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## 11 more Clery Act violations discovered in campus crime log

By PATRICK ARMSTRONG

Since The All State discovered that APSU had violated the federal Clery Act mandate regarding the attempted abduction on campus that was left out of the campus crime log for four weeks, TAS investigated the crime logs from this academic year to see if there were any other Clery Act violations. A total of 11 more were found.

These incidents are in violation is because they were not placed in the crime log within two business days of the incident being reported to campus Police, according to the Clery Act.

The following incident reports are in violation of the Clery Act:

- Monday, Oct. 5, 2009 not placed in the campus crime log until the Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009 revision, when it should have been in the Friday, Oct. 9, 2009 revision.
- Friday, Oct. 23, 2009 not placed in the campus crime log until the Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009 revision, when it should have been in the Friday, Oct. 30, 2009 revision.
- Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 not placed in the campus crime log until the Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009 revision, when it should have been in the Friday, Oct. 30, 2009
- revision. • Tuesday, Feb. 9, not placed in the campus crime log until the Friday, Feb. 26, revision, when it should have been in the Friday,

Feb. 19, revision.

- Wednesday, Feb 10, not placed in the campus crime log until the Friday, Feb. 26, revision when it should have been in the Friday, Feb. 19, revision.
- Thursday, Feb. 11, not placed in the campus crime log until the Friday, Feb. 26, revision, when it should have been in the Friday, Feb. 19, revision.
- Friday, Feb. 12, not placed in the Campus crime log until the Friday, Feb. 26, revision, when it should have been in the Friday, Feb. 19, revision.
- Monday, March 1, not placed in the campus crime log until the Friday, March 19, revision, when it should have been in the Wednesday, March 10, revision.
- Friday, March 2, not placed in the campus crime log until the Friday, March 19, revision, when it should have been in the Wednesday, March 10, revision.
- Saturday, March 3, not placed in the campus crime log until the Friday, March 19, revision, when it should have been in the Wednesday, March 10, revision.
- Monday, March 5, not placed in the campus crime log until the Friday, March 19, revision, when it should have been in the Wednesday, March 10, revision.

Written complaints about violations of the Clery Act regarding disclosure obligations can be filed with the director of the Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Education. ◆

#### PLANT THE CAMPUS RED



MATEEN SIDIQ | MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

Students plant flowers in participation with Plant the Campus Red. Plant the Campus Red was held Sunday, April 25, at 3 p.m. The event was originally planned for Saturday, April 24, at 9:30 a.m., but was changed due to the severe weather. Students, faculty, staff and community members planted flowers around campus and had a cookout afterward.

## Plastic recycled for Earth Day

By NICK OLINGER Staff Writer

APSU has aimed to make a memorable occasion of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Robin Reed, associate professor of chemistry, said on Thursday, April 22, activities at APSU pertaining to Earth Day included information booths run by SGA, the Clarksville City Forrester and the Audubon Society. Also, there was reading of environmental poems by Amy Wright as well as free cupcakes at the UC Plaza.

Reed worked with the Greener Campus committee to include activities such as an e-waste collection, which included monitors, televisions and computers. There was also a suggestion box and sustainability Sudoku. The event was intended to encourage students, faculty and staff to recycle bottles. Reed said there were only a few dozen bottles recycled at the event but he hopes that indicates most bottles are being recycled already.

Reed added there were several aluminum can towers built to be measured in height in order to determine

The tallest tower reached 92 inches tall. He said about 500 students, faculty and staff came by the event last

Thursday, April 22. Reed mentioned the entries did not win "pitch it to win", Sudoku or any other activity, were entered into a prize drawing. The drawing was held at the UC Plaza at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. Committee members



SYNTHIA CLARK | PHOTO EDITOR

Plastic bottles in Hand Village waiting to be recycled.

were not eligible to win prizes. The prizes included two books about Earth Day, three T-shirts from the book store and an 8GB iPod Nano. Reed said the winner of the iPod Nano was Alice McCoy.

David Coppernoll, a freshmen, said he likes the idea of Earth Day. However, he claimed there was a lack of publicity about Earth Day

at APSU. "It concerned me that I did not see anything about what APSU was doing to participate in Earth Day,"

Coppernoll said. He added that he did not participate in any activities pertaining to

"Recycling keeps the plastic out of the landfill. This is important because plastic does not break down easily or quickly," Reed said.

He also stressed that APSU receives money for all items that are recycled. Reed added those additional funds are used to pay for actions such as the disposal of hazardous wastes that are generated on campus. +

#### **BRIEFS**

#### Students should receive H1N1 vaccination

This semester, rumors have been spreading about a possible H1N1 resurgence at APSU. However, health officials at APSU and recently taken studies show this to be false.

In reality, there have been so few cases of the disease that the H1N1 Task Force did not hold their regular meetings, said Sheryl Byrd, vice president of Student Affairs and co-chair of the task force.

Bryd said the task force discontinued their reporting and tracking of suspected cases on campus and Leslie Nelson of Health Services gave corresponding information.

