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Snowpocalypse 2014



Snow and ice began to cover APSU on Sunday, March 2, resulting in classes being cancelled from Monday, March 3 to Thursday, March 6. For more pictures, see Features, p. 5. **ARIANA JELSON** | PHOTO EDITOR

» **By LAUREN COTTLE**
News Editor

Due to the snow and ice that began Sunday, March 2, classes, midterms and assignments have been canceled or rescheduled for many APSU students.

Up to five inches of sleet and snow have covered sidewalks and roads, making traveling difficult for students and faculty. Much of the snow and ice has not melted due to temperatures floating around freezing point.

Classes were canceled for APSU and Clarksville-Montgomery County schools for four consecutive days.

Services such as postal and road clearing have been delayed in

some areas because of the amount of snow and ice.

“People have to understand, with this ice we’ve had, it just takes time to get it cleared off,” said Jerry Buchanan, Emergency Management Agency director. “It doesn’t work like snow. It takes longer to clear, and then when the temperature drops at night, a lot of it re-freezes.”

Buchanan said although road clearing has taken longer than expected, the sleet provides some traction for driving.

ACT testing for high school juniors has been rescheduled because of cancellations. Juniors will now take the test Tuesday, March 18.

Friday’s high is expected to be 59 degrees, which would be a marked contrast to the colder temperatures that have caused delays in schools in the Clarksville area. **TAS**

New building to bring APSU downtown

» **By LAUREN COTTLE**
News Editor

APSU recently purchased a building at 103 Strawberry Alley for \$500,000 to give the university a presence in downtown Clarksville.

The building is 15,000 sq. ft. and three stories. The building formerly held nightclubs Joe B’s and Bar 103.

Plans are for the building to include a museum and an art gallery to host APSU’s folk art collection, donated by Ned and Jacqueline Couch and Joe Trahern.

“The building will serve as a ‘cultural center’ for the university.”

— **Barry Jones, Art Department Interim Chair**

Discussions have been made to include APSU’s Tennessee Small Business Development Center and the Department of Art’s Goldsmith Press in the building.

Mitch Robinson, vice president of finance and administration, said the building will give APSU “a better presence and a better opportunity to showcase what our



Renderings of the APSU Strawberry Alley building by architects. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

faculty and students produce in terms of art.”

The building will undergo repairs after APSU officials consult architects on the project. The cost estimate for the building’s development is expected in April.

Interim Art Department Chair Barry Jones said he is “ecstatic” about the building. Jones said the building will serve as a “cultural center” for the university.

“The building will be great for the university and the city as a whole,” Jones said. Community outreach will be the goal

Gunshots clog Drane Street

» **By PHILLIP SWANSON**
Staff Writer

Witnesses reported to campus police that they heard shots fired on Drane Street between Governor’s Terrace South and McReynolds Monday evening, Feb. 17.

Witnesses reported seeing a white Nissan Altima and a white Chevrolet Malibu in the area. The Altima’s occupants fired two shots, then drove towards College St., according to witnesses. The Malibu drove towards Marion St. Officers arrived on the scene to investigate, sending out the first notification of unconfirmed shots fired and advising those on campus to take shelter.

Upon further investigation, an officer found two shell casings, and a second notification was sent to campus residents, confirming the report. Officers have exhausted all leads and are currently unable to identify the suspects, according to APSU Chief of

Police Michael Kasitz, but the investigation is still open.

In an unrelated incident at Castle Heights the same evening, there was a report from two students of two people in a sedan supposedly seen waving a gun. Campus police found the two individuals, and after questioning, they admitted to waving around a BB gun. Officers looked at the weapon, and, according to their report, the weapon looked “very real” and capable of firing more than just pellets.

After questioning, one of the individuals said there was a third individual inside the residence hall visiting a female student. The three individuals involved were taken to Shasteen and interrogated. All three were found to be nonstudents. The individuals were warned they would be arrested for trespassing if they returned to campus. There was no campus alert issued because of the response time of the police. **TAS**

Armed robbery occurs at Rony’s Smoke Shop



Rony’s was robbed on Wednesday, Feb. 12. **PRINCESS ANDRES** | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» **By PHILLIP SWANSON**
Staff Writer

At 6:52 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, Officer J. Smith of the Clarksville Police Department made contact with the owner of Rony’s Smoke Shop on North Second Street. A silent alarm had been triggered by the owner, and upon investigation, the owner said he and one other victim had been robbed at gunpoint.

According to surveillance footage and witnesses’ descriptions, a black male wearing a ski mask and dark clothing entered the store and demanded that the owner and second victim comply with his demands. The male stole several packs of Newport cigarettes and \$400 in cash.

