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Top left: Emerie Henley dresses up as a lady bug to recieve treats at G.H.O.S.T.

Top middle: Mackenzie Mixon, Jaxon Mixon and Berdom Perry portray super heroes for G.H.O.S.T.

Top right: Freshman Kaili Purrington dresses up as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz and brought Toto

Above: Alpha Delta Pi members dance in the Step-Off.

Left: Kappa Alpha Psi members put on a show for the crowd.

## Homecoming combines tradition, Halloween

Staff Reports

October means the leaves are changing, the nights are getting cooler and its time for Homecoming.

This year the Homecoming festivities began Monday, Oct. 26, and continue through Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31.

Halloween adds a spooky flavor to this year's events. The events began Sunday, Oct. 25, when G.H.O.S.T had the

campus filled with children and their parents from the community to booths built by student organizations for

Students watched nine student organizations in the Morgan University Plaza, Monday, Oct. 26 at the Step-Off.

The Plaza echoed with synchronized stomping as members of organizations danced for a large crowd. They pulled out all the

stops dressing in everything from white shirts with ties to hoodies and green hockey masks.

When the last note reverberated off the stone, it was Chi Omega who danced their way to victory.

On a two-game win streak, the Govs have everyone thinking victory for the

second year in a row at the homecoming game, Saturday, Oct. 31.

Fans of the Govs will do their best to scare the Jacksonville State faithful who dare to enter Govs Stadium on Halloween.

Expect all manner of ghouls and goblins in the home stands cheering the theme for this year's Homecoming, "Fear the Peay." ◆



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## Govs break 22-game losing streak against EKU Colonels

By ANTHONY SHINGLER Assistant Sports Editor

Entering the game Saturday, Oct. 24, the APSU Govs football team was a bad footnote in history. They held the nation's third longest losing streak with 22 straight losses to the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.

Behind a potent ground attack from junior running back Terrence Holt, the Govs snapped the 22-game skid. They came from behind to defeat the Colonels 24-20.

The win is APSU's (3-4, 2-2 OVC) first against the Colonels since Oct. 1, 1977.

"It's pretty special for me because the last time Austin Peay beat them, my brother was the quarterback," said APSU head coach Rick

Christophel The Govs have had a lot of success running

the ball this season. They came into the game leading the OVC in rushing. Holt rushed for 176 yards on 16 carries and scored twice, a distinctive career performance.

purpose yards a game. He finished the game

with 251 total yards.

Holt entered the game ranked second in the nation averaging just over 207.33 allThey scored touchdowns on consecutive drives. The first score came courtesy of redshirt freshman quarterback Jake Ryan. He threw his first collegiate touchdown pass to junior

wide receiver Adrian Mines.

The Govs' defense flexed their muscles

second-half turnovers, two fumbles and one interception. Redshirt freshman linebacker

for the home crowd. They forced three

Zac Burkhart got the interception which proved to be the nail in the coffin for the

"Our defense played so well tonight," said senior linebacker Daniel Becker. "Our defense stepped up, even when we were

down we always were looking to strip the ball

The Govs jumped out to an early 14-0 lead.

Colonels with 1:19 left in the game.

and make plays."

On the second offensive drive of the game, Holt scored the first of his two touchdowns by scampering 80 yards through Colonel defenders to the end zone.

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Running back Terrence Holt and tight end Chris Litteral celebrate in the end zone.

## **Examining the evolution of trick-or-treating**



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G.H.O.S.T. provides safe treats and books for children Sunday, Oct. 25.

By NICK OLINGER Staff Writers & CASSIETTA RUSSELL Guest Writer

Halloween is a spooky time of year with tales of goblins, witches and ghosts. Even though this is true for today's time, Halloween was not always about what goes bump in the night.

According to the History Channel's Web site, Halloween originates from the former "All Souls Day," which started in England.

On this day, the poor people would go from door to door asking for "soul cakes." Soul cakes were little sweet pastries. If they received a cake, the poor people would pray for the deceased members of that family. This tradition was called "going a-souling."

Costumes also originated from the European and Celtic cultures. On Halloween, people wouldn't go home because they believed ghosts came back to haunt the earth and to avoid being caught by a ghost, they wore masks to hide from them.

As Halloween became more popular throughout the nation, it also started to plummet. During the '70s, Halloween and trick-or-treating took an ugly turn.

This was caused by rumors of mad men putting poison and razor blades in kid's candy. In 1989, Joel Best, a professor at California State University, did a study on the tales of these so called "mad men." He found 78 cases with two of them being deaths. The most famous incident was the O'Bryan murder case.

