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SNOWY START







Winter Storm Jonas blankets east coast in snow, ice, sleet

BY CELESTE MALONE

Assistant News Editor

APSU and surrounding areas were rocked by Winter Storm Jonas bringing waves of ice, sleet and snow.

Jonas shut down multiple businesses, schools and colleges including APSU.

APSU closed school for Friday, Jan. 22, before the end of the workday on Thursday, Jan. 21, with expectations of dangerous icy conditions.

This is the fourth year in a row APSU has shut down because of snow. On Feb. 17, 2015, Winter Storm Octavia

closed the school for a week and in 2014, APSU closed for four days during the week of March 3, 2015, for snow.

Montgomery County reportedly received 4 to 6 inches of snow because of Winter Storm Jonas bringing a number of accidents to the area.

Montgomery County Deputies responded to 12 accidents and Clarksville police reported 18 weatherrelated minor crashes.

The storms did not stop in Tennessee, they continued throughout the east coast.

Jonas made its way through D.C., reportedly dumping 2 feet of snow on the city. The nation's capital will seek funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist with the clean up.

As the storm continued on its rampage, New York City was coated as well. There was a reported 25 inches of snow that fell on the city. Subways, Metro-North Metro System and buses in the city were all closed due to the conditions.

APSU reopened Monday, Jan. 25 and will remain open as temperatures rise to the 60s by the end of the week. TAS

SGA attempts to increase quality of life

BY CELESTE MALONE

Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association's 70th General Assembly passed a number of resolutions and acts during the fall semester that discussed campus safety, health and the overall well-being of students.

Resolution No. 8 was designed to update the university policy on skateboards on campus. Sen. Dominic Critchlow proposed this resolution after he researched the topic. After the resolution passed in the Senate, it was given to SGA President Will Roberts to present to the University Policy committee.

Meetings were held to discuss the logistics and wording of the resolution. It was eventually passed bu the University Policy committee, permitting the use of skateboards at APSU.

Roberts said this resolution benefits the students and is a product of Critchlow's hard work.

"I think this is a good deal for students," Roberts said. "I have had multiple people ask me about this in the past year and Critchlow diligently ironed through all the possible issues with various campus officials."

Resolutions No. 6 and 7 were also passed in the Senate. Both have been sent on to the Physical Plant to be reviewed.

Resolution No. 6 discussed the repurposing of single occupant restrooms into gender-neutral restrooms.

"This allows more students to have a better level of comfort while not impeding on others' comfort level," Roberts said.

Resolution No. 7 would see hammock stations installed in the wooded area behind the Marks building.



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-SGA President Will Roberts

Resolution No. 10, presented by Sen. Frank Burns was to donate unused meals to students that are in need. This resolution will be further discussed by SGA, Dining and the Center for Service Learning.

Roberts praised Burns and said the bill is "genius."

"I look forward the most to working on this in the coming weeks to implement it soon," Roberts said. "This is my favorite bill passed over the first semester, and it is the one that most directly helps students once implemented."

With the national push for sexual assault awareness on college campuses, resolution No. 15 would create a sexual assault awareness presentation during freshman welcome, or Govs ROW.

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freshman welcome, or Govs ROW. With the extent of this bill and the desire to make it a part of Govs ROW next year, it will take longer to implement. Because of the weather, SGA's first meeting of the semester has been pushed to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, in the Morgan University Center room 305. **TAS**



RESOLUTION NO. 6

Jay Alvarez

Repurpose single occupant restrooms to be gender-neutral LETTER SENT TO PHYSICAL PLANT

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Dominic Critchlow

Update university policy to allow skateboards for transportation UNIVERSITY POLICY UPDATED

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Blaine Gundersen

Installation of
hammock station
behind Marks building
LETTER SENT TO PHYSICAL
PLANT

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Frank Burns

Gives students option to donate unused meals to APSU's Service Learning program

WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Aristeo Ruiz

Suggests implementation of sexual assault prevention program to Govs ROW
WILL BE FURTHER
DISCUSSED



Gun violence claims more lives than car accidents in 2014

ASSOCIATED PRESS

More people died from gunshots than car accidents in Tennessee during 2014.

The Violence Policy Center, an organization dedicated to informing people about gun violence, has produced a study comparing gun and car deaths across the nation in 2014, the Chattanooga Times Free Press reports.



Currently in the U.S., over 90 percent of households own a car. Only 32 percent own a firearm. That the death totals are close at all to me is remarkable, given how many Americans drive versus how many handle a gun."

-Ladd Everitt, director of communications at the Coaltion to end Gun Violence

The study found that Tennessee was among the 21 states that saw more gun-related deaths than vehicle-related deaths that year.

The latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states 1,020 people in Tennessee died from gunshots during 2014.

According to the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, 906 people died that same year from car accidents.

The statistics also reveal gunrelated deaths in Tennessee have increased over the past decade. In 2004, there were 865 deaths from gunshots.

During that same period, vehicle-related deaths dropped from 1,191 to 906.

Trentyn Murrell, a sales associate at The Shooter's Depot in Chattanooga, says there is a difference between gun and vehicle-related deaths.

"It is a privilege to be able to drive, but it is a right to be able to carry a firearm," he said. "Yes, crime is rising. But why? Don't look at just the cars or just the guns. Why is crime rising?"

Advocate for gun regulation,
Ladd Everitt, the director of
communications at the Coalition
to End Gun Violence, countered by
stating that the opposing trends
prove that government regulation
can make an industry safer without
obliterating it.

"Currently in the United States, over 90 percent of households own a car," he said. "Only 32 percent own a firearm. That the death totals between the two are close at all to me is remarkable, given how many Americans drive versus how many handle a gun."

Kristen Rand, legislative director at the Violence Policy Center, says gun deaths have dropped since the mid-90s, but the center does believe gun deaths will decline further.

She says she would like to see the federal government create standards to regulate guns' trigger pull and size. She also hopes for a ban on particular subsets of weapons including rifles "designed to increase lethality." TAS

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VOLUNTEERING FOR THE GRAM

Selfie culture, volunteerism collide to create 'voluntourism'



Volunteering your time to others is a selfless act. Documenting yourself while volunteering dehumanizes the people you're supposed to help. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

YOUR TAKES





I do a lot of mission work. I've been to Jamaica twice, and I have someone who does a lot more volunteer work than I do, and I know if she couldn't post pictures to Facebook she wouldn't do it, and that makes me mad. You should do it for the right reasons, I think."

-Rachel Burden, freshman public relations major

BY LAUREN COTTLE

Staff Write

Volunteering is a worthwhile and lifechanging experience that should not be taken lightly.

Volunteering for the camera is a self-absorbed activity that includes posting pictures for web notoriety and popularity.

When you volunteer, you are serving an organization or group of people who are in need

This past-time is extremely rewarding for both the volunteer and the people who are affected by the volunteering.

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Some may say that volunteering for any reason is acceptable.



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However, volunteering for the camera promotes a culture that values nothing but the individual.

Seeing people who are using volunteering as a gateway for comments or likes will do nothing but turn many people off of volunteering.

Volunteering and service are two important aspects of APSU campus life.

Junior history major Lauren Keller and junior English major Meagan Dagnan recently went on an APSU study abroad trip to Trinidad and Tobago to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity.

"Without volunteers, nonprofit organizations and those in place to help people have a better life would have a hard time running," Keller said. "From volunteering with Habitat and in the past with the Well, I was able to forget my needs and wants and focus on the needs of other people."

The trip was part of the President's Emerging Leaders Program (PELP) run by Matthew Kenney, director of PELP.

"I was able to use my time to make a difference in another person's life and that is a wonderful feeling," Keller said.

This feeling makes the difference in the relationship between the volunteer and the person they are serving.

Someone merely volunteering for the camera will not gain this relationship and will do less good in the end.

"I do think volunteering and serving others is important," Dagnan said. "Not only does it build character and help people who need help, but it also helps create leaders."

Dagnan joined the trip with more than 20 other PELP students over the winter break.

"The best leaders are those who are willing to serve," Dagnan said. "So if anyone wants to learn anything, they should serve, because service teaches humility and it teaches people how to love selflessly and unconditionally, and our world could use some more love like that, don't you think?"

Ultimately, volunteering for the camera is selfish and empty because volunteering should be an act of love to produce worthwhile results. **TAS**





I hate seeing pictures where there's one girl with all the little children around her. That should be a moment you don't live behind a camera. That's not what you're there for. [I think it's appropriate if] you take the picture and maybe save it for yourself. There's just that line."

-Sierra Noble, junior English education major



APSU library, WNDAACC rent supplies to students

BY ANDREA ALLEN

Staff Writer

APSU's Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center began it's spring semester technology rentals on Monday, Jan. 25.

This year, the WNDAACC has in total to rent to out to APSU students four PCs. five net books, two TI-86 and 95 TI-83 calculators, which can be seen in the graphic to the right.

"I had no idea about the technology rentals but I think it is a really useful resource for students," said Abby Terlecki, freshman undeclared major.

To check out technology, students are required to sign a contract and provide their student ID and a copy of their current class schedule.

Students must also be in good borrowing status with the WNDAACC to be eligible.

Rentals are free and will occur on a first-come, firstserved basis.

While in possession of the technology, students are prohibited from copying or manipulating the software or allowing anyone other than themselves to use it.

The technology is due on the last day of classes and must remain in acceptable condition.

Students are responsible for replacing lost or damaged technology.

If the technology is not returned on the last day of finals, May 6, a hold for the price of the technology will be placed on the student's account until it is returned.

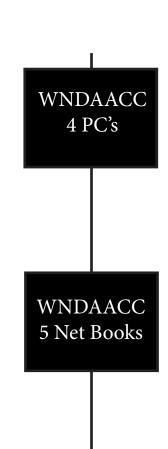
If students do not comply with agreed terms they will be unable to rent technology from any facility for the rest of their time at APSU.

Headphones are also available for check-out from the WNDAACC but may not leave the facility.

Students must give the front desk their student ID which will be returned when the headphones are returned.

Students may also check out Macs, PCs and headphones from the library at any time during the year.

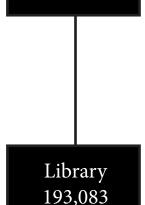
To rent technology from the library, students must give the front desk their student IDs and remain in the library while using the technology. TAS



WNDAACC 2 TI-86 Calculators

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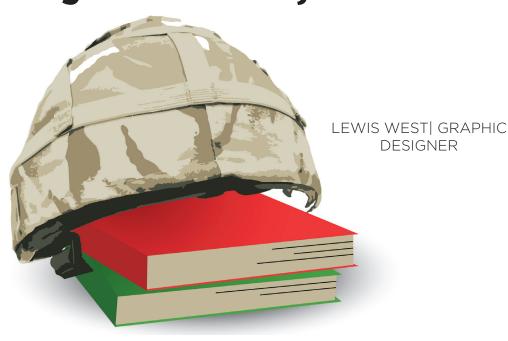


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Library

4 Macbooks

MSC rents textbooks to APSU vets, family members, students



BY AALIYAH MITCHELL

Staff Writer

The Military Student Center (MSC) is helping cut the rising prices of college life by distributing textbooks to struggling APSU students with the Texts for Vets Program.

The textbooks will be available in the MSC from Jan. 19 to March 15.

The service hands out textbooks on a first-come firstserve basis to vets, their families and general students at APSU.

The program offers books for a variety of courses, including history, literature and science.

These texts have been donated by APSU students and the program requires that they be returned at the end of the semester for others to use in the future.

Texts are currently given out on a first-come, firstserve basis.

Students must fill out an online form for each textbook they need.

Once their form has been processed and they have been contacted by Texts for Vets, the student will have 48 hours to pick up their textbook from Morgan University Center room 120 with their A number and student ID.

"They basically sign them out like they would a regular public library," Wesley Grubbs, MSC PR representative said. "If they don't turn them in at the end of the semester they get penalized. We want to keep this thing going but we can't if we don't have our books



They basically sign them out to you like they would a regular public library. If they don't turn them in at the end of the semester they get penalized."

-Wesley Grubbs, MSC public relations representatives

If a student drops a class, they are expected to return the related textbook immediately.

A week before the program opened up to the rest of the campus, groups such as veteran students, students on active duty, retirees, ROTC students and family members were given priority in checking out texts.

Book donations will be accepted on May 7, 2016, in the MUC Lobby when the MSC holds its book drive. 745

Political science professors hold lecture at elementary school to educate students on government, politics

BY ANDREW WADOVICK

Assistant Features Editor



Michael Gruszczynski CONTRIBUTED



Katherine Hunt **BAILEY JONES**

For many people, the American political system can seem complex and somewhat confusing, especially with the 2016 election around the corner.

Imagine trying to teach it to younger children.

This was the goal of two political science teachers on Thursday, Jan. 21.

Amidst the lingering ice and the persistent cold across Clarksville, professors Mike Gruszczynski and Kate Hunt visited Little Scholars Montessori School to talk with the children about the general structure of the American political system.

Gruszczynski said the experience was interesting and very different from what he usually does.

"I had to slow the information down," Gruszczynski said. "I went from teaching sophomores and juniors in college to little kids. They did know a lot of the structure. They were asking a lot of questions."

While the professors focused on the three branches of our own government, the children asked a variety of questions during their time there, even asking about international governments like those of Israel and the U.K.



It's fun because these kids aren't cynical yet. They're not battle-hardened warriors like most adults are these days. We tend to look at the negatives of our system a lot, but these kids didn't see much of that."

-Mike Gruszczynksi, political science professor

Conversation topics ranged from the powers of the British monarchy to the differences between the American system and the Chinese system.

"We didn't really know what to expect when we came," Hunt said. "It really sheds light on where your own students are coming from. We were very happy to volunteer."

The professors said they were pleased with their time there, and even talked about the possibility of taking their own students to do something similar in the future.

They said the unique perspective of the children might be a refreshing change of

"It's fun because these kids aren't cynical yet," said Gruszczynski. "They're not battlehardened warriors like most adults are these days. We tend to look at the negatives of our system a lot, but these kids didn't see much of



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Russian sounds serenade APSU

APSU professor, graduate students perform songs, arias from Russian culture



Professor and singer Joshua Lindsay left, pianist Justin Finch, middle, and singer Lisa Hogan, right, perform several Russian songs and arias to educate APSU students on Russian culture. TREVOR MERRILL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY ANDREW WADOVICK

Assistant Features Editor

You scuffle through the door, trying to shake the biting winter air from your body.

The building is oddly silent and only the sounds of the winter weather outside the pub permeate the air.

Suddenly, unknown fingers touch the ivory keys and voices begin to cry out.

He sings of doomed love and regret. She sings of fallen warriors and the tender embrace of death.

No one in the room dares to make a sound, caught in a trance as the slow, yet steady tide of emotion slowly warms the once chilly atmosphere.

Though APSU does not have a pub on the campus grounds, this was the atmosphere

that permeated the Mabry Concert Hall on Jan. 19.

A variety of classic Russian songs were performed by professor of music Jeffrey Williams, and graduate students Lisa Hogan, Tyler Saunders and Joshua Lindsay.

They were accompanied by graduate student Justin Finch on the piano. Each song's lyrics were printed on a pamphlet given out to attendees.

For authenticity, the original Russian script was included, but the English translations were also added side-by-side, so the audience could understand what was being sung.

Williams described the majority of these songs as "depressing," yet took time to explain the historical significance of each piece before the singer performed it.

"And yes, we had to learn the Russian alphabet," Williams said. "I'm proud of all of

them for their performance tonight."

The songs' origins were varied, including pieces from Rachmaninoff (1873-1943), Tchaikovsky (1840-1893), Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908) and several others.

One of the challenges, according to Williams, was to balance the power of the vocals.

"Tenors tend to overpower the other vocal ranges in English," Williams said to the audience.

In Russian songs, this is even more so, jokingly described as "beheading" or "poisoning" the other levels.

Despite this hurdle to cross, each performer sang in a way that left the audience completely silent in between each piece. The only other sounds were the enthusiastic applause at the end of the night. TAS





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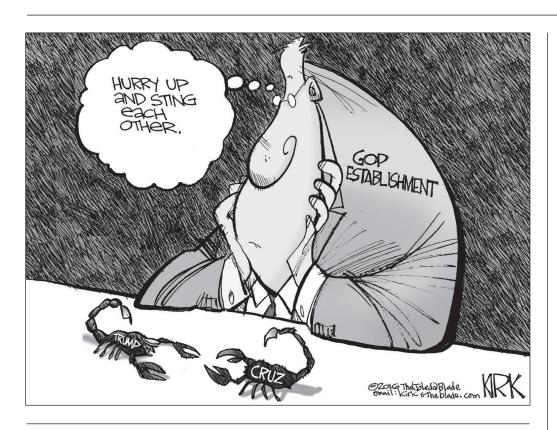
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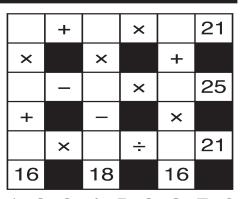




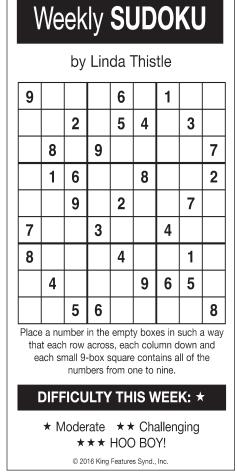
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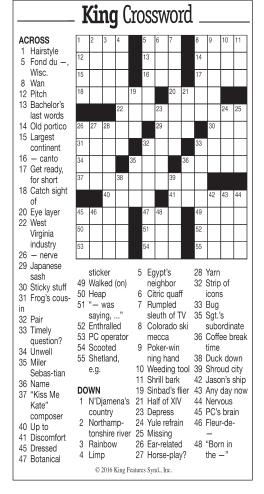
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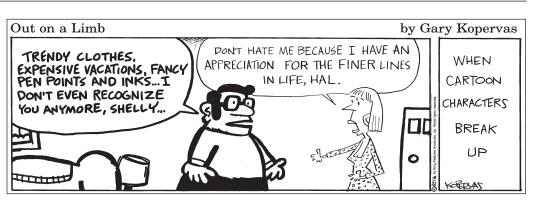
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APSU men's basketball games down to wire in overtime

BY HENRY KILPATRICK

Contributing Writer

After a three game losing streak, the Governors basketball team wasn't going to let their hunger-filled quest for a win be hampered by the snowy conditions.

The game against Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on Thursday, Jan. 21, came down to a three-point and free throw competition between the two teams as each team took their turn hitting a three or knocking down shots at the line.

Along with snapping a three game losing streak by beating the Cougars 90-86, this game marked the 400th win for the OVC all-time wins leader, APSU's Head Basketball Coach David Loos.

One player of note was sophomore guard, Josh Robinson, who had a career-high 39-point performance.

The SIUE Cougars' Jake Newton had a career-high 22 points which came from seven three-pointers.

Newton went to the line where he missed both free throws after being fouled, which Robinson capitalized on.

Robinson dribbled the floor after grabbing the rebound and hit the game tying three to send the game into overtime.

Newton quickly made his presence

known in overtime with his seventh three-pointer of the night to give the Cougars the lead.

From that point on it became a threepoint and free throw contest to decide a winner.

The Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week Burak Elsik of the Cougars, was fouled during an attempted three and was sent to the line where he knocked down all three free throws, leaving him 11-12 for the night.

Before the final whistle, Robinson was fouled one last time.

He went to the line and missed his first attempt followed by a made basket on his second attempt.

This left him 17-18 for the night.

According to letsgopeay.com, had Robinson been perfect at the line, he would have achieved the first 40-point game since 2008 when Derek Wright scored 43 points against Southeast Missouri.

Despite only hitting six out of 16 shots, Chris Horton was able to add another double-double to his collection, giving him a grand total of 16.

Freshmen Zach Glotta and Chris Porter-Bunton got in on the action as well, both finishing with 10 points.

Although the University was closed on Saturday, Jan. 23., the Governors were still ready to face the Eastern Illinois Panthers and try to capitalize on their momentum going into the game after their win Thursday, Jan. 21.

The Governors fell short 87-86 for their second overtime game in a row.

Just like the previous game, it came down to three-pointers and free throws.

This time, both teams struggled to get their shots to fall and had to rely on their shots in the paint.

Glotta hit a three towards the end of regulation.

Shortly after, Robinson drove to the basket and was fouled but failed to capitalize, missing both of his shots at the line.

Robinson had a rough night from the floor but was able to get one final layup to fall after driving the lane.

The Panthers' Trae Anderson went down the floor but while attempting to drive the lane, lost control of the ball and was tipped out with 0.8 seconds on the clock, leaving Cornell Johnston to miss a potential game winner and send the game into overtime.

Anderson led the Panthers with 20 points accompanied by A.J. Riley who came off the bench and produced an 18 point and seven assist performance.

For every shot the Governors made, Riley was there to respond nearly every time.

The game came down to Robinson hitting two shots from the line with only

5.9 seconds on the clock.

The Panthers inbounded the ball to Riley, who went coast-to-coast and was able to get a shot to fall over Chris Horton under the basket.

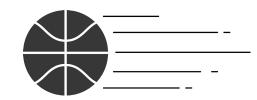
The Panther's muscled by with a victory over the Governors leaving APSU 9-13 overall and 2-5 in the OVC.

Horton picked up his 17th double-double of the season with 22 points and 15 rebounds followed by Robinson who went 4-18 on the floor but made up by going 11-14 at the line giving him 20 points on the night.

The Governors hit the road for five games before returning home Feb. 13, to face the University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawks at 7:30 p.m. in the Dunn Center. TAS

NEXT GAME

Wednesday, Jan. 27 Morehead State 6:45 p.m. Morehead, Ky.



Lady Govs basketball heating up win streak

BY HENRY KILPATRICK

Contributing Writer

After two dominating performances resulting in wins of more than 20 points each, the Lady Govs look to increase their win streak to three before hitting the road for five games.

The Lady Govs picked up their first win on the road against Morehead State 96-75 after suffering from a 10-game losing streak on the road. The Lady Govs tore up the floor in the first quarter of play, going on a 22-9 run, hitting 8-13 shots for a 26-20 lead at the end of the quarter.

They continued to push and matched their first quarter performance leaving them with a 52-36 lead at the half.

Their lead wouldn't fall below 14 points the rest of the game.

Senior Tiasha Gray put up a game-high 28 points along with a school-record tying 13 assists which tied Kelly Chavez who also achieved the feat during the 2000-01 season against Eastern Illinois according to letsgopeay.com.

Sophomore Sydney Gooch picked up her first double-double of the season with 14 points and 12 rebounds followed by junior, Beth Rates and sophomore Brianne Alexander both hitting double digits. Despite the Eagles coming into the contest as one of the nation's top shotblocking teams, they only came out with four block shots compared to eight by the Lady Govs.

The Eagles' Eriel McKee and Brianna McQueen both led their team with 17 points each but their team's 33.3 percent shooting from the floor wasn't enough to defeat Gray's recordtying performance and a front court that came to dominate.

The Lady Govs defeated the Morehead State Eagles by 21 with a final score of 96-75.

After coming off a dominating performance against the Morehead State Eagles, the Lady Govs were determined to keep their momentum rolling with a winning performance against the Eastern Illinois Panthers.

Although Tiasha
Gray led the team with
17 points, this didn't
stop four other players
from achieving double
digits and a total of 10
players scoring during
the 80-45 win against
the Panthers.

Not only did 10 players score, but all 12 of the Lady Govs received playing time. The Lady Govs took advantage of scoring droughts by the Panthers in the first and fourth quarter.

The Panthers made five turnovers in the first quarter followed by four more in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Govs took clear advantage of this outscoring the Panthers 22-10 in the first and 31-11 in the fourth.

The Panthers were able to outscore the Lady Govs in the third quarter 17-15 but the damage was already done with the Lady Govs leading 49-34 at the end of the third.

The Lady Govs dominated the fourth quarter where they continued to expand their lead.

The Panthers didn't see a single point for seven minutes as the Lady Govs opened up the fourth quarter with a 25-6 run.

With a dominating performance by the entire Lady Govs team, the Lady Govs finished off the EIU Panthers by 35 with a final score of 80-45.

The Lady Govs look to increase their dominating win streak to three this week against Southern Illinois University on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Dunn Center. TAS

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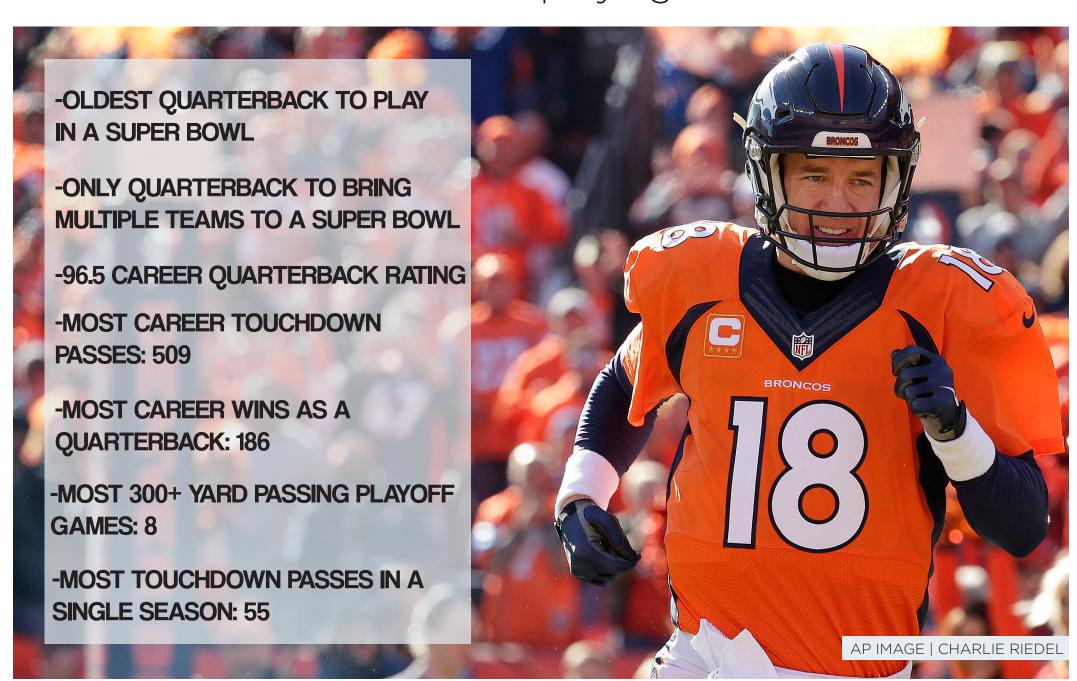
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