"We haven't had any positive flu tests this semester," Nelson said. "We have seen a few people over the past few weeks with a flu-like illness, gastrointestinal viruses and the usual spring allergy problems. Nothing out of the ordinary here."

Nelson did, however, stress the importance of getting the H1N1 vaccination, saying those who have not received their H1N1 vaccination should be vaccinated as soon as possible.

H1N1 vaccinations are given free of charge hours at Boyd Health Services on campus.

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building room 104. Hours

of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 7 a.m. to 11:30

a.m. on Thursday. For more information, contact Boyd Health Services at 221-7107. ◆

#### McClarty to be speaker at May **Commencement**

APSU Public Relations and Marketing

The first black state judge serving Tennessee's Eastern Section and an alumnus of APSU, will be the keynote speaker at APSU's 81st Spring Commencement on Friday, May 7.

The Hon. John W. McClarty ('71) will speak at both ceremonies, the first at 10 a.m. and the second at 2 p.m. Both events will be held in the Dunn Center.

A native and resident of Chattanooga, McClarty was appointed Jan. 14, 2009, by Gov. Phil Bredesen to the position of judge of the Tennessee Court of Appeals Eastern Section. In March, the **Judicial Performance** Commission unanimously recommended to retain McClarty, a former Hamilton County Juvenile Court referee, on the state appellate bench.

During his 32-year law career, McClarty has tried numerous nonjury and jury criminal trials in the municipal, sessions, juvenile and criminal courts of Hamilton County and the surrounding area. He has handled

million-dollar litigations throughout his career as

After graduating from Howard High School in Chattanooga in 1967, McClarty enrolled at APSU and four years later earned a bachelor's degree with double majors in political science and history.

From 1971-73, McClarty served in the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division in the training office on the general's staff.

He received the Army's Good Conduct Medal and the Army's Commendation Medal.

He later received a Juris Doctor degree with honors from Southern University School of Law, ranking No. 5 in the Class of 1976. He also has attended the National College of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Public Defenders.

Following completion of law school, McClarty entered private practice as an associate in the law offices of Jerry H. Summers.

In 1978, he opened his own office as John W. McClarty, Attorney at Law. He then entered into a partnership with Walter F. Williams and served as senior partner in the law office of McClarty and Williams from 1980 until 1991, when Williams was elected city judge of Chattanooga.

He then completed his years of practice in the office of John W. McClarty and Associates.

In addition to having a judgeship, McClarty is an associate pastor of Warren Chapel A.M.E. Church. ◆

## **APSU and HCC reach dual** admissions agreement

By BRIAN BIGELOW Guest Writer

Transferring to APSU from Hopkinsville Community College just got

APSU and Hopkinsville Community College (HCC) recently entered into a dual admissions agreement that will coordinate advising and admissions between the two schools to facilitate a smoother transition for students transferring into bachelor's degree programs at APSU.

"It really provides extra support to community college students that have the intention to enroll in the university," said Ryan Forsythe, APSU director of admissions.

"We're very happy that it's happening," said Kristin Williams, chief academic affairs officer at HCC. "It gives (students) an opportunity to truly consider their path between the two institutions."

Of the approximately 3,000 students enrolled at HCC during the 2004-2005 academic year, 536 had transferred to APSU by 2008, Williams said.

"APSU is a fabulous partner. We send more students to APSU than any other four-year institution."

APSU also gives HCC students an "in-state" tuition

HCC currently has about 3,700 students, almost twothirds of which "intend to transfer" to four-year colleges, said Williams.

The program, sometimes called "The APSU Guarantee," does not cost or generate money, said Forsythe, but "more transfer students bring more tuition

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dollars."

"Each party can end the contract but it also just renews annually," Williams

Students at HCC can apply for the dual admissions program either before or after enrollment, but must do so before they attain more than 30 credit hours, said

HCC students can enter the program as early as the summer semester.

Students enrolled in the dual admissions program will not need to reapply to APSU after getting their associate's, Forsythe said.

They will only have to provide an academic transcript and proof they have completed an associate's degree at HCC.

APSU is also in the process of negotiating similar admissions agreements with Nashville State Community College, Volunteer State Community College and Columbia State Community College.

An associate's degree earned at any of the partnering community colleges will count as completion of general studies requirements upon transferring to APSU.

Allen Barger, coordinator of the APSU Career and Advisement Center, will advise all HCC students enrolled in the program and will take on a similar role with the other colleges when their agreements take effect.

Barger said he will travel to the HCC campus once or twice during each semester, but most advising will be done through e-mail. HCC students will not have to commute to APSU for advising.

The dual admissions program will debut to the public Wednesday, May 5, during an official signing and media event to be attended by the presidents of both institutions at the HCC Hopkinsville campus. HCC has a second campus in Fort Campbell. ◆



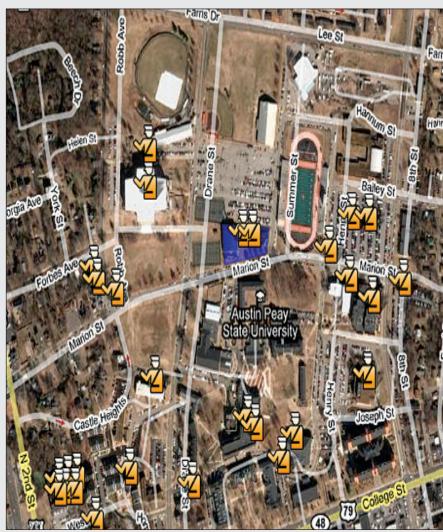
Visit www.TheAllState.org for "This Week at APSU" for pictures from campus events throughout the week.