On Halloween, 1974, 8-year-old Timothy O'Bryan was killed by his father by being poisoned with cyanide laced Pixi-Stix. The other cases were accidental.

Since then, Halloween has been trying to redeem itself. Even though these tales may be an urban legend, Halloween can still be dangerous, especially for children. According to Paula Pater, a coordinator of Safe Kids of Chippewa Valley, younger kids are more excited about their surroundings, which cause them to run out into the streets.

Older kids are also at danger as well. According to the NY Daily News, a 12-yearold was shot and killed while trick-ortreating with his family last year.

Although Halloween has its bad reputation, there have been efforts to make this holiday more safe and fun. Some parents take their kids to malls or throughout the neighborhood themselves. Hospitals will also X-ray candy to make sure it is safe to eat.

APSU also has its share in making

Halloween a safe holiday. G.H.O.S.T., Great Halloween Options for Safe Trickor-Treating, is a SGA sponsored event at APSU during which APSU's clubs and organizations set up booths outside between the library and the UC. The booths hand out candy to provide a safe alternative for children to trick-or-treat.

The booths also participate in other activities such as face painting and games. Another purpose for G.H.O.S.T. is to bring awareness to people of the different clubs and organizations at APSU.

The booths are set up in one area outside as opposed to being spread around campus to give the trick-or-treaters as well as parents a chance to familiarize themselves with all the organizations. There are 58 clubs and organizations at APSU, but not all of them participate in G.H.O.S.T.

Among the groups that participated in G.H.O.S.T. was Lambda Tau, an organization of about 25 years, that students whose focus is on Medical Technology are involved in.

Joanne Oliver, a medical technology senior involved in Lambda Tau, said they created their own "Mad Scientist Theme," at their booth for G.H.O.S.T.

Lambda Tau created their booth to consist of mad scientist themed novelties such as spider webs.

Joanne said they created their booth to make people more aware of their medical technology organization. ◆

## APSU nursing students make history by passing test

By CODY LEMONS Staff Writer

Any nursing student at APSU can describe how the nursing program is both challenging and competitive. They can explain how they must focus on maintaining good grades and passing numerous tests. The last thing on their minds is making history.

But for the first time in history at APSU, all of the nursing students who took the National Council Licensure Examination for the first time this past summer passed.

Marla Anderson, one of the test takers, said, "The test was like none I had previously taken. I was extremely nervous about passing the exam. Once it was over, I was so worried I failed."

Anderson was one of 35 students who passed the test and then graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

Chita Farrar, Director of the APSU School of Nursing, said, "This is the only time in the program's history since the first class was enrolled in 1980 that

a 100 percent pass rate has been achieved."

"The nursing faculty under Dr. Farrar's leadership is vigilant in promoting student success and their efforts have paid off."

David Denton, Dean of the College of Behavioral and **Health Sciences** 

The national average NCLEX pass rate in the December 2008 annual

report was 87.06 percent, and our 100 percent pass rate is a historic event for the B.S.N. program. This is a reflection of faculty and student partnership to promote excellence in the nursing program."

According to the School of Nursing's Web site, the program "consistently produces graduates who have high NCLEX-RN pass rates, often well above the state and national mean" and "APSU nursing students enjoy a reputation of excellence through employment with agencies

nationwide."

The APSU Student Nurses Association and the Nu Phi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society hosted a luncheon to celebrate this great accomplishment with students, faculty and administrators Monday, Oct. 12.

APSU President Timothy Hall and David Denton, Dean of the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences were among those who attended the celebration and congratulated the test takers.

"The nursing faculty, under Dr. Farrar's leadership, is vigilant in promoting student success, and their efforts have paid off," Denton said.

In addition to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the APSU School of Nursing offers a Master of Science in nursing.

