such as pepper spray, mace or a taser.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 21 states currently have a ban on carrying a concealed weapon on a college campus, including Tennessee. Even though there is a ban on concealed weapons in Tennessee, and the SGA has banned all weapons,

students still won't abide by them. I personally know plenty of students that carry knives in their pockets or mace on their key chains.

“There is this really scary spot that I have to pass by every night when I go to my dorm, and it would be the perfect spot for an attacker

to hide,” said sophomore English major Robyn Weaver. “I always have my mace out when I head to my dorm because it makes me feel safer.” I don't personally own any knives or mace but I do carry my keys between my fingers when I

have to walk alone at night.

I do enjoy our campus, but if you take a look around the outskirts, we're not located in the safest spot of Montgomery County.

People that aren't students, staff or faculty are fully capable of walking across campus and going into buildings.

Not being able to carry any weapon, even if they are nonlethal, makes a lot of people sitting ducks.

Statistics from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service shows that since police officers began to use pepper spray, the number of officer injuries has significantly decreased.

There is also the fact that some students want to be able to carry a gun in their cars while on campus.

I'm personally not a fan of guns, but if a nice, law-abiding, mentally-stable person wants to obtain a permit allowing them to carry a gun in their car, I wouldn't be opposed to it.

People always tend to believe tragedy would never happen in a small military town, but it happens every day.

I, for one, would want to be prepared or at least on a campus where other students are prepared for the worst.

Sophomore psychology major Jordyn Spence said it best when she stated, “I have never once had to hit the button on the blue emergency poles. I've never had an incident where I felt in danger. However, I will continue to carry my pepper spray in case a day comes where I might need it.” *TAS*

Obamacare proves Obama doesn't care for students?



»PHILLIP SWANSON

Staff Writer

Every time I turn on the TV, I hear about Obamacare. I can barely get through a television show without a commercial about it. So, I decided to buckle down and figure out exactly what is going on with the new health care deal. My only problem is that no one is explaining it. Everywhere I look for information, it seems the information is being clouded by how Obamacare is “good” or “bad” but not exactly what it does. I want to know what it means for me as a college student.

What I have found so far is this:

President Obama first signed the Affordable Care Act on March 23, 2010.

Simply put, it requires that all insurance companies provide the same coverage to

individuals regardless of pre-existing conditions or sex. Since the act was signed into law, it has created a bubble of anxiety in American politics and business.

Politicians are afraid that the Affordable Care Act is going to damage the economy and cause health care providers to go bankrupt because funding for those businesses is being cut.

Businesses aren't sure that they can cover all their employees and are fearful of taking heavy losses. Therefore, many are deciding to give out cash dividends and allow the employee to pursue their own health care provider.

My brother, John Paul Swanson, is a support services supervisor at Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz. I asked him for his input on the changes taking place in health care. He explained, “to me, Obama has introduced a literal trim down of the health care system. It's like he put us on a diet and said ‘do more with less.’ With these new laws we can't afford to hire on people to do more work, so it falls to the employees already here to do the work of those people we couldn't hire.” My brother also

said, “maybe this is a good thing. There's no telling at this stage since the law hasn't been fully activated yet, but from what I can tell, this will really test the limits of our ingenuity on how to effectively run health care in this economy.”

For students, the most important thing to consider is that next year, everyone will have to pay for health care. According to *USAToday*, the current average rate for most college students' health insurance through their school is around \$850 per year. Last year, *Forbes* released an article that stated when the new law takes full effect in 2014, the cost of those insurance premiums could skyrocket up to 1,112 percent.

No, that's not a typo. That increase means that students' costs will now be around \$10,000.

This is a ridiculous amount of change in premium cost. I currently do not have insurance through the school, but I have been throwing around the idea of possibly getting something for safety's sake. But with this information in mind, it has totally changed my perspective on the entire idea. I don't think I will be buying insurance for

quite some time.

For now, it is still possible to get cheaper health insurance, so get it while you can.

Rates are rapidly changing and when 2014 gets here, odds are you will not be able to afford it.

However, the government does not expect everyone to purchase health insurance and has given the option to pay a penalty at the end of the year. The Affordable Care Act is designed to lower the federal deficit by increasing the flow of money towards health care while reducing the money spent on providing that health care.

What that means is that even if you don't pay for health coverage, you are still required to put money toward this expenditure.

Over the next year, more changes will be seen as the Affordable Care Act is activated fully. Now that I have given you a bit more information, I hope you do some research of your own.

Of all the people being affected by this healthcare law, college students are going to be some of the hardest hit and it rests on you to understand where you are in the mix. *TAS*

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Wednesday, March 20

- 9 a.m.-11 a.m.; **Coffee BRAKE: Adult and Non-traditional Student Center;** MUC 112
- 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; **Spanish Conversation;** MUC 213
- 7:30 p.m.; **Benjamin Britten: Cello Suites;** MMC Concert Hall

Thursday, March 21

- 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; **HCC Spanish Game Night;** MUC 213

Friday, March 22

- 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; **Alpha Delta Pi “Pi Day”;** MMC Concert Hall
- 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; **HCC Spanish Game Night;** MUC 213
- 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; **GSA Annual Spring Drag Show;** MMC Concert Hall

Saturday, March 23

- 9:30 a.m.; **Clarksville Walk for Brain Injury;** MMC Parking Lot

Monday, March 25

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; **Gentlemen’s Week;** MUC Lobby

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Top: “You’ll come here, close-minded, [thinking] ‘oh, I’m scared,’ and then by the end of the night, ‘Oh, I had so much fun,” said ChiChi Rodriguez about drag shows. Middle: Lakota Lux, the winner of Drag Idol, said the event and ones like it “provides a space for people like me [to] come out and just be [themselves].” Above: Magenta Alexandria Dupree, wearing a purple dress, performed fifth in the GSA drag competition. Right: Drag queen Keri Luxuri performed with multicolored LED lights incorporated into her costume.

JESSICA GRAY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Drag idolatry

Drag queens compete in contest for spot in GSA’s spring drag show

» **By DANIELLE HUNTER**
Staff Writer

On Thursday, March 7, in Clement Auditorium, APSU’s Gay-Straight Alliance held an event called “Drag Idol.” Drag Idol, inspired by the popular talent show American Idol, presented seven different drag queens who competed for the last spot on the lineup for GSA’s upcoming spring drag show.

Two queens who were big successes at the GSA’s last drag show in the fall hosted the event: Miss Anna Freeze and Precious Summers Hall. At the end of the night, contestant Lakota Lux was announced as the winner and won the last spot for the spring show on Friday, March 22, in the Music and Mass Communications Concert Hall.

“Drag Idol is an event to not only give the contestants a chance to compete against each other for a spot to our spring drag show, but to also to de-stigmatize the view of drag queens,” said Kelsey Brasfield, vice president of the GSA and co-chairperson of the GSA’s Drag Committee. “We had such a variety of talent and performers wanting to be in our spring show that we couldn’t pick. So the committee decided that we needed a good way to choose a queen.”

The winner was chosen solely by the audience’s vote. As each contestant performed, two ushers carried two plastic buckets throughout the audience. Every \$1 donated counted as one vote towards the performer.

“I think it’s a great educational opportunity to teach students about diversity, because drag queens and drag kings are things you don’t see every day, but [they are] a part of the LGBT community,” said GSA president Ryan Whipkey. “By bringing them to campus instead of having them at some bar off campus, it makes it more accessible for students to actually learn about [the drag community]. You can actually talk to the queens afterwards and ask them why they do what they do.”

Drag Idol was the third drag show to be held on campus by the GSA with Whipkey as president. Whipkey plans to continue the tradition of GSA drag shows and is optimistic for the upcoming spring show after the success of Drag Idol.

“I go to the events because they’re educational events,” said student Ashley Anderson. “I usually end up learning something different. [The events] help to provide a different perspective a lot of times, especially for people on campus who aren’t exposed to different things like that.”

Contestant ChiChi Rodriguez has lived in Clarksville since birth and has become a well-known local name in the drag community. Rodriguez expressed her thanks towards APSU’s GSA for holding events like Drag Idol and encouraging diversity in the Clarksville community.

“What I always suggest to the people that are apprehensive about going to a drag show or a gay bar or a [GSA] meeting, is just go and be open-minded. We talk about everything; we’re very accepting of everything and everyone ... It’s not going to be like your friends told you or what you see on TV or what you heard on the radio, because it’s never going to be like that, no matter what. You’ll come here, close-minded, [thinking] ‘oh, I’m scared,’ and then by the end of the night, ‘Oh, I had so much fun,” Rodriguez said.

Lakota Lux, the winner of Drag Idol, is a newcomer to the drag community. Prior to Drag Idol, Lux had only been performing in drag for a few weeks.

“We definitely don’t have a gay bar in Clarksville — the closest one is 45 minutes away. So something like [Drag Idol] lets people come out when they normally wouldn’t,” Lux said. “It’s safe, instead of driving up to Nashville, and it provides a space for people like me [to] come out and just be [themselves].”

Rodriguez later compared “those who are close-minded” and the LGBT/drag community to the Aesop fable The Lion and the Mouse. “The lion wanted to eat the mouse, and then the lion got captured and the only way he could get out was if the mouse set him free by chewing on the rope. That’s how it plays into effect nowadays; the stronger person always beats down on the weaker person, but the end of it, the stronger person is going to need help and the only thing that’s going to be around is the weak one. They are always coming to the rescue. We need to make sure there’s always a good balance between everybody — to help everybody out and to help them broaden their horizons and gain more knowledge.” *TAS*

Tim Hall blogs education for Huffington Post

» By CONOR SCRUTON
Features Editor

While it’s no secret many college students nowadays are heavily immersed in social networking and online culture, probably not many students return from winter break to find their university presidents writing blog posts. However, blogging is exactly what President Tim Hall has been doing in his spare time this semester.

“When you blog, you end up reaching people you wouldn’t otherwise,” said Hall, who has been writing a blog for *The Huffington Post* since January on education and managing a university.

Hall said he received an email from the nationally syndicated publication during winter break asking if he was interested in blogging for their “college” page, and took the opportunity.

“We’re starting to get a lot of attention,” Hall said of APSU, citing both Provost Tristan Denley’s degree compass program and the university’s increasing “focus on student success” as factors, in addition to his own blog.

Hall has written five blog posts since January, tackling topics from the use of technology in higher education to assessments of the Department of Education’s “Scorecard” system.

Hall also tends to use APSU as a model to demonstrate his points.

One example is the post “Developmental Education and the ‘Iron Triangle,’” in which Hall discussed the push-and-pull dynamic that is said to exist between cost, quality and access to education.

In the post, Hall spoke of APSU’s replacement

of non-credit developmental math courses with extra tutoring for low-performing students taking normal college math.

“About 10 percent of students who started the developmental course ultimately passed that course and the credit-bearing mathematics course,” Hall wrote. “Eventually, APSU decided that a 10 percent success rate simply wasn’t good enough.” Hall said that after the change was implemented, the success rate increased to over 70 percent.

Hall said the subject matters of his blog are mostly comments on what APSU is already trying to do as a university.

“We want to improve student success and learning and be able to measure the results,” Hall said.

Freshman biology major Caity Purcell was not previously aware of Hall’s blog, but said it made her feel confident about the quality of education she is receiving.

“I like that our president knows enough about education to write for *The Huffington Post*,” Purcell said.

When asked if the extra writing took away from his free time, Hall said the blog was as much an aspect of his job as a personal project.

“Sometimes, it helps to focus my attention and our attention about certain important issues,” Hall said.

Hall said there is no specific timetable for his blog, but that he usually releases about one article per week.

“I think it’s a great opportunity for APSU,” sophomore philosophy major Clarissa Pulley said about Hall’s blog. “It’s not something most people can say about their president.” *TAS*

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— Clarissa Pulley, sophomore philosophy major

Mementos provide insight into debris paths of deadly tornadoes

» ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Photos and mementos that were snatched up and blown hundreds of miles during a deadly Southern tornado outbreak two years ago are giving researchers new insight on how debris is carried by storms and how it could threaten the public.

A new study has documented how one photo traveled nearly 220 miles over Alabama and Tennessee, said John Knox, an associate professor of geography at the University of Georgia who led the research.

The slightly scratched snapshot, which shows a stream flowing through a mountainous landscape, traveled from the northwest Alabama town of Phil Campbell to the east Tennessee town of Lenoir City.

The study was recently published online by the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society.

It tracked the direction the items traveled in relation to the storms that struck Alabama and other Southern states on April 27, 2011.

The researchers analyzed the takeoff and landing points of the items using geography software and mathematical models.

Most debris fell slightly to the left of the storm’s track. But the items that traveled the farthest were found to the right of the path.

Knowing where the debris is likely to fall could help protect the public if a tornado were to strike a hazardous site and suck up toxic biological or radioactive debris, Knox said.

“We need to get enough understanding so we can get fairly reasonable predictions of where the stuff goes,” said John Snow, a professor of meteorology and dean emeritus at the University of Oklahoma who studied tornado debris in the 1990s.

Joshua Wurman, an atmospheric scientist who founded the Center for Severe Weather Research in Boulder, Colo., was not involved in the Georgia research but thinks it could have benefits.

“Let’s say a tornado struck some kind of toxic waste dump. Sure, some of the debris or dust would have some contaminants in that,” Wurman said. “Understanding which direction those contaminants would go could be useful.”

The 934 objects studied by Knox and his students

were posted on a Facebook page and later claimed by their owners.

Patty Bullion created the site hours after the tornadoes struck, when several photos and scraps of paper were found in her neighborhood in the northern Alabama town of Lester. She began posting the pictures on her site.

More than 2,000 of those photos and documents eventually were claimed by their owners and returned to them.

That gave the researchers a gold mine of raw data on which to build.

“I was very thankful that the page could be a help,” Bullion said. “I never dreamed that it would send as many pictures home as it did and then help with research like that. God works in mysterious ways.”

An earlier study on tornado debris by Snow and his colleagues identified only two objects that had traveled more than 135 miles. By contrast, the Georgia study identified 44 items that traveled a comparable distance or farther.

The nearly 220 miles covered by the landscape photo sucked up by one of the Alabama tornadoes rivals the record path taken by a canceled check from Stockton, Kan., on April 11, 1991, which was carried 223 miles from Kansas to Winnetoon, Neb.

In the Georgia study, Knox and his students categorized the items by weight. Among the heavier items, a Hackleburg Panthers cheerleading jacket flew from Hackleburg, Ala. to Elkmont, Ala., a distance of just over 66 miles.

Many of the items held deep significance to their owners, such as the metal sign that used to hang above the bleachers of the high school football stadium in Smithville, Miss.

The sign was a tribute to former Smithville marching band member Lee Frederick, who had died of bone cancer in 1998. It was found in Russellville, Ala. — approximately 50 miles away — about a month after one of the tornadoes destroyed Smithville High’s stadium and much of the town.

“Hopefully that’s a message that the students will take with them,” he said. “In this case, we had people whose houses were destroyed and the family members killed and the only thing they may have gotten back was a picture of Grandma and Grandpa that went 150 miles into another state.” *TAS*



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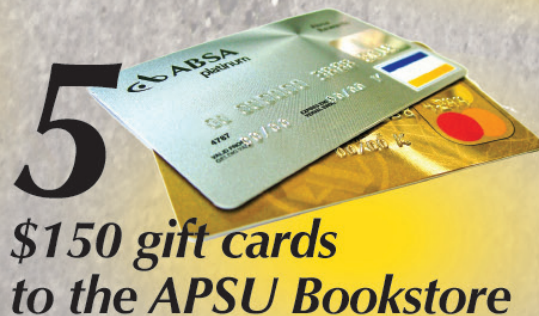
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1996:
The U.K. announces that humans could catch CJD (Mad Cow Disease).

1982:
U.S. scientists' return from Antarctica with the first land mammal fossils found there.

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The first "Pop Art" exhibit begins in New York City.

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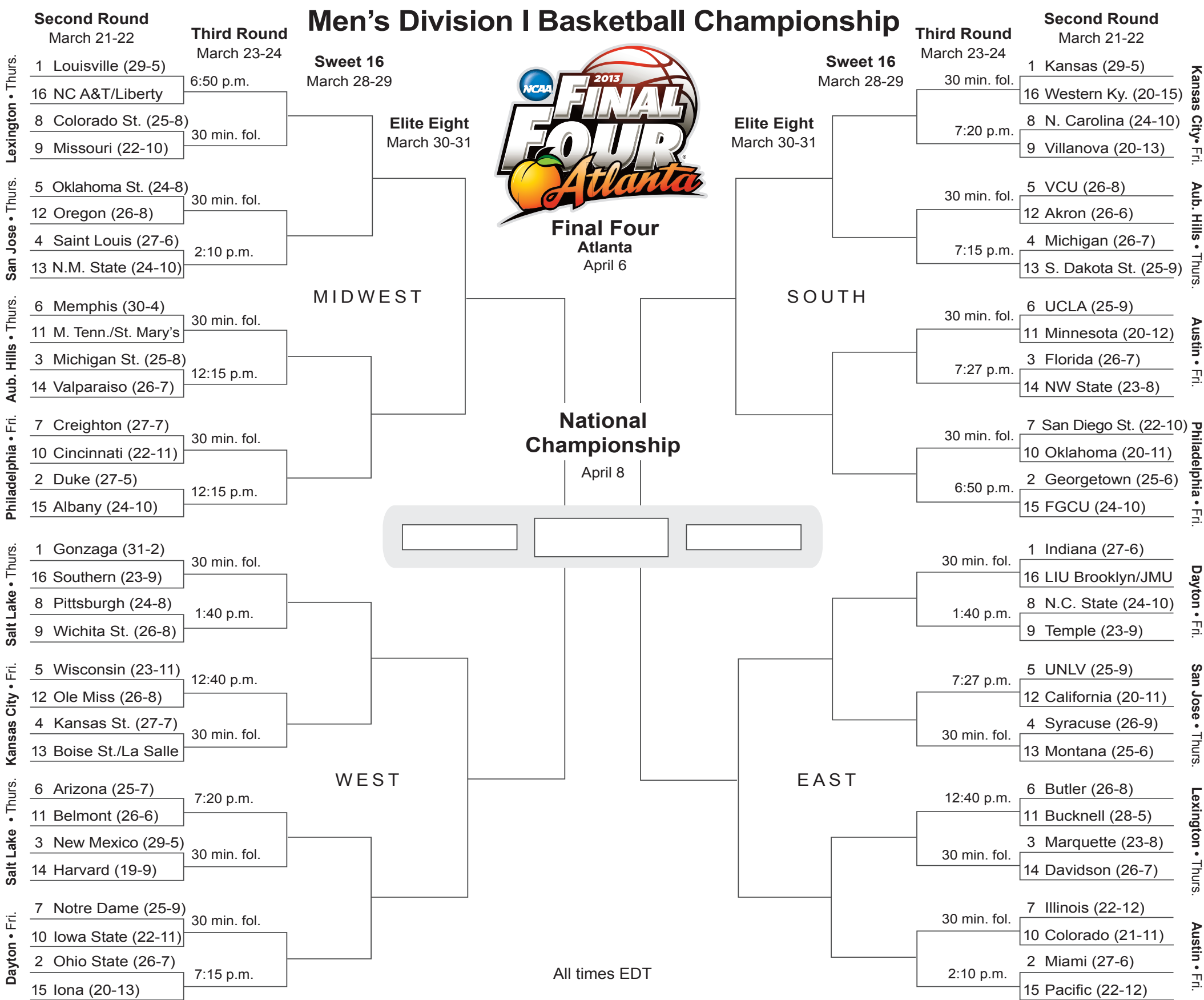
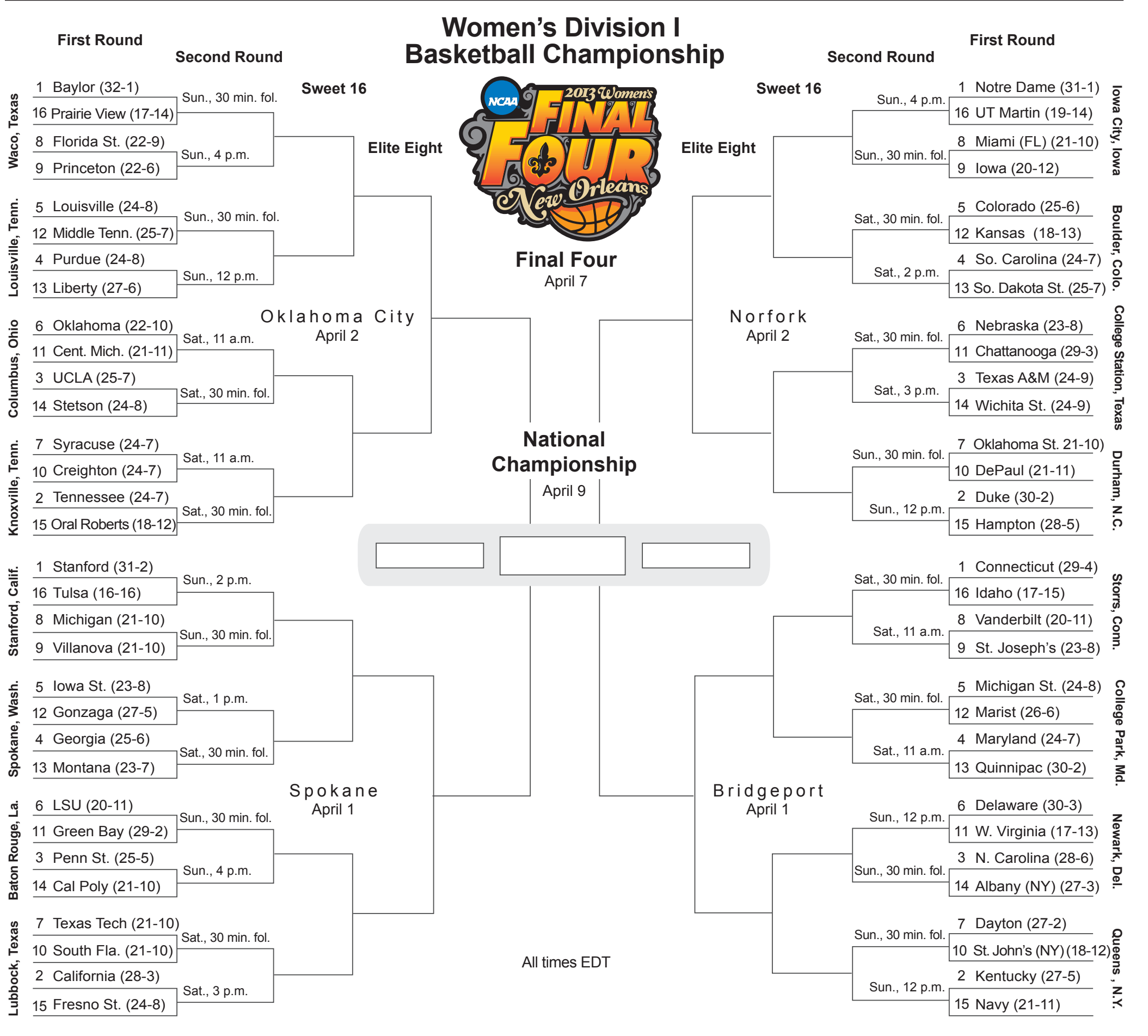
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Titans release quarterback Hasselbeck



Former Tennessee Titans QB Matt Hasselbeck steps back in the pocket as he looks for a receiver. Hasselbeck spent two seasons with the Titans. ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans have released veteran quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, a move buying the team more cap space after they couldn't work out an agreement to trim his \$5.5 million salary for 2013.

Hasselbeck, 37, spent the past two seasons with Tennessee, leading the Titans to a 9-7 record and just missing the playoffs on a tiebreaker in 2011 in coach Mike Munchak's debut season coming off the NFL lockout. Hasselbeck threw for 3,571 yards, the fourth-best passing season in the team's history and the third highest of his career.

But the Titans used the No. 8 draft selection overall in 2011 on Jake Locker, and they named him their starter for 2012. Hasselbeck still started five straight games after Locker hurt his left shoulder. The 14-year veteran has 34,517 yards passing for his career with 201 touchdowns. Due to count \$7.5 million against the salary cap made him too pricey to keep for a team still needing help on the defensive line and at linebacker.

General manager Ruston Webster thanked Hasselbeck for the past two years. "He was an important part of the transition process," Webster said. "He was a pro at every turn, and he provided an example to the rest of the team. I know that we are a better team for his being here and we wish him the best."

The Titans had been trying to work out a new deal with Hasselbeck, who wound up playing in eight games last season throwing for 1,367 yards with seven touchdowns. They have Rusty Smith and Nathan Enderle currently on the roster at quarterback, and Smith has one start in his three seasons with Tennessee. But the Titans may be going in a new direction.

A person familiar with the situation said former Buffalo Bills quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick has met with officials from both the Titans and the Cincinnati Bengals at his offseason home in Arizona where the NFL's

annual meetings are being held in Phoenix. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither team have publically announced meeting with Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick is out of work after being cut by the Bills last week, on the first day of the NFL's free agency period and a day before the team was due to pay him a \$3 million bonus. The Bills made the decision to cut Fitzpatrick after failing to get the quarterback to restructure the five years left on the six-year, \$59 million contract he signed in October 2011.

He spent four seasons in Buffalo, and most of the past three as the Bills starter. He finished with a 20-33 record, and took part of the blame for the team's three consecutive losing seasons. He was mostly knocked for failing to shed his inconsistencies. Though Fitzpatrick finished with 80 touchdowns in 55 games with the Bills, he also threw 64 interceptions, including a career-word 23 in 2011.

Fitzpatrick has proven to be a more than capable backup during his eight-year career. That's exactly what the Titans now need for Locker who will be going into his third season with former Buffalo guard Andy Levitre, signed last week, helping protect him.


Selected by St. Louis in the seventh round of the 2005 draft out of Harvard, Fitzpatrick spent two seasons with the Rams. He then signed with Cincinnati, where he got his first true shot at starting experience in 2008. Fitzpatrick went 4-6-1 as a starter with the Bengals, in taking over after Carson Palmer sustained a season-ending elbow injury.

Hasselbeck, who turns 38, in September, could be an attractive backup himself if he still wants to play.

The Super Bowl runner-up San Francisco 49ers are one team likely looking for an experienced backup quarterback to Colin Kaepernick after trading 2005 No. 1 overall draft pick Alex Smith to Kansas City at the start of free agency. *TAS*

Nominations Are Now Being Accepted For

MR AND MADAM GOVERNOR AWARDS



The Governor Awards will be presented at the annual Student Organization & Leader Awards, Thursday, April 11, 2013.

The selection committee looks for the extent to which nominees have contributed to the University community through leadership, diversity and service.

December 2012, May 2013, or December 2013 graduates are eligible to apply. Nominees must possess a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and must have been involved in at least one APSU social or service organization and one APSU academic or honors organization.

STUDENTS MAY NOMINATE THEMSELVES

Applications are now available online at www.apsu.edu/sga or www.apsu.edu/student_affairs or in the Office of Student Affairs, Morgan University Center Room 206

All applications **MUST** be received by **Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.**

SCHEDULE

UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Baseball - 6 p.m.
versus Jacksonville State

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Track and Field
at Vanderbilt Black and Gold

Tennis (W) - 11 a.m.
at SIU Edwardsville

Softball - 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
at Jacksonville State

Baseball - 2:00 p.m.
versus Jacksonville State

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Tennis (W) - 10 a.m.
at Eastern Illinois

Softball - 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.
at Tennessee Tech

Baseball - 2:00 p.m.
versus Jacksonville State

Tennis (M) - 2:00 p.m.
at Eastern Illinois

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Golf (M)
at Memphis Intercollegiate

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Baseball - 6:30 p.m.
at Mississippi State

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Softball - 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
at Middle Tennessee

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Tennis (M) - 2:30 p.m.
at Murray State

Baseball - 3:00 p.m.
at Murray State

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Tennis (W) - 11:00 a.m.
versus Southeast Missouri

Softball - 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
at UT Martin

Baseball - 3:00 p.m.
versus Murray State

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Track and Field
versus APSU Invitational

Softball - 1:00 p.m.
at UT Martin

Tennis (W) - 1:00 p.m.
versus UT Martin

Baseball - 1:00 p.m.
at Murrat State

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Golf (M)
at ASU Red Wolf Intercollegiate

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Tennis (W) - 11 a.m.
at Murray State

Baseball - 6:00 p.m.
versus Lipscomb

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Baseball - 6:00 p.m.
at Western Kentucky

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Golf (W)
at Colonel Classic


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Bat Govs win series at Eastern Illinois



» By **COREY ADAMS**
Staff Writer

The APSU baseball squad started Ohio Valley Conference play over the weekend of March 15 and 16, traveling to Eastern Illinois to take on the Panthers for a scheduled three-game series.

The Govs won the Friday, March 15, and Saturday, March 16 games by scores of 11-3 and 5-2 respectively. The contest on Sunday, March 17, was cancelled due to inclement weather and isn't expected to be rescheduled.

APSU improved its record to 17-2 on the season, with two OVC wins under their belts. EIU fell to 3-14, 0-5 against OVC schools.

The Govs came into the opening game Friday, March 15 with a ton of momentum, riding a seven-game winning streak, and carried that streak to Eastern Illinois to defeat the Panthers by a wide margin.

Pitcher Lee Ridenhour led the way for the Govs, going eight innings and allowing just three runs on nine hits with eight strikeouts. Tommy Hager came on to pitch the ninth and struck out two of the three batters faced.

The offense came through in the fourth inning with seniors Reed Harper and Cody Hudson putting APSU on the board.

Hudson doubled to left field, giving Harper a chance to bring him home. In the fifth and sixth innings, the Govs tallied eight runs on eight hits and a couple of EIU errors, putting APSU up 9-3. Craig Massoni blasted a two-run home run in the ninth, which solidified the first OVC win of the year for the Govs.

Game two of the series was a closely contested game from start to finish, with head coach Gary McClure relying on his pitching staff to get the job done.

Casey Delgado got the start for the Govs and earned the win by pitching six innings, allowing just two runs on three hits.

Kacy Kemmer came on in relief to pitch the seventh and eighth and kept the Panthers off the scoreboard.

Closer Tyler Rogers picked up his eighth save of the season and is now one away from breaking the all-time record at APSU of 20.

Massoni led the offense with another three-for-five day at the plate. Hudson, Harper, Kevin Corey, and P.J. Torres contributed with key RBIs, giving APSU the series win.

The Govs will be on the road Wednesday, March 20 to play Indiana State for the second time this season before hosting Jacksonville State at Raymond C. Hand Park Friday, March 22 through Sunday, March 24. **TAS**



Top: Shortstop Reed Harper connects with a pitch delivered by a pitcher from Creighton. Bottom left: Second baseman Jordan Hankins is congratulated at home after hitting a home run. Bottom right: First baseman Craig Massoni applies a tag to a Creighton baserunner. All photos were taken in the Saturday, March 9 contest against Creighton University. **DARRELL SHEFFIELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Sky's the limit for star second baseman Hankins

» By **JOSHUA STEPHENSON**
Guest Writer

The game of baseball has long been considered America's pastime and a tradition for many families around our country. At any baseball game a father or grandfather there with their son or grandson teaching them the ins and outs of the game. That is where our love of baseball comes from; we see it as a game that can bring us back to our childhood and a game that is steeped in tradition. For APSU Second Baseman Jordan Hankins, that is where his love of baseball truly began.

"It's family tradition, it's been in my family for generations," says the 5'10, 191 pound junior from Wentzville, Missouri. "I grew up watching my dad play and all the stories my grandpa would tell, he was a great ballplayer, and it just kept coming down the family tree."

This love started by his family was something that Hankins always had around him no matter what the age. His older brother Josh played baseball as well and that made an impression on Jordan at a young age.

"My brother is my biggest role model," said Hankins, a 2012 All-American Honorable Mention, "I grew up watching him play; other kids would be playing video games or hanging out, but me and him would go downstairs and play a full-on baseball game."

The Govs record currently sits at 17-2, one of the best starts in the program's history, and Hankins knows this team could be special.

"We are playing really good baseball right now, really good team baseball," said Hankins, who is second on the team in batting average right now hitting .357. "We are just so deep with pitching and hitting. We are a hard out from one through nine in our lineup. I wouldn't want to face us." Hankins is one of the leaders on this team and its players like him that you want to have when you are

in a close game. "We are figuring out a way to win the ballgame no matter what. If we get down we don't get upset, we just find the way to win games."

The team success of APSU's baseball program has no doubt helped Hankins get some national attention and put his name firmly in the conversation for being drafted.

After the NCAA Regional in Oregon last season, Hankins was selected to participate for the USA collegiate baseball summer team, one of the highest honors a college baseball player can attain.

Projected to go in one of the top 10 rounds of the MLB Draft in June, Hankins understands that his dream of playing Major League ball is in his sights.

"It's something that I have always dreamed about, its what I love to do," said Hankins, who has one year of eligibility left at the college level. "Growing up you never thought you'd make it this far; you just love the game and love to play it."

Despite the possibility of being drafted so high up the board, Hankins is not letting it cloud his short-term goals.

"You can't really think about or worry about that aspect of the game. You have to focus on what we are doing right now."

With a great season last year, Hankins knows this team is destined for bigger and even better things, much like his future, but he keeps it all in perspective. "You just have to take it one game at a time still and have fun with it."

The game that Hankins grew to love as a kid could one day be his meal ticket. As June approaches, APSU baseball fans will wonder if Hankins will stay for one more year or go pro. But one thing is for sure: the sky's the limit for this young baseball star. **TAS**



Jordan Hankins is currently hitting .357 with two home runs and 16 runs batted in for the Bat Govs. **DARRELL SHEFFIELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**