Another witness told Officer Sean Walden that while driving on Jefferson St., he saw a tall black man changing clothes behind Kelly’s Big Burger. The witness said he was wearing a black hoodie and backpack.

Officer Timothy Edwards saw Shonquiel Fields at Kelly’s Big Burger, who, shortly beforehand, was seen by

Edwards at the Greyhound Bus Station dressed in a matching description to the suspect who had fled Rony’s Smoke Shop.

Edwards and Walden confronted Fields inside Kelly’s Big Burger. Another witness told the officers Fields walked into the bathroom with a backpack and came back out without it.

Walden conducted a search of the men’s bathroom and subsequently found a backpack full of Newport cigarettes. After sending a police service dog and another officer to find the weapon involved in the robbery, a sawed-off shotgun found at 111 Womack St., Edwards and Walden arrested Fields.

Fields was interviewed and transported to booking at the Montgomery County jail. Fields was charged with using a firearm in the commission of a felony and robbery. Joseph Watkins, who allegedly acted as a lookout for Fields, was transported to Montgomery County jail. Watkins was charged with criminal responsibility for conduct of another. **TAS**

SGA passes 3 resolutions, appoints freshman senator

» By **LAUREN COTTLE**
News Editor

The Student Government Association appointed a new freshman senator, passed three resolutions and rescinded a bill during the SGA meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Ryan Honea, a new freshman appointee, was appointed through oath of office.

Honea said he hopes to become a local politician eventually.

"I really love APSU and would love to put in more work to make it a better campus for all of us," Honea said.

Senators voted Honea in unanimously.

Jake Lowary, advisor to *The All State*, addressed senators regarding Resolution No. 18 during time allotted for student concerns. The resolution intended to reinstate advertising funds to *The All State*, which were taken away in spring 2013.

Lowary addressed the concern of SGA members not being allowed to write for *The All State*, which would be in opposition to the bylaws of *The All State*, as with any news organization.

"It jeopardizes our credibility," Lowary said. "The job of the media is to hold government accountable, just like the job of our readers is to hold us accountable."

Sens. Daniel Pitts and Benjamin Pafford sponsored Resolution No. 18.

During commentary on the bill, Sen. Jed Dugger said he was originally opposed to it but is now supportive. Dugger said he believed Act No. II, the bill that defunded *The All State* in spring 2013, was "an attempt to influence news coverage."

Dugger said the money not going to *The All State* as a result of Act No. II was not being used "effectively." Dugger said he hopes the bill will "positively affect the lives of people

who work in *The All State*."

Senator Chris Tablack said *The All State* is aligned with the Quality Enhancement Plan's values of student engagement and recommended that some of the money be earmarked for a student or students to do public relations and marketing work.

Resolution No. 18 was passed with one opposing vote and one abstention.

Sens. Thomas Thornton and Taylor Gaston summarized Resolution No. 19, which aims to address the visibility issue with the speed bumps on Drane Street.

The resolution will send a recommendation to the Safety and Roads Committee to add a reflective strip of lights in the area so drivers will be able to see the speed bumps more clearly. The bill passed with a unanimous vote.

During new business, four pieces of legislation were presented.

Resolution No. 20 recommends the "development of student study spaces in academic buildings and open access to said buildings to students after hours."

According to the bill, the Woodward Library is the only area on campus open for studying after 10 p.m. and is "undersized for the campus size."

The resolution references the Sundquist Science Complex as a potential study area.

Hayes and Pitts sponsor both Resolutions No. 20 and 22.

Resolution No. 22 will "voice student opposition to Tennessee State Senate Bills 1608 and 2493."

If passed, the Tennessee Senate bills would "restrict funding for student organizations on public campuses in the state of Tennessee." The bills were written in response to a University of Tennessee at Knoxville event called Sex Week.

The bill says "students themselves best understand the needs of the student body," and that funds should

be allocated in an unbiased manner.

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's SGA has already voiced opposition to the bill.

Sen. Lauren Williams said she is against the measure to restrict where student activities fees go.

"We will lose so many organizations, which are part of the college experience," Williams said.

Hayes said the Tennessee Senate bill aims to restrict organizations to petition money based on their size. Hayes said he disagrees with this because it measures the organizations on size rather than "valued student interest."

Tablack made a motion to suspend Robert's Rules so the senate could immediately vote on the bill.

Resolution No. 22 passed unanimously.