#### **CAMPUS CRIME LOG**

The APSU crime log includes arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within 48 hours of an incident and available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

- 12:50 a.m., April 21, Foy Center, theft of property
- 1:10 a.m., April 18, Greek Village parking lot, driving on revoked license, arrested: Tiron L. Moore, 1585 Vista Ln. Apt. B, Clarksville, Tenn.
- 10:45 p.m., April 14, Govs Lane, vandalism
- 8:45 p.m., April 14, Eighth and Farris, driving on suspended license, arrested: Fran D. Caratini, 799 Leigh Ann Dr., Clarksville, Tenn. 37042
- 6:21 p.m., April 14, Foy parking lot,

- theft of property
- 10:29 p.m., April 12, Cross Hall, theft of property
- 5:54 p.m., April 12, Foy parking lot, theft of property
- 5:55 p.m., April 8, Marion and Robb, driving on suspended license, arrested: Foster L. Billings, 3043 Nicloe Dr., Clarskville, Tenn. 37040
- 10:15 p.m., April 7, Trahern, theft of property
- 6:06 p.m., April 6, Henry Street, driving on suspended license, arrested: Timotheus Outlaw, 401 Woodtrace Dr., Clarksville, Tenn.
- 8:32 p.m., April 5, Browning Drive, public intoxication, arrested: Clay B. Gillespie, 879 Old Steel Spring Rd., Clarksville Tenn. 37040



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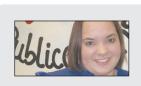
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## The All State features editor bids APSU, peers heartfelt farewell



**Tangelia Cannon** Features Editor

Throughout the three years that I have been an active member of *The* All State, I have had the privilege to meet and interview people who have stood out among their peers here at APSU, as well as cover events such as the 2006 MudBowl.

However, it is not these things I will remember

most about my time as both a writer and an editor.

The people I have worked with have truly been an inspiration to me.

It is not easy to give up a full night of studying and homework in order to work together to publish an issue of TAS.

However, it is a tradition here at APSU that I hope will continue for many years to come.

Nonetheless, these people have been able to keep their grades up, work their bottom off to interview, write, and publish the paper and still have time to have a life that for most involves other activities and jobs

both on and off campus.

The friendships I have gained through this experience have meant the world to me.

To have someone to rant to and share memories with is one of the blessings that I have received from this experience that I will never forget. Unfortunately, this semester for me was not an easy one. I have had to balance many tasks that have taken me away from truly being an active and outgoing member of the editorial board here at TAS.

As I have spent my time not only in the classroom as a student teacher, but out of the classroom planning,

learning, and preparing materials, I have not truly had the time or energy into putting my all into each and everyone of my

As Friday, May 7, rolls around, I continue to plan for my future. I may not be an active member of the editorial board or even an occasional writer.

Yet I feel comfortable leaving my days here at the paper behind. It is my belief the upcoming leadership of the features section is now ready to take full control of the reins.

Adios amigos. It has been fun being your features editor. ◆

#### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

#### **Junior Govs Camp opportunity** for children to have fun, be active

By MAKEBA WEBB APSU Veterans Upward Bound Counselor/Recruiter

I just wanted to write a letter informing the APSU community about the upcoming Junior Govs Camp.

My son, who is 5, attended last year and on the last day of camp he was already asking me "Mama, when is camp going to start back up again?"

He experienced so many things at camp last year that many kids usually don't. How many kids can truthfully say that they've climbed a rock wall or participated in a scavenger hunt on APSU's campus?

They were able to learn things from water safety, health and safety, to proper etiquette in the library.

My son has really only experienced the kids library downtown and we already know that room is not the most quiet place in the Public Library. He had a blast at the Adventure Science Center and had a great time at the Frist Center.

The night of their art show, he was beaming proudly at showing off his works of art in an actual gallery here on campus. The cherry on top of the summer: their annual talent show in the Clement Auditorium.

These kids worked all summer long on their productions, skits and routines. The video that I have from this day is priceless.

At the end of the day, after all of the playing, arts, crafts and socializing is done, he was always worn out. I would have to keep him awake to eat his dinner, because if I let him, he

would fall asleep and we as parents know how our kids are after arousing them from a sound sleep.

The best thing about Junior

He experienced so many things at camp last year that many kids usually don't. How many kids can truthfully say that they've climbed a rock wall or participated in a scavenger hunt on APSU's campus?"

Govs Camp for me, as an employee, was the comfort in knowing that my child was always only a short walk away from me.

I had to stop myself from trotting over to eat lunch with him, because I wanted him to socialize without mommy hovering.

The staff at camp was great. I still stay in touch with a number of them and Tyler gets tickled to death when he is out at an event and he sees one of his counselors from

So, to wrap up my glowing article about camp, I highly encourage parents to think about sending your kids. It's a great chance for them to meet new friends outside of their regular school and daycare

It's a chance to experience things that they otherwise would not experience at a daycare or babysitter's house. We all know that well rounded kids usually grow up to be well rounded adults who in turn make well rounded







## The All State talks about positive, negative aspects of attending college in today's fragile economy

The downturn of the economy has prompted many Americans to seek a college education in order to have a better opportunity at finding jobs.

The editorial members of *The* All State discussed the advantages and drawbacks of pursuing a postsecondary education during these

difficult economic times. Although a high school diploma had previously been the basic requirement to attain a blue collar or even a white collar job a decade ago, it appears a bachelor's degree is now the new standard when it comes to bare minimum credentials.

With this in mind, a great number of Americans are now pursuing a four-year degree with the purpose of presenting themselves as valuable and indispensable prospects in an

extremely competitive work place.

However, with so many people looking to add a college degree to their résumé, the worth of the degree itself is losing validity.

While the idea of being employed and even finding a prosperous career is enough to motivate anyone into furthering their education, this may not be the wisest route to take. Unless student grants and

scholarships cover the full tuition and fees of attending an institution, the reality is student loans are more likely to contribute to an already dreary financial situation.

Some of the editorial members at TAS agree the misuse of student loans is one of the main negative aspects of attending a university out of economic stress.

A multitude of students rely on

their loans as a means of partial income, in turn, disregarding any common logic or consideration for

But not everyone finds themselves in such a predicament. Even though college students have, for the most part, been known to struggle financially, this may not entirely be true. There are many opportunities such as work study programs and lower paying jobs like waiting tables and customer sales at the local mall, which are enough for most young college students to get by.

So, is there reason for college students to be concerned with the economy and the job market? It all

depends on who you ask. A career is obviously the ultimate goal for all those who choose to

not until that goal is nearly achieved that most students begin to reflect on the next step of the process.

One editorial member mentioned "I do not have much of an opinion about jobs, because I am not thinking about it yet... If I was not considering going to graduate school, the current economy and job market certainly would have changed my mind. Figuring out and finding a career is a scary concept, especially if jobs are limited and everyone is making your future options seem bleak."

In contrast to this, there are a multitude of students who are near their graduation day or have already graduated, and still can't seem to find jobs, including those not requiring college degrees.

They have chosen to better

paying, secure careers, only to find themselves in desperation and

In the end, there is nothing left but uncertainty. Attending college is, for lack of a better word, a gamble. The best thing a student can do is to have a concrete plan. Research your chosen career field, its trends, future outlook and the return on the investment you're making.

A bachelor's degree has become not only immensely accessible, but a necessity to anyone who desires a better future.

With the economy and job market slowly gaining momentum, students can only hope their degrees will reward them at long last; nevertheless, it's sad and unfair to think that in today's modern society, college could be a risky option. ◆

## This week in ridiculous: from earthquakes to skipping school



Jess Nobert Senior Staff Writer

With this final issue of the semester, I tried to find some pretty ridiculous stories. None are old, no "best-of's"

and no stragglers.
I love my baseball, and have The Seattle Times' Mariners headlines on my Google homepage. Every once in a while, when I send a good baseball story on to a friend, I see a great headline that obviously goes to a story which cant go unread.

Last week, "A senior Iranian cleric says women

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who wear immodest clothing and behave promiscuously are to blame for earthquakes," according to The Seattle Times website. Now some people who know me a little better know I'm absolutely terrified of earthquakes, and just the thought of them makes my heart rate sky rocket and anxiety sets in pretty heavily. So, naturally, when I saw this headline, it caught my attention.

With all the catastrophic quakes over the semester, I'm just glad we finally found out what has been causing them.

According to the article, Iran is one of the most earthquake-prone countries in the world.

"Many women who do not dress modestly ... lead young men astray, corrupt

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their chastity and spread adultery in society, which (consequently) increases earthquakes, Hojatoleslam Kazem Sedighi was quoted as saying by Iranian media. Sedighi is Tehran's acting Friday prayer leader," the article states.

If I have to cover up to avoid my greatest fear, I'd do it. But really, this is just as ridiculous as Hugo Chavez's earthquake machine stories I wrote about earlier in the

Natural disasters are called that for a reason, they just happen naturally.

As you know by now, I love my twitter. I tweet, follow, re-tweet and all that, but some things just warrant a little more attention. With great technology

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pursue a college degree, however, it is

comes great responsibility.

next guy did, too. Until he

week for Apple engineer

Gray Powell, what with

him reportedly losing a

next-generation iPhone in

a bar, only to see photos of

the super-secret device later

splashed across the Internet."

It seems Powell left his

bar in Redwood City, Calif.

last week. When Lufthansa

4G iPhone at a German

airlines found out, they

offered him a free ride to

Germany too, I can only

assume, drown his sorrows

in more German beer (well

CNN assumes the same).

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They even posted the

iPhone, and I'm guessing this

"It's probably been a tough

I have my Twitter on my

their chances at finding well-

According to the article, "The iPhone was later sold to tech blog Gizmodo for

The final story I found, also from my well visited CNN.com, is about a mom in Alabama who has been sentenced to jail time after her eighth grade son skipped a few too many school days.

Since CNN got the story from the local station, WHNT of Huntsville, I opted to visit their website to see the full written details.

"Teresa McCullers is in the Marshall County jail charged with failure to comply and contempt of court. Those charges stem from a truancy issue with her son," the network reported.

"Marshall County Judge

adviser Tabitha Gilliland

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E-Mail: theallstate@apsu.edu Tim Riley sentenced McCullars to 97 days in jail because those are the same number of days her son missed of school. Students are only allowed to have five unexcused absences."

It went on to say truancy is punishable by the student's guardian serving jail time and that she had been warned of her son's absences.

It's a good thing my schools never enforced this policy. My siblings, and myself a few too many times, opted out of school. Granted our parents never ended up behind bars, it didn't go unnoticed to this extent.

Good luck with finals. Congratulations to all the graduates. Have a great summer, hope to see you back on campus in the fall. ◆

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## **Build Brigade honors disabled veteran**



KELLY LORENSON | GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER

Build Brigade constructed a new home for Staff Sgt. Heath Calhoun last week. Calhoun was wounded in Iraq, losing both of his limbs.

By KELLY LORENSON **Guest Writer** 

In 2003 Staff Sgt. Heath Calhoun lost both his legs when a rocket-propelled grenade hit his Humvee while he was serving

After this tragedy, his life would be changed forever and his family's concerns would shift from the worries of daily life to his full recovery.

The Build Brigade, a nonprofit organization that builds new homes for disabled veterans,

is stepping in to ease the minds of Calhoun and his family. From Friday, April 23, through Sunday, April 25, the Brigade came to Clarksville to construct the veteran a brand new home in the neighborhood of his choice.

Calhoun was chosen as a recipient of the Build Brigade's mission because he is an injured veteran who, despite the loss of both his limbs, has overcome great obstacles and has an incredible story to tell, according to Vicki Thomas, the group's public affairs officer.

"Not only is he an injured veteran, but he is now a new role model in excellence," Thomas said, he recently participated in the Paralympics in skiing. "He excels in everything he does in addition to being a wonderful family man."

The home will be completely free to Calhoun. Even when the keys are handed over to the veteran, there will be no mortgage payments in the future.

Calhoun's new house will be specially adapted for the injured veteran with a barrier free design,

Karen Crow,

graduate

student, has been

singing for

of her life but did not

the majority

begin singing

professionally

until coming to APSU.

Crow is a

NATS, the

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allowing him to move freely and comfortably in his own home.

We want to give this home to Calhoun to show our appreciation of the sacrifice he made for his country and to help him regain the freedom and independence he fought for us to have," Thomas said.

Construction began on Friday, April 23, volunteer crews worked for three days to erect the house, starting out with only a bare foundation on the first

The construction operated

solely from both professional volunteers certified to build and from non-professionals in the surrounding community.

Hundreds of volunteers united to complete the home for this cause.

The community participated by bringing water, coolers, ice, baked goods, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and trash bags to the site, as all the items were greatly needed.

The site of the new home is 0 Walter Road off Highway 12 toward Cheatham County. ◆

## Student musicians participate, place in NATS competition

By ERIN UPSHAW Staff Writer

Music often plays an important role in the everyday life of students. Take, for example, the number of students plugged into their iPods or MP3 players.

However, for some students, music isn't simply a hobby or something to occupy them as they walk between classes, but a passion that they want to focus their life and career on. Such is the case for four APSU music students Karen Crow, Sarah Jenkins, Nicole Paul and Jay Wilkinson.

In the case of Jenkins, music has always been a part of her life in many forms, from musical instruments to singing.

"I have been singing since a very young age. I began piano lessons at age six and participated in church and school choirs all throughout elementary and high school," Jenkins said.

"I played the trumpet in elementary school. I studied commercial music and jazz music before being exposed to classical music.'

Crow, on the other hand, has been singing for the better part of her life but didn't start a professional pursuit until reaching APSU.

"I've been singing as long as I can remember, but I didn't start taking voice lessons until my freshman year in college," Crow said. Even with their various

backgrounds, these four students all have something in common: being named semifinalists in the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) meeting held Saturday, March 27, at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn.

NATS, according to the foundation's website, is "to generate assistance to aspiring and talented singers and teachers through the development and management of various endowment funds."

Crow and Jenkins were semifinalists in the competition's graduate category, which according



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO** 

to Jenkins is a very difficult category to place in.

"The category in which I competed is known for being quite competitive. I was pleased to have advanced to the semifinals and appreciated the opportunity to get feed-back from three more judges," Jenkins said.

Paul and Wilkinson were semifinalists in the competition's junior and senior categories.

Although Wilkinson didn't make it all the way to the finals, he was proud of his performance.

"I thought I sang very well, obviously it would've been nice to make it to the finals, but I am still quite happy about being a semi-finalist," Wilkinson said.

A lot of preparation was required for the competition.

"I've been preparing probably since the beginning of January," Crow said. "Preparing for this type of thing takes a lot more than one might think. Learning and memorizing the music is only half the

battle. Getting to the point where you feel comfortable performing the music in front of a panel of judges takes just as much effort as learning the music itself."

In Wilkinson's case, it was less a case of learning the music as it was polishing the songs to make sure they were ready for the judges.

"Most of the songs I have known for over a year, but this semester I really worked hard at polishing them and getting them performance

ready," Wilkinson said. The students that participated are working towards incorporating music in to their future careers and are using their placement at the NATS competition to further their ambitions.

"Eventually I hope to teach private voice lessons to young developing singers," Crow said.

"I also enjoy teaching elementary or high school age as well. I really enjoy performing, so wherever I end up, I hope to be able to continue to perform as well." ◆

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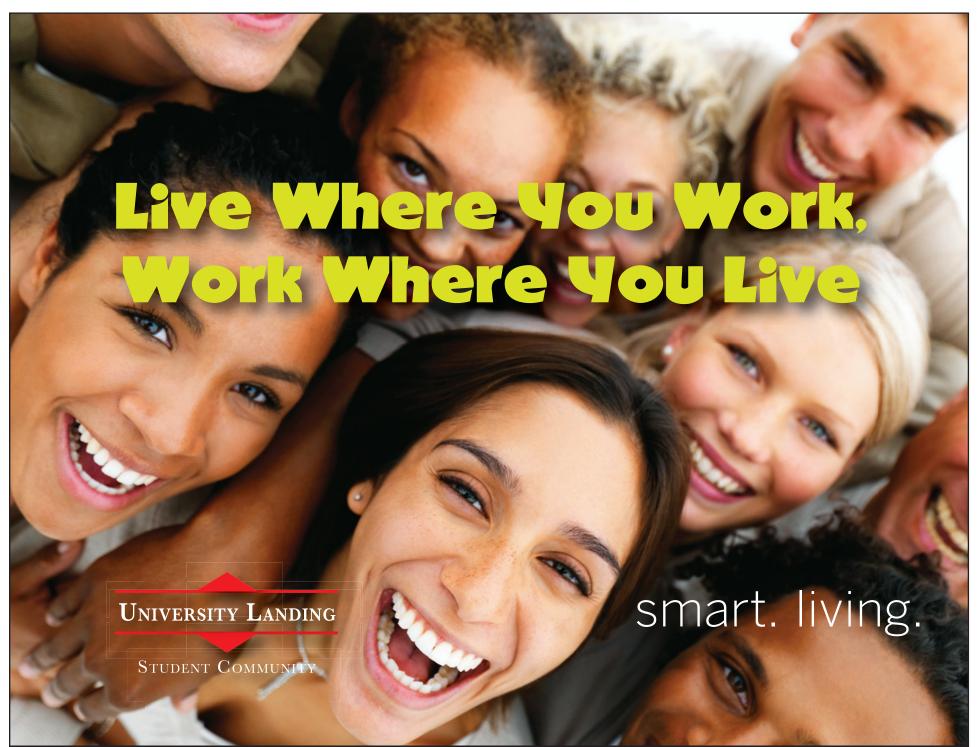
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## Huwe shines in Lady Gov line-up

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Assistant Sports Editor

In her second season as the head coach of the Lady Govs softball team, Casey Dickson can probably name several reasons why her team is playing better this year. Somewhere on Dickson's list would probably include reasons like working harder and experience. However, one reason near the top of the list should be freshman Shine Huwe.

Huwe, is several of her teammates are working hard to make this a winning season for the Lady Govs.

"A lot of us players put in extra time because we want to get better and we want to go to the (OVC) tournament. We want to prove people wrong," Huwe said. "A lot of people under estimate us. They thought we would come in last in the conference. But we are determined to prove them all wrong."

Huwe has turned into one of the Lady Govs' most potent offensive weapon. Originally from Green Bay, Wis., Huwe leads the team in almost all offensive categories. She already has five home runs this season. She has a slugging percentage of .479, the highest of any player who

has batted at least 10 times. In addition she has hit 17 RBIs, second most on the team.

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Being named conference player of the week is something I dreamed about making."

Shine Huwe, freshman catcher

Huwe has been turning heads with multiple hit games as well.

On Monday, April 12, she was named OVC

Softball Player of the week for driving in 13 runs in six games. During that same week she had four multi-hit games, three of them with at least four RBIs.

Huwe was flattered by being named OVC Softball Player of the Week and remembers when she heard the news.

"Being named conference player of the week is something I dreamed about making," Huwe said.

"I was actually back in Eau Claire, Wis., when I found out. My grandpa had passed that Thursday so I went home after the games we had that Saturday. It really took a

toll on me."

It was while mourning her grandfather's death when Huwe found out from coach Dickson she had earned the recognition.

"Coach Dickson texted me saying, 'I just wanted you to know I was thinking of you. I hope you are ok. FYI we are so proud of you for making OVC Softball player of the week.'

"When I read that text I dropped my phone and screamed. I told all my family that was there. My grandma said that grandpa would have been so proud of me. And I said I just wish I could tell him and she immediately

said he already knows. Then I cried."

Huwe credits both her grandfather and dad for choosing to play softball at a division one school.

Her dad's words are also what motivate her to stay focused during this transition as a freshman player.

"Good is not enough when you have been given the ability to do better."

"That is pretty much all the motivation I need. I want to be the best athlete that I can be," Huwe said. "I don't want to settle for good. I want to get as close to perfection as I can." ◆

## Govs skin Cougars in the rain, sweep series

By ANTHONY SHINGLER

The Bat Govs battled the elements this weekend but prevailed with victories. The Govs played at home against future conference foe SIU Edwardsville in a doubleheader Sunday, April 25. The final game of the series was canceled due to heavy rain.

The Govs (21-18) opened the first game of the doubleheader with a 5-2 win. Starting senior pitcher Ricky Marshall held SIU Edwardsville to six scoreless innings and allowed only two runs in the seventh to get the complete game. Marshall allowed six hits and struck out three batters.

The Govs got on the board in the second inning when freshman outfielder Cody Hudson singled up the middle bringing home senior catcher Trey Lucas to take the early 1-0 lead. The Govs added another score on senior Matt Kole's home run.

In the final inning the Govs would pad their 2-0 lead by adding three runs. The first run came from a Hudson bunt that scored senior outfielder Adam Browett. Senior infielder Chris Lewellyn brought home a run on a bases-

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loaded walk. Freshmen Reed Harper hit a sacrifice fly that scored Lucas for the last run.

In the second game, the Govs came out the gates early. They scored four runs in the second inning. Lucas singled up the middle for an RBI, Lewellyn smashed a two-run home run and senior Daniel Baggett followed suit with a solo shot.

Rather than lay down, the Cougars rallied. They scored two runs in the top of the third inning and added one run in the fourth to pull within one of the Govs lead, 4-3.

However, the Cougars rally fell short. Harper blasted a two RBI double to right center in the fourth inning.

The Cougars scored one run in both the sixth and seventh innings and lost 6-5. Senior pitcher Stephen Huff earned the win. On the mound five innings, Huff allowed three runs (earned) on four hits and struck out five cougar batters.

Beginning Saturday, May 1, the Govs will play a three-game series at home against Morehead State. It is one of four remaining conference series they have left to play this season. •



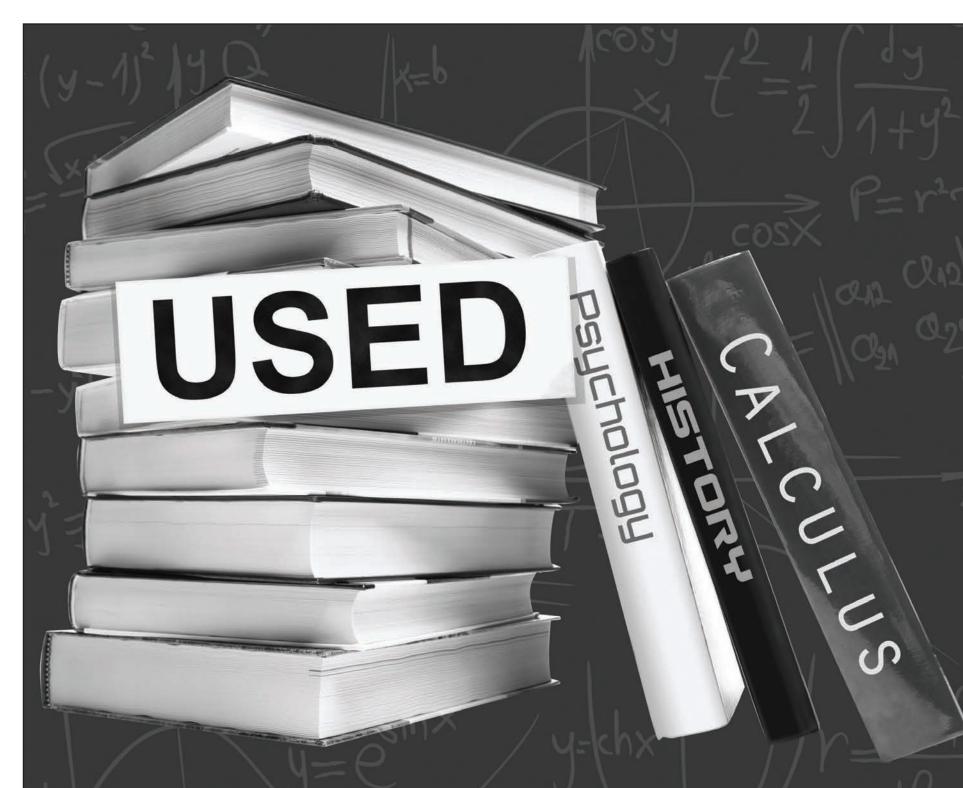
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#### Burggraf talks about her success

"The key to my success was a lot of hard work and dedication, along with a great support system. I approached this year with a new work ethic and passion, knowing that it was my last year of intercollegiate athletics. I didn't want to go out knowing that I didn't try my hardest. Also, my coaches, teammates, friends, and family have encouraged me during the rough times and celebrated with me during the good times, so I couldn't ask for a better cheering section."

"The right coach is very important to a team's success, particularly in encouraging the team to do its best. Knowing the technicalities of everything, like the proper form in the pole vault, is obviously important, but so is the coach's ability to spark a fire in his/her team and push people to do their best. And by doing their best, I don't mean just in athletics. The right coach pushes people to be the best all-around person they can be, whether it be in sports, academics, or their everyday interactions with people. The right coach cares about his/her athletes and lets them know that, no matter the level of success the team reaches during the season."

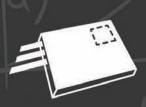




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Senior Amanda McCoy leads the pack in the 100-meter hurdles at the APSU Spring Fling Saturday, March 20.

Senior Ashley Herring embraces sophomore Darcie Warner after their second OVC title in two years.

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You have to be mentally tough, heart, guts, determination all of that. You have to have a team. A team that comes together and buys into the system, that buys into what we tell them each and every day."

Carrie Daniels, head coach of the Lady Govs Basketball team

## YEAR OF THE LADY GOVS

By MARLON SCOTT Senior Staff Writer

Imagine a commercial.

It is an advertisement for the best of 2009-10 APSU Sports. It may start with clips of the Gov with the some kind of motivational music playing in the back like the theme from "Rocky."

From there it cuts to some highlights: an APSU athlete making a crucial shot, another athlete diving on the court to make a play, one more clearing the last hurdle ahead of the pack, a team celebrating together after a big win and a coach raising a trophy that says "Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Champions."

In the commercial, the APSU athletes featured are OVC Players of the Year and OVC first and second-team selections. The coaches hoisting trophies and hugging their players in victory are a mix of new faces with some steadfast veterans.

Among the scrolling names in this commercial showcasing the best of APSU sports in 2009-10 should be Vanja Tomic, Ashley Herring, Shine Huwe, Carrie Burggraf, Chelsea Harris, Stephanie Champine, Carrie Daniels, Michael Johnson and Malik Tabet.

Any commercial springing to life from someone's fertile imagination about the best of APSU Sports in 2009-10 should be all about the Lady

In the constantly changing landscape of college sports, it is normal even in the best of programs for some teams to excel while others rebuild or struggle to improve. And while the spotlight easily finds winners, it sometimes lingers on traditionally high profile male sports regardless of their record.

Over the last year, the various Lady Govs teams have not only generated performances worthy of a spotlight, they should have the undivided attention of the rest of the OVC.

"Our women's programs are helping to put APSU on the map and we're proud of them," said President Tim Hall. "These programs are continuing to attract increased support from our alumni and community friends and this support strengthens the university."

The Lady Govs have accumulated numerous accolades including three OVC Players of the Year, Female Field Athlete of the Year, Co-Coach of the Year, two Freshman of the Year and over 10 athletes named to All OVC first, second and newcomer teams.

Even the teams who are struggling to get wins contributed to the academic success of the program. Members of both the women's cross country and soccer teams have been recognized for academic honors. In addition, 14 Lady Govs are on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. Senior Lauren Moon and junior Samantha Northrup earned OVC Medals of Honor for their 4.0 GPA.

"There is a fairly common perception that some schools push their student athletes to excel in their chosen sport without placing the same emphasis on their academic performance. I believe that the culture at Austin Peay is one where we expect our student athletes to work as hard in the classroom as they do on the athletic field or court," said Carol Clark, assistant to the president.

"Some of my proudest moments as an APSU employee and sports fan are the ceremonies when we recognize all our student athletes for their academic achievements. Our student athletes are not only well prepared for their next athletic contest, they are also well prepared for success after graduation," Clark said.

Underestimated, overlooked, too young, too small ... the list of obstacles and attitudes the Lady Govs have overcome for their success is endless. The list is not anything new to sports. However, the level of success in spite of the list is both impressive and worth noting.

This is just a peek into some of the moments and stories that made up the year of the Lady Govs. ◆



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APSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Far left: Sophomore Vanja Tomic was named OVC player of the year. She was one of four Lady Gov tennis players to earn OVC honors this season.

Above: Senior Kirstin Distler prepares to make a dig. Distler and the rest of the volleyball team earned the second best regular season record in school history.

Top right: Senior Nicole Jamen lays it off the glass against Morehead State in the semifinals of the OVC Tournament Friday, March 5.

Bottom right: Junior Chelsea Harris drops a shot into the green. Harris was named OVC player of the year and won the individual championship.

Whether we like it or not, athletics is often the lens through which the public views the university. The high profile men's sports have been carrying this weight for some time, and it's fantastic that across the board, the women have been able to positively contribute to university's image as well."

— Mike Johnson, head coach of the Lady Govs Volleyball team



One of my proudest moments each year is when the studentathletes who have excelled academically are recognized publicly at Austin Peay. Our women's programs are doing a great job of contributing to that recognition."