For more information about the nursing program, contact Debbie Cochener, nursing adviser and administrative specialist at 221-7708 or cochenerd@ apsu.edu or Farrar at 221-6317. ◆

#### **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.

- · 8:34 p.m., Oct. 21, Emerald Hills, Vandalism
- 7:35 p.m., Oct. 21, Killebrew, Burglary
- 5:24 p.m., Oct. 21, University Center, Theft of property
- 4:30 p.m., Oct. 21, Clement, Theft of property
- 3:17 a.m., Oct. 19, Hand Village, Minor
- in possession of alcohol
- · 11:38 a.m., Oct. 18, Emerald Hills, Theft of property
- 7:11 p.m., Oct. 16, Meachum Lot,
- Theft of property 1:56 a.m., Oct. 16, Meachum Lot,
- Theft of property
- 5:05 a.m., Oct. 16, Meachum Lot, Vandalism
- 9:35 a.m., Oct. 15, Castle Heights Lot, Theft of property
- · 2:26 p.m., Oct. 14, Foy Center, Theft of property
- · 2:00 p.m., Oct. 14, Woodward Library,
- 9:48 p.m., Oct. 11, Emerald Hills, Aggravated arson

Vandalism

- 6:30 p.m., Oct. 11, Cross Hall, Alcohol possession by minor
- 6:42 p.m., Oct. 9, University Center, Theft of property
- 10:29 a.m., Oct. 8, University Center, Theft of property
- 9:31 p.m., Oct. 7, Clement parking lot,
- Indecent exposure • 9:31 p.m., Oct. 7, Foy Center, Theft of
- property
- 9:42 p.m., Oct. 6, North Castle Heights lot, Theft of property
- 1:33 a.m., Oct. 6, Cross Hall, Assault
- 7:00 p.m., Oct. 5, Foy Center, Theft of property
- 12:04 p.m., Music/Mass Comm, Theft
- of Property
- 9:21 a.m., Oct. 5, lower Dunn lot, Vandalism
- 4:44 a.m., Oct. 4, Foy lot, theft of
- 4:44 a.m., Oct. 4, Foy lot, Vandalism
- 4:44 a.m., Oct. 4, Foy lot, Vandalism • 4:44 a.m., Oct. 4, Foy lot, Vandalism
- 1:15 a.m., Oct. 4, Foy lot, vandalism • 12:18 a.m., Oct. 4, upper Dunn lot,
- 1:03 p.m., Oct. 3, Emerald Hills,

Vandalism

- Especially aggravated kidnapping
- 11:05 a.m., Oct. 1, Burt lot, Unlawful drug paraphernalia
- 9:01 a.m., Oct. 1, Shasteen, Vandalism



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## Dwonna know what I think?



**Dwonna Goldstone** 

Guest writer

Dear Dwonna:

I'm in a class with a lot of non-traditional students, and they seem to waste a lot of class time talking about their life experiences. The professor allows the students to go on and on while the rest of us younger people sit there

Not only is my time is being wasted, but my parent's tuition money is being wasted since I'm not learning the material I'm supposed to learn. What should I do?

Signed,

"Not quite ready for the nursing home"

Dear "Not Quite Ready":

I asked my boyfriend what he would do if he sat in a class with an older student who talked all the time, and he said he would tell the student to "shut the hell up." When I told him that would be rude, he said the non-traditional student was rude and wasting class time by talking about

I have to say I agree with my boyfriend. Although I have been known to allow nontraditional students to spend an inordinate amount of time telling their stories (even when it doesn't really relate to what I'm teaching), it is usually done with a purpose.

Often, when I want an older student's perspective, I'll ask, "Where's my resident old person to speak on this topic?"

I will then let the non-traditional student speak, but I try not to let him or her go on and on because it can get a bit tiring — and boring.

There is often a lot to be learned from nontraditional students in the classroom; however, you need to find your courage to ask the student to refrain from telling personal stories so that your professor can get back to the class material.

You can do this privately after class, or you can be like my boyfriend and just say your piece during class. Or, you can speak with the professor and ask them to reign in the talkative non-trad's ramblings.

Dear Dwonna:

What if it's true that Hokey Pokey is "what it's all about"?

Signed,

"Worried"

Dear "Worried":

What is the Hokey Pokey? Does the Hokey Pokey even exist? What if the Hokey Pokey is as good as it gets? Aren't there more important things to worry about, Worried?

After my work to bring peace to the Middle East and to cure hunger throughout the world has come to fruition, then I'll turn my energies to finding out whether or not the Hokey Pokey is really all it's about.

Dear Dwonna:

Last weekend, I went out drinking with a group of friends. In the group was a guy I don't really like, but have made out with a few times on a few previous occassions. Well, we made out on Friday, and then on Saturday — when I had had too much to drink again — I went by his house, only to find that he was entertaining another girl.

I'm kind of embarrassed and unsure how to approach him now that I'm sober again. Any suggestions?

Signed,

"Whiskey Lullaby"

Dear "Whiskey Lullaby":

Let me first say I hope you were not drