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Breaking down student loans

» By DIONA GARDNER

Staff Writer

For many students, college is the beginning of a journey towards a promising career. However, for some, college is the beginning of a long journey into debt.

In 2012, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported a total of \$870 billion in outstanding student loan debt.

The average outstanding student loan balance is roughly \$23,000.

Nationally, student loan debt has exceeded credit card debt.

"Student loans are often the only way some students and families can afford to attend college. The concern comes when students borrow more than what they need to pay for tuition and basic educational expenses," said Donna Price, director of financial aid. "If a student receives a refund check and spends it on things they want rather than on basic needs, they are borrowing too much money."

Price pointed out that upon graduation, student loan debt can greatly impede a student's ability to buy a car or a home

one loan past due.

National student loan debt is more than \$1 trillion.

More than \$110 billion in

student loans are originated

because their student loan payment could eat up 15 to 25 percent of their income.

She also emphasizes the importance of paying back loans on schedule.

"Defaulting on a student loan will negatively impact your credit, becoming a barrier to do things you will want to do, or even have the basic things we all want," Price

Price stressed that the decision to accept a student loan should be thought about for more than just a moment.

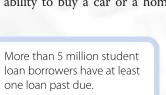
Avoid student loan debt by applying for the "free" money first. Ms. Price suggests filing a FASFA as early as possible.

"It is imperative to complete the financial aid application at www.fafsa.gov as soon as possible after January 1 of each year," Price said. "It is particularly urgent for granteligible families as some federal and state grants are limited in funding."

Loans are broken down into three categories: student, parent, and private student loans. All loans are interest bearing, meaning the amount to be repaid will be more than what was borrowed.

Federal government loans are the most commonly used loans to fund education. They do not require credit checks and typically have a lower interest rate.







among graduating

seniors: \$23,186



Median additional debt for doctoral degree: +\$52,000

Median additional debt for professional degree: +\$79,836

Sources: finaid.org/loans and *cnbc.com "Student Loan Debt Hits Another New Record Study"

GRAPHIC BY DAVID HOERNLEN | ONLINE EDITOR

Students debate assault weapons ban in Tenn.

each year.'

Staff Writer

Students gathered to debate the effectiveness of a Tennessee ban on assault weapons in the APSU communication department's 10th annual AP Debate Forum.

Rob Baron, assistant professor of communications, hosted the forum on Wednesday, March 6, in the Clement

There were three students from each side arguing either for or against the topic. Two of those six students were chosen as alternates.

Arguing to ban assault weapons in Tenn. were students Ashton Maltie, Ankit Patel, and Joziah Coleman (alternate). Students arguing against the ban on assault weapons being removed, just the assault weapons in Tennessee were Michael Hoover, Manny Bell and Lindsey McCoy (alternate).

The first student to take the stage was Ankit Patel. He covered the historical use of weapons. Patel said he believes an assault weapon can cause more harm even if a person is using it to protect a loved one.

"Weapons came from the battlefield and they should stay there," Patel stated.

Ashton Maltie, who was also argued for a ban, focused his argument on today's society.

He argued a child should not have to live in a society where they have to be worried about being assaulted in school. He said those who were against the topic should not have to be worried about their hunting rifles

"We need to protect our children and our youth," Maltie said.

Michael Hoover was the first student to voice his perspective against the ban of assault weapons in Tennessee. He asked the audience to recall crimes that involved children and the ones that dealt with assault weapons.

"Assault weapon crimes involving children are rare," Hoover said.

Manny Bell, the second student arguing against the ban, believes that guns are not a danger to everyone.

"Guns are dangerous", Bell said, "but only in the wrong hands."

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Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour enlightens students

» By CHASETON DONAHOE

Staff Writer

Many APSU students received helpful advice on how to spark creativity and entrepreneurship when the Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour came to the UC on Thursday, March 7.

The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour has held more than 500 entrepreneurship events in 35 states during the past seven years, and has been an inspiration for thousands. The key speaker, Arel Moodie, defined the tour's message at the

four hour event in the UC ballroom. "The bridge between where you are and where you want to be is today, and one small idea can change everything." Moodie explained that most people make excuses for their lack of productivity. One popular excuse is that people do not have enough money.

"If you are not getting the results that you want right now, that's not because you need more money. The only thing holding you back is you," Moodie said.

Another excuse given is that people have no time, but people also waste a lot of their time. He made the point that no one in the world has a bigger chunk of time than any other person and that we all have 24 hours in each day, so we need to use it wisely. The last excuse that people often make is that a person may consider themselves not ready to step up and try something new. Moodie said no one ever thinks they are ready, but that should not hold them back. He said dreams need to be pursued now.

"If you see the world the same when you are 25 as when you were



Students listen to advice from panelists on the Extreme

Entrepreneurship Tour. JESSICA GRAY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER 18, you wasted seven years of your life," Moodie said. "Evolve."

Another key speaker was David Gardner, NBA star and founder of Colorjar, a software design company. Some of the secrets to success that he mentioned were ignoring negativity and embracing positivity He noted that in modern society, people are becoming increasingly negative, and the first step to being successful is to have a positive outlook about goals and opportunities. Another secret was for people to own success rather than letting it own them.

"The most successful people set their own goals," Gardner said. "So work for yourself, not for other people."

His third point was to work harder. He explained that every time a person reaches a goal, they should immediately raise the bar for themselves.

His fourth point was that people should solve problems. But the way this should be done is not by following the rules. Gardner

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Students stand for freedom



Haley Richards, event organizer, participates in the 27-hour Stand for Freedom to help raise money and awareness to fight worldwide slavery. **BRITTANY HICKEY | STAFF WRITER**

APSU students stand for 27 hours straight to raise awareness for millions of world-wide slaves

» By BRITTANY HICKEY

Anywhere from four to 35 APSU students stood in the UC plaza over a 27-hour period to raise awareness for the 27 million slaves around the world.

The Stand for Freedom participants took to the plaza at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6 and didn't leave until 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. A few committed participants stayed for the full 27 while others signed up for shifts when they could. One participant even rescheduled her midterms.

One student participant who stood for the full 27 hours, Haley Richards, has always wished she could ask her great-grandparents why they didn't stand up for the slaves in America, but in researching for this event she discovered there are more slaves now than ever before.

"We can't do nothing," Richards said. "We can all come together and agree this is wrong."

The Stand for Freedom was a national event held March 5-15 organized by the International Justice Mission organization. Hundreds of events were held and more than \$50,000 in donations was raised nationwide.

Richards' and the other organizers for the APSU Stand's number one goal was to simply increase awareness of the prevalence of slavery around the world. While there are dangerous conditions internationally, some slavery is closer to home: Atlanta, Ga. is number one in the nation in slavery, mostly due to forced prostitution including that of minors.

Junior Ben Biesendorfer prepared by getting the word out to campus organizations, speaking in fraternity houses about the issue, and helping with the set-up in the UC plaza.

"I'm mentally and physically prepared," Biesendorfer said an hour into the stand as the temperature began to drop. Richards said the participants in the stand were triple-layering, prepared for the long night with money donated for pizza or hot chocolate, and lots of blankets.

Eight hours into the stand, the participants were going strong in the light of the UC plaza lamps, a handful throwing around a Frisbee and others speaking with the late-night passers-by.

Josh Alston used to go to APSU and is still connected to some students and heard about the event from Biesendorfer. Alston was stunned by how few people know or care about the issue and was excited to stand for something.

The group made it through the 27 hours of raising awareness on campus, ultimately raising over \$300 for the cause and recruiting 426 people to sign the petition that will be delivered by IJM to the White House along with petitions from across America. 745

The entire team

suggested that people

should find the easiest

way to solve a problem.

He said that there is no

Debate

against the ban argued it is not the assault CONTINUED FROM **FRONT** weapons that are the problem, but rather illegal weapons and the real problem is obeying the law. In fact 60 percent of

guns used are illegal. At the end of the debate, audience members were given the opportunity to get on stage and share their opinions. Students against the ban emphasized that the crime rate may go up if assault weapons are banned and that people will

kill or harm a person with our without a weapon. Stuart Arkovitz, adjunct English instructor,

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

right or wrong way to be an entrepreneur.

is capable of doing great things.

was one of the few who were on the side of banning assault weapons. "The idea of assault means aggression," Arkovitz said and went on to rhetorically ask why a person would need a machine gun when we are no longer protecting our homes against an army.

Ashton Maltie gave the closing argument and said, "We are not getting rid of the right to bear arms and we need to better our children, a step in the right direction."

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

APSU's Business department will be offering entrepreneurship courses this fall. The new program will consist of 21 hours, and these courses will help aspiring students to create new ideas.

"People should build a vision for themselves ... People should not strive to be better, they should strive to be different and offer amazing service,"

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

Loans

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These loans are either subsidized or unsubsidized.

Interest on subsidized loans is paid by the government while the borrower is still enrolled in college, so it is best to take the subsidized loans first.

Former APSU student Marcus Moore confessed, "I used my financial aid as an opportunity to supplement my income not considering one day I would have to pay all that

Repayment plans are chosen by the student and lender. There are several options available: standard, graduated, extended, income based, pay as you earn, income-contingent and incomesensitive repayment plans. Each plan varies in term, minimum payment, and interest. Available repayment plans vary by lender.

The standard repayment plan has fixed monthly payments of at least \$50 per month up to 10 years and interest will be less than that of other repayment plans. Graduated repayment plans start with lower payments and gradually become higher every two years for up to 10 years.

The extended repayment plan can have fixed or graduated payments and this repayment plan will last up to 25 years. There are debt requirements in order to qualify for an extended repayment plan of more than \$30,000 in outstanding Direct and/or FFEL loans.

Loan consolidation is an option which combines multiple federal student loans into one monthly payment.

Consolidation lowers monthly payments by extending the repayment period to up to 30 years. Loans are eligible for consolidation after graduation, leaving school or dropping below halftime enrollment.

There are some borrower benefits that will be lost after consolidation; choose carefully once loans are consolidated they cannot be removed.

Partial financial hardship is required for income-based and pay as you earn repayment plans. Monthly payments on the income-based repayment plan are 15 percent of discretionary income. Any outstanding balance after making 25 years of qualifying monthly payments will

Pay as you earn payments will be 10 percent of the student's discretionary income. As income changes, so will the monthly payments. Any outstanding balance after 20 years of qualifying monthly payments will be forgiven.

Income contingent payment plans are calculated yearly based on adjusted gross income, family size and total amount of direct loans. As the students' income changes so will their monthly payments. Any outstanding balance after 25 years of qualifying monthly payments will be forgiven but you may still have to pay income tax on that forgiven portion.

Income sensitive payment plans are based on the student's annual income and will change as their income changes. Each lender's formula for calculating monthly payments varies. The repayment period is up to 10 years.

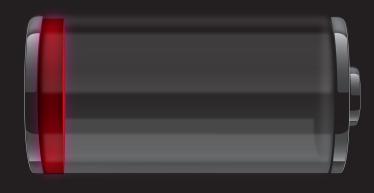
Some occupations have loan forgiveness programs in order to encourage careers in teaching and public service fields.

The teacher forgiveness program requires the student to teach for five consecutive years in a eligible low income school or eligible location operated by an educational service agency. In order to qualify for forgiveness, the loan must be made before the end of the student's fifth year

The public service forgiveness program forgives any unpaid balance after the student has made 120 monthly payments. The student must be in an eligible public service field and enrolled in a standard, income based or income contingent repayment plan. Forgiveness is extended only while the student is employed full time in their

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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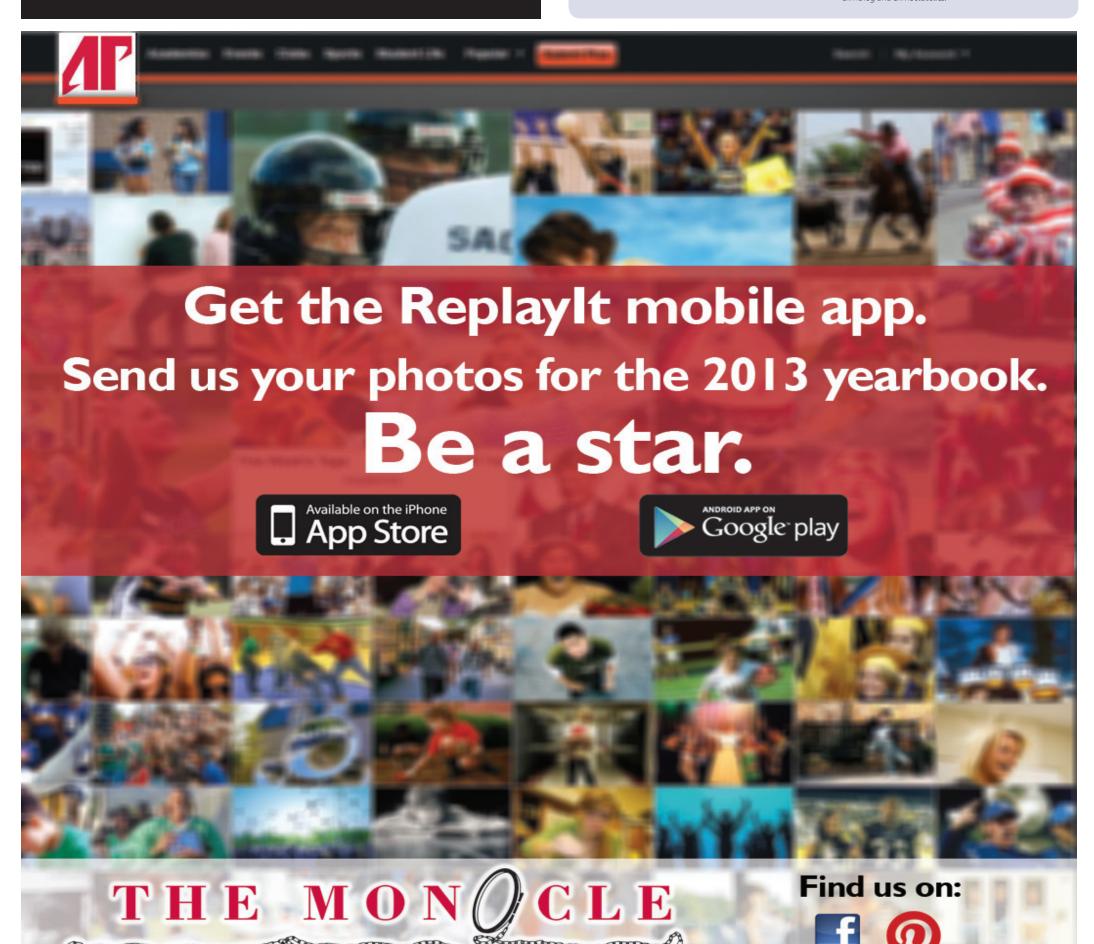
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CRIME LOG

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
- 10:49 a.m.; Mar. 8; Hand Village; public
- 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.







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Nonlethal weapons provide protection

»KIMBERLY WALLACE

Guest Writer

Perhaps 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 lack the Rippers or Ted Bundys out there are going to listen

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

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 National

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

of State Legislatures, 21 states currently to hide," said sophomore English major 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

have a ban on carrying a concealed 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, mentallystable 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?



SWANSON Staff Writer

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

Plain and simple —

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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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EVENTS

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.;SpanishConversation;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.;HCCSpanishGameNight;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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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]."

Rodriquez 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."



Tim Hall blogs education for Huffington Post

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— Clarissa Pulley, sophomore philosophy major

» 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

"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 their president." 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

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

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

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

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

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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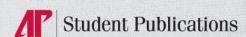
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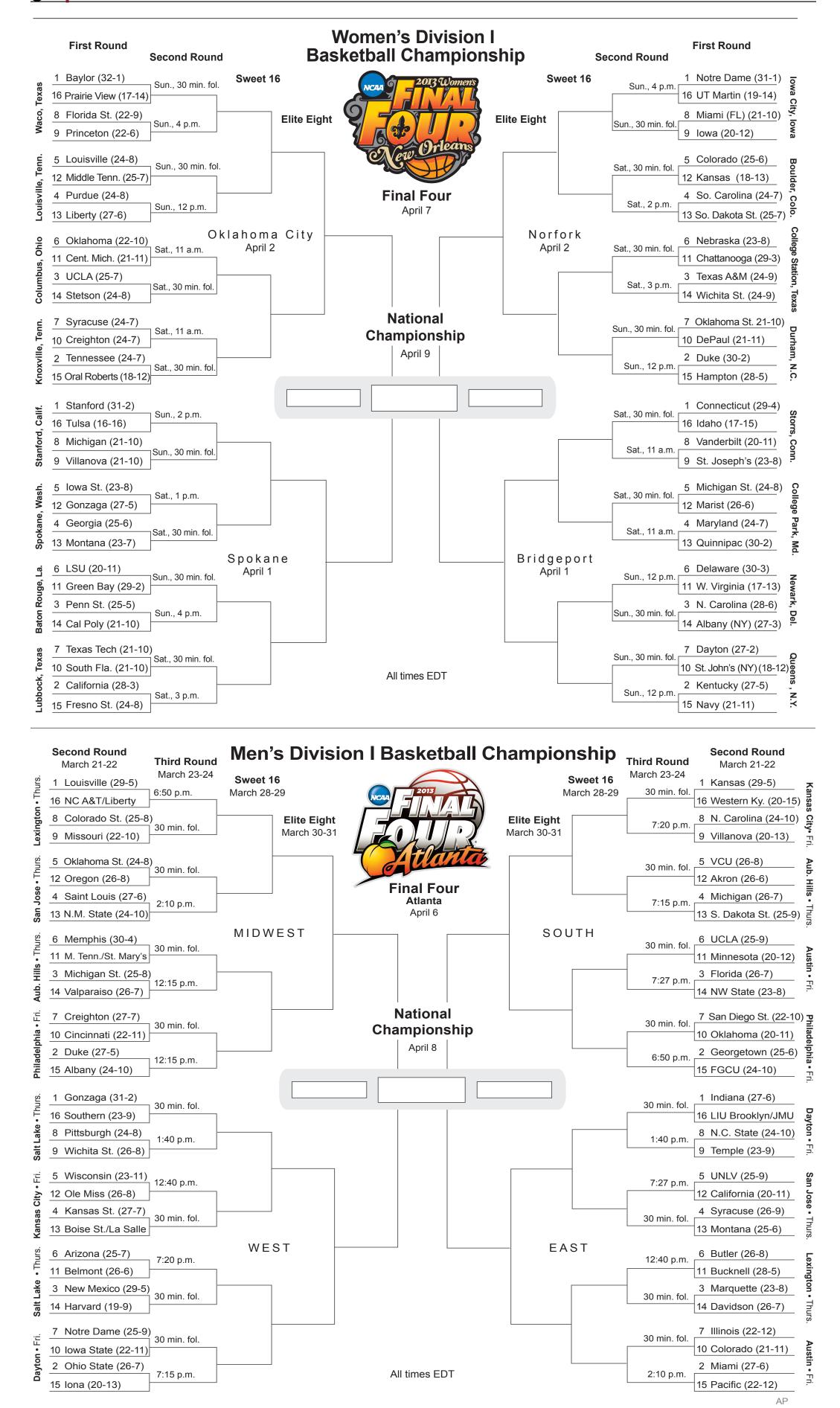
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Titans release quarterback Hasselbeck



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

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

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 seasonending 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**



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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 threegame 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-

"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