Sen. Tabitha Montague presented Resolution No. 23, a measure to repave the parking lot beside Sevier Hall, which has "common accidents." The bill would recommend that the Physical Plant create slanted spaces in the lot, which would be "more efficient," according to the bill.

Resolution No. 21, sponsored by Hayes and Tablack, recommends that Chartwells provide more vegan and vegetarian options.

The bill was rescinded after SGA President Mike Rainier spoke with Chartwells representatives about the issue, which they agreed to take measures to mitigate.

Dean of Students Greg Singleton appointed Pitts, Brena Andring and Molly Silkowski to the committee selecting Mr. and Mrs. Gov. an award given to graduating seniors.

Smith announced the two senators appointed to the Mudbowl Executive Committee: Baylee Farrar and Williams. Smith also said SGA election dates are Tuesday, April 1, to Thursday, April 3. *TAS*



Renderings of the APSU Strawberry Alley building by architects. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Building

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of the building, according to Jones.

Although the Art Department will play "one small part" in the building,

Jones said he thinks it will be beneficial to the department, which is currently hosting the 2013-2014 Roy Acuff Chair of Excellence, a program that brings regionally and nationally acclaimed artists to work with students and

the community.

"What we hope is that the building will become a permanent home for our folk art collection," Jones said.

The expected date of the building's opening is yet to be announced. *TAS*

PIKE members introduced to campus

» By **DAVID HARRIS**
Staff Writer

On Saturday, March 1, Pi Kappa Alpha reintroduced themselves to APSU with the event "Meet the PIKES."

The purpose of the event was to give students a chance to see the returning fraternity's mission and goals. Attendees met administrators and alumni of Pi Kappa Alpha.

During the event, new recruitments came to be recognized. Pi Kappa Alpha uses the acronym "SLAG" to describe recruits, which stands for "scholars, leaders, athletes and gentlemen."

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, Expansion Consultant Jerod

Williams explained how the chapter was growing.

"Hank [Walden] and I are finishing strong," Williams said. "As of right now, we are at 33 men and should be close to 40 by the week's end. The men also have a great future for next semester with a handful of men in the surrounding Clarksville high schools already interested."

Several new members voiced excitement for being accepted into the returning fraternity.

"I'm glad to be a part of PIKE," said sophomore communications major Preston Bostain. "We're going to do wonderful things on campus. I'm glad to be here at APSU, and I'm glad to be part

of Pi Kappa Alpha."

Some PIKE alumni said they are pleased to see the chapter back on APSU, including Martin Livingston.

"It's great to see them back on campus again after five years," Livingston said. "I think they are going to do good things on campus. Being a founding member of the chapter, I am glad to see them back."

The ceremony ended with Williams and Walden reflecting on their experiences with PIKE. Both consultants said they are glad to have been involved with the fraternity and hope new members have good experiences as they did. *TAS*

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.

- 7:41 p.m.; Feb. 20; Castle Heights; simple possession/casual exchange
- 10:51 p.m.; Feb. 21; Castle Heights; simple possession/casual exchange
- 9:49 p.m.; Feb. 21; Music/Mass Communications; theft of property
- 10:20 a.m.; Feb. 21; Morgan University Center; theft of property
- 3:40 a.m.; Feb. 24; Hand Village; vandalism
- 10:20 a.m.; Feb. 24; Woodward Library; theft of property

- 3:31 p.m.; Feb. 25; Clement; burglary
- 1:26 a.m.; Feb. 25; Emerald Hills apts; domestic assault
- 10:47 a.m.; Feb. 26; Woodward Library; theft of property
- 10:18 a.m.; Feb 26; Harned Hall; theft of property
- 11:37 a.m.; Feb. 27; Ann Ross Bookstore; theft of property
- 7:59 a.m.; Feb. 27; Morgan University Center; theft of property
- 6:27 p.m.; Sundquist Science Complex; theft of property
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Military spending cut backs could be beneficial



AP IMAGES

» **By VALERIE MCCALLISTER**
Staff Writer

The U.S. prides itself on its military's strength, size and tactics. Currently, the U.S. is not actively participating in a large ground war, and subsequently the Obama administration is suggesting military spending cuts.

According to NBC News, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel said, "our future force will assume additional risk in certain areas," citing gaps in training and maintenance and a smaller force. Some see these potential cuts as threats to U.S. security. However, research suggests that even though the Army would be reduced in number of infantrymen (less than a 100,000, or pre-World War II size), the Special Operations forces would grow from 66,000 to 69,700 to deal with counterterrorism and crisis response.

Since our military rarely — if ever — battles another country's military anymore, our main concern is terrorism. Consequently, we should make budget cuts due to the fact that not as much training and equipment is needed when a smaller force is fighting terrorism, as opposed to another country's military.

With the proposed spending cuts, much equipment would be

taken out or retired. However, not only is the operation of retired equipment expensive, it isn't needed as much during peacetime. What many Americans fail to realize in attacking the Obama Administration is that these retired devices are being replaced with more cost-efficient machinery with greater range and endurance. Why not spend less and get better quality?

“Our country's debt is already out of control, so why is it necessary to spend excess money to protect the 'what ifs'?"

On the home front, these proposed spending cuts would affect the way military families budget. For instance, they would receive a one percent raise in salary, but may be required to dish out a little

money for housing or other living expenses. These budget cuts may also affect military students, such as Nicole Eldridge.

"The budget cuts add a challenge not only to our training, but also to our futures," Eldridge said. "We may need to invest in options that require us to carry a full-time job in the civilian world."

Since our country is currently in peace, some may ask how likely we are to face another large ground battle. Military spending cuts should take place during peace times. Our country's debt is already out of control, so why is it necessary to spend excess money to protect the "what ifs"? Our Special Operations are not taking a cut, but rather growing from these proposed cuts. Special Operations members are the ones who are stationed in countries around the world in case something were to break out. Yes, the home front may suffer from cuts, but the military is still operating and training. Therefore, military spending cuts are needed, not only because it will reduce national debt, but because there is no need to spend money on a large scale until it's needed.

Historically, after large ground battles such as World Wars I and II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, the U.S. has made budget cuts. Spending should decrease during time of peace to ensure money is available during war time. **TAS**

Smoking outside of Trahern building causing a big debate

» **By CHELSEA LEONARD**
Staff Writer

Posted on the back door of the Trahern Building is the sign, "NO SMOKING HERE." It goes on to say, however, "But since you are going to anyway THROW AWAY YOUR BUTTS (in the trash)."

This notice is posted on an average building on campus, just next to a prime spot for students to smoke without bother.

Currently, smoking is prohibited on campus except for designated locations.

The back door of the Trahern Building is not one of these designated locations.

It is common for students to walk by Trahern on their way to class and catch a whiff of cigarette smoke.

Some students are beginning to wonder why this goes unnoticed, despite breaking a clear anti-smoking policy.

People light up daily in this undesignated area without fear of being reprimanded by the campus police.

"No department should get a pass on any campus rule that is meant for everyone to follow," said Myranda Harrison, a junior

graphic design major.

Harrison is not speaking out against smoking as an issue, but on the issue of equality.

Students who wish to smoke in accordance to school policy travel to the approved smoking sections on the outside edges of campus.

The Trahern sign suggests to smokers that even if the rules are disregarded, the environment is still a concern.

"If they are going to break the rules, they could at least not litter in the process," said sophomore art major Andrea Bender.

Professors and school staff have given up on trying to force students to stop smoking in that

particular spot, and merely ask them to leave a clean space for others in return.

"We're art students, so we are always rebellious," said Lisa Weber, a senior art education major and smoker.

Rule breaking is not abnormal on a college campus, but the Trahern smoking section differs from other rebellious acts.

These students are sending a message of peaceful defiance.

Smokers want equal access. But how can it be granted when opinions differ so greatly on the issue?

An anonymous music major said, "I find it really annoying

when people are just walking around and smoking when there are designated areas for that. It is disrespectful to those of us who have chosen to take care of our bodies and be smoke free."

The conflict between those who wish to smoke and those who do not is never ending.

Houston Dickinson, an aspiring nursing major, called the smoking policy "unnecessary."

"I don't partake in the libation, but I believe that, should someone wish, an individual should enjoy it," Dickinson said.

So what is there to be done about the lack of rule enforcement at the back door of Trahern?

Let it be. If someone finds solace or comfort in standing at that particular spot, with or without a cigarette, who are we to judge? Who are we to enforce arbitrary laws?

Clearly these students do not view the smoking policy as much of a threat.

If the campus police decided to crack down on the activity, that would not be up to you or me.

I would hope that no one would call the campus police on me if I were parked in the wrong parking spot.

I do not see the distinction between the two actions.

We, as students, need a little solidarity.

Some believe in freedom of expression, while others hold tight to the rules. As long as some keep smoking and others continue to abstain, places like the back door of Trahern will exist to provide a haven from oppression. Give us your opinion about smoking outside of Trahern by tweeting us @TheAllState. **TAS**

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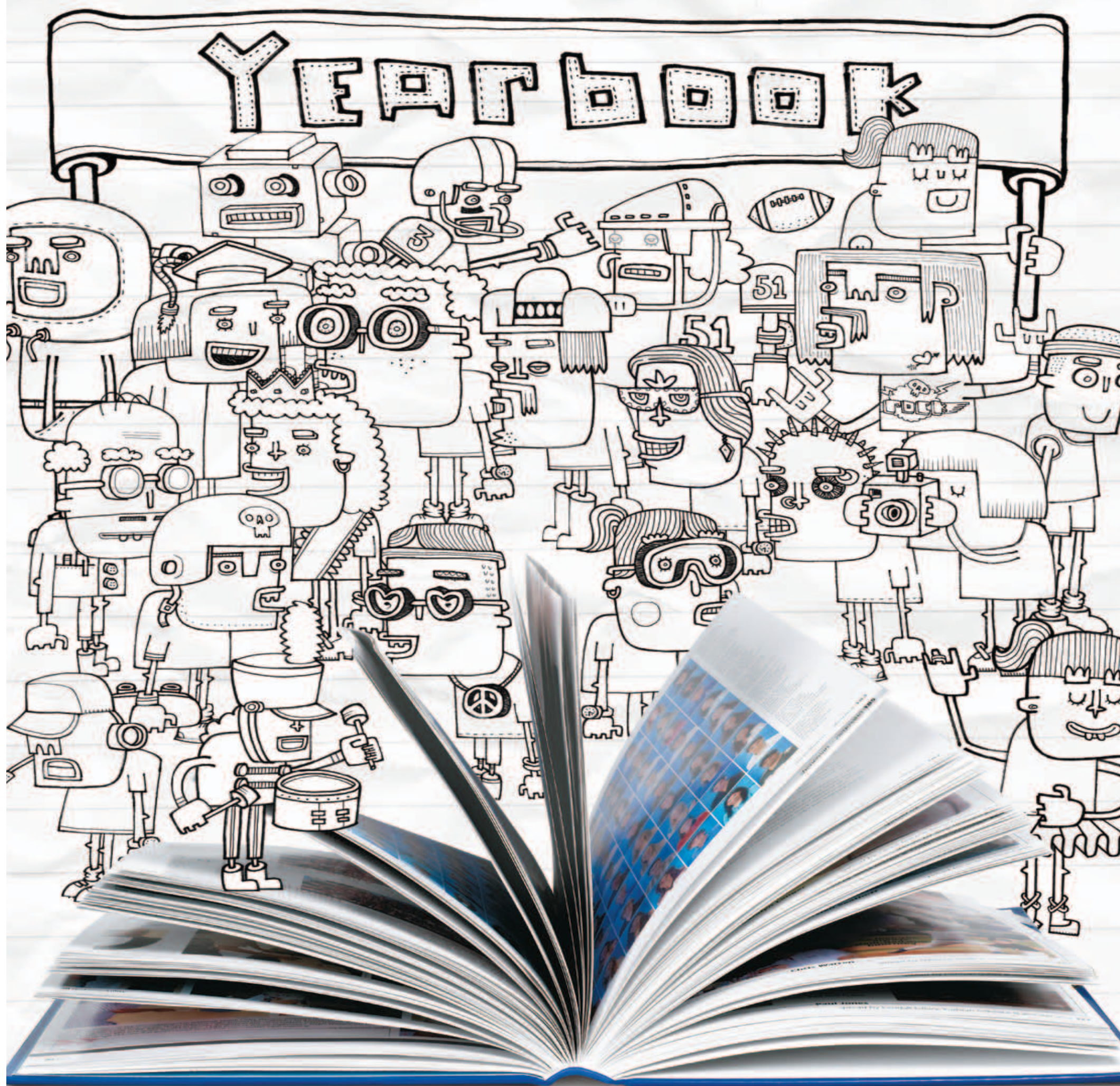
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EVENTS

Friday,
March 7

URec

Intramural
Indoor Soccer,
Softball
“Earlybird
Registration”

SLE First
Friday

12 to 2 p.m.
MUC Plaza

MSC

Group Talks
3 to 4 p.m.
MUC 120

March 8 - 14

Spring Break,
No classes

Monday,
March 17 -
Thursday,
April 24

URec Boot
Camp
Session 2
6 to 7 a.m.,
12:15 to
12:45 p.m.,
5 to 6 p.m.,
6 to 7 p.m.
Foy Center

Monday,
March 17

HCC Donut Day
Fundraiser

8 to
10:30 a.m.
MUC Lobby

Disability
Services, APSU
Community
Kurzweil
Introductory
Training

1 to 2 p.m.
Library 114

Tuesday,
March 18

MSC Federal
Jobs
Workshop

11 a.m. to
12 p.m.
MUC 120

WDAACC 4th
Annual HWW
Recognition
Event: Social
Hour

5 to 5:50 p.m.
Program
6 to 8 p.m.
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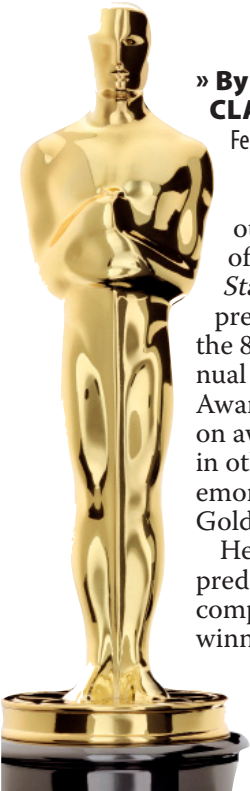
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Snow consumes APSU



After the snowstorm on Sunday, March 2, APSU and the Clarksville community found themselves five inches deep in snow and ice. Many students and locals were snowed in unless they dared to venture out into the white-covered town. With a four day cancellation of classes, the APSU campus bared no sight of human interaction. APSU is set to reopen on Friday, March 8 for the last day of classes before spring break. ARIANA JELSON | PHOTO EDITOR

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» By **KATELYN CLARK**
Features Editor

In a previous issue of *The All State*, I made predictions for the 86th Annual Academy Awards based on awards given in other ceremonies like the Golden Globes. Here are my predictions compared to the winners. **TAS**

RIGHT!

Prediction for Best Picture:

“12 Years a Slave”

Winner: “12 Years a Slave”

RIGHT!

Prediction for Best Animated Feature:

“Frozen”

Winner: “Frozen”

RIGHT!

Prediction for Best Supporting Actress:

Lupita Nyong'o

Winner: Lupita Nyong'o for “12 Years a Slave”

RIGHT!

Prediction for Best Director: Alfonso Cuaron

Winner: Alfonso Cuaron for “Gravity”

RIGHT!

Prediction for Best Supporting Actor: Jared Leto

Winner: Jared Leto for “Dallas Buyers Club”

RIGHT!

Prediction for Best Actress: Cate Blanchett

Winner: Cate Blanchett for “Blue Jasmine”

RIGHT!

Prediction for Best Actor: Matthew McConaughey

Winner: Matthew McConaughey for “Dallas Buyers Club”

Opposites attract Two roommates beat the odds, become best friends

» By **PAYDEN HALL**
Staff Writer

One of the most common pieces of advice given to students living on college campuses is: Avoid having your best friend as a roommate. With students Meagan Dagnan and Sarah Elliott, however, the opposite happened. As roommates, the two APSU freshmen said they became even better friends when they started rooming together at the beginning of the semester.

“

A lot of people say ‘don’t room with your best friend,’ but we get along really well.”

— Meagan Dagnan, freshman nursing major

Dagnan and Elliott met in fall 2013 in their APSU 1000 class. Because the two share a nursing major, they had many of the same classes and bonded quickly during their first semester.

“I was shy,” Elliot said. “My first impression of Dagnan was that she was very happy and energetic.” The students said their similarities end at their major, citing Dagnan as the more energetic, in contrast to the calmer Elliott. “I thought [Elliott] was extremely reserved when I first met her,” Dagnan said. “But she dressed cute, so I thought I’d give being her friend a try. I’m glad I did.” Dagnan and Elliott said their differences became apparent when they began rooming together, but they are aware of each other’s preferences. “I like to talk to her,” Dagnan said. “But I’m very careful to give her space.” The two students said they each had to learn to adapt to the other’s routine. “Meagan is a morning person; I’m definitely not,” Elliott said. “She is very energetic and always wants to eat breakfast. She sings a lot in the morning. I guess the best description would be that, in the morning, she is full of sunshine, and I’m walking behind her ... with my raincloud.” Elliott said she appreciates Dagnan’s energy and company. While they were already friends prior, Elliott said she had reservations about becoming roommates due to their personality differences. Elliott’s one concern is her need for organization in the bathroom, but she’s not “tired” of Dagnan yet. “A lot of people say ‘don’t room with your best friend,’ but we get along really well,” Dagnan said. **TAS**

Watching at home



Left: Senior forward Will Triggs fights for position in the post in front of a Dunn Center crowd. Right: Tiasha Gray passes the ball to a teammate in the Dunn center. Both teams missed out on the conference tournament. FILE PHOTO



Both APSU men and women basketball teams fail to make the OVC cut

» By **JOSHUA STEPHENSON**
Sports Editor

For the second consecutive year, the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament field for both men and women will not include an APSU team as their disappointing season ended on Saturday, March 1st.

APSU's men's team finished 1-3 in the last four games to end with an overall record 12-18 and 6-10 in conference play. The Lady Govs ended their campaign on a six-game losing streak finishing with 9-20 record overall and 6-10 showing in conference play.

Conference play started out promising for the Govs as they began 2-0 but struggled to win only four more out of the next 14 games in their conference schedule. This season sends out seniors Travis Betran and Will Triggs and leaves a lot of questions for fans of the program.

Who will step up next season to fill the void left by Triggs and Betran beside of Chris Horton? Will Head Coach Dave Loos be able to return this Govs program to the familiar place atop of the OVC? Or does the program need to start moving in a different direction?

On the other side the Lady Govs showed promise this season with impressive wins against Central Arkansas 81-60 in nonconference play and archrival Murray State 86-71 in

conference play.

Despite these impressive showings in a few games this Lady Govs team endured two long losing streaks this season, a 10-game losing streak including the first three games of conference play and the last six games of the season. This Lady Govs team showed a lot of potential but still questions surround the future of the program.

Despite having two conference titles in her tenure as head coach, questions are being asked about whether Carrie Daniels will be given an extension to continue to bring this young team along.

As for the OVC tournament in Nashville, Tenn. it's a two-horse race on both the men and women's side, as teams fight for the OVC representative in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament. On the women's side only two teams, UT Martin and Eastern Kentucky, enter the tournament with a winning record a look to be on a collision course in the championship game. For the men's side, Belmont looks to continue their tremendous season with an OVC tournament championship but Murray State looks to stand in the way of the Bruins.

Unlike so many years past, this year's March Madness will not hold any meaning on the campus of APSU as both programs look inward to try and fix their problems to be sure they are not sitting on the sidelines next season. *TAS*

Torres leads the way against Bradley for Bat Govs

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On the second day of the Riverview Inn Classic at Raymond C. Hand Park Saturday, March 1, the Govs defeated the Bradley Braves 10-6. P.J. Torres, who went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and solo home run, helped the Govs stretch their lead.

"I really think this year I'm probably one of the biggest parts of this team," Torres said.

"Right now, everybody is coming together and just all the production this team has been doing and all the grinding we've been doing is looking great for us right now."

The Govs jumped out to a 5-0 lead, which started with a well-placed bunt by Garrett Copeland.

A double by Alex Robles brought in the game-winning run, and four more followed.

Torres brought home two runs with a double while Logan Gray hit a sacrifice fly to give APSU breathing room early on.

A triple in the third by Torres, who now leads the team in that category, led to another run as Dre Gleason brought him home for his first RBI of the season. A single by Kevin Corey allowed Rolando Gautier to add another, giving the Govs a 7-2 advantage after three innings.

The run support gave the starting pitcher Robles a chance to work through the

Bradley lineup, not allowing a string of runs until the fifth inning, when the Braves hit in three.

A bunt single by Brady Wilkin and throwing error by Copeland started it, and Bradley capitalized with two RBI singles and a fielder's choice.

However, Robles pitched seven innings, the longest a starter has gone this season for the Govs.

"I thought he threw the ball outstanding," said Head Coach Gary McClure. "He had three pitches, they were all quality, and he located really well. He made a couple mistakes, but he gave us seven innings and that's just a great job."

With the Govs holding on 8-6 after Torres' homer, the game was handed over to the bullpen.

Caleb Powell pitched two-thirds of an inning before closer Jared Carkuff entered with two outs in the eighth inning to get a strikeout, leaving a runner stranded at second base.

The Govs added some insurance runs in the bottom half of the inning as Chase Hamilton hit the first home run of his collegiate career, a two-run shot to right field. The deep fly gave APSU their 11th hit of the contest.

The Braves totaled just one hit in the final two innings as relievers finished the job, with Carkuff picking up his second save of the season. *TAS*



Top: The Bat Govs huddle on the mound during a game at Raymond C. Hand Park. Bottom: Outfielder Chase Hamilton stands in at the plate. ELIJAH RODNEY|STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

James 61 historic in win over Bobcats

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MIAMI — Best player. Best game of his career.

LeBron James clearly isn't ready to concede his MVP award to anyone yet.

Dazzling from inside and out, James put on the best scoring show of his NBA life Monday night, pouring in 61 points — a career high and franchise record — as the Miami Heat beat the Charlotte Bobcats 124-107. It was the eighth straight win for the two-time defending champions, who are starting to roll as the playoffs get near.

James made 22 of 33 shots from the field, including his first eight 3-point attempts.

"The man above has given me some unbelievable abilities to play the game of basketball," James said. "I just try to take advantage of it every night. I got the trust of my teammates and my coaching staff to go in there and let it go."

His career-best had been 56 points, on March 20, 2005, for Cleveland against Toronto. Glen Rice scored 56 to set the Heat record on April 15, 1995, against Orlando.

James had 24 points at halftime, then added 25 in the third quarter. The record-breaker came with 5:46 left, when James spun through three defenders for a layup that fell as he tumbled to the court.

"There was an efficiency to what he was doing," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "The rim looked like an ocean for him."

Spoelstra walked into his post-game news conference with a confession: He nearly took James out after the third quarter.

Good thing he thought better of that plan.

"He was in a great groove, obviously," Spoelstra said.

Al Jefferson had 38 points and 19 rebounds for the Bobcats, his huge night merely an afterthought.

This was all about LeBron.

"You take away his 61 points," Jefferson said, "and we still had a fighting chance there at the end."

Yes, even the Bobcats were marveling at James. He was hitting from everywhere, even a pull-up 3-pointer from about 30 feet — Spoelstra joked it was from 40 — late in the third quarter, as the crowd roared and the Heat bench jumped with joy.

"Yeah, that was a designed play," Spoelstra deadpanned. "We've been working on that one for a while."

That was the moment, James said, when he knew he was in the midst of a special night.

"I felt pretty good in the first half but halftime can always kind of derail things and slow things up," James said. "But I was able to get things going once again in the third quarter and I knew it could be one of those nights."

Not "one of those nights."

Most points in a game.

Most field goals in a game.

Most points in any quarter in Heat history, with the 25 in the third. Most points in the second half, 37, by any Heat player ever.

"Once he sniffed 60, we knew he was going for it," Heat forward Shane Battier said. "And the amazing part is the efficiency. Sixty-

one on 33 shots, that's Wilt Chamberlain-esque. That's pretty amazing. Incredible performance."

When James checked out with 1:24 left, the entire Heat roster met him near midcourt for high-fives and hugs, and the sellout crowd gave him a standing ovation. A second huge roar followed when he waved to the crowd, as "M-V-P" chants rained down.

Charlotte has allowed the two biggest single-game scoring totals in the NBA this season. Carmelo Anthony had 62 points for the New York Knicks against the Bobcats on Jan. 24.

Chris Bosh scored 15 for the Heat, and Toney Douglas added 10.

Chris Douglas-Roberts and Anthony Tolliver each scored 12 for Charlotte.

"If he's going to shoot the ball like that from that range, there's nobody that's going to beat them," Bobcats coach Steve Clifford said.

Miami was without guard Dwyane Wade, who got a night off to rest. Spoelstra stressed there's been no setback for Wade, who has been on a knee-maintenance program throughout this season and is averaging 23.5 points on 62 percent shooting since the All-Star break.

Wade probably didn't mind sitting for this one. It gave him a courtside seat for the show.

James scored 11 in the first quarter, after which Miami led by three, and added 13 more in the second. His 24-point first half was the highest-scoring opening 24 minutes for the four-time MVP in nearly a year, helping stake the Heat to a 60-54 lead at the break.

Jefferson was up to 26 at that point. He didn't cool off much after halftime, either.

It just didn't matter. James, said Clifford, "was phenomenal."

There was no way Jefferson or anyone else was keeping up with James, who had to listen to critics in recent weeks say that Kevin Durant's scoring for Oklahoma City this season shifted the balance of MVP power.

Not so fast.

"Every night I go on the floor I want to be the MVP, of this league, MVP of this team, MVP for me, myself and my family," James said. "I've set a high standard and I have to live by that."

James made three 3-pointers in the first 7 minutes of the quarter — he was 6 for 6 from beyond the arc at that point — and when Charlotte bit on his head fake from the top of the key, James coolly found Douglas to set up another 3. A tip-in by James followed not long afterward and just like that, the lead was up to 83-63.

Charlotte scored the next six points, but any notion that the game was slipping from Miami's control was quickly extinguished.

James scored the next six himself, a pair of three-point plays to restore the 20-point edge and give him 43 points, already a season high.

All that was left to see was what he'd finish with.

The answer was history.

"I was happy I was able to make a few plays to help us win," James said. *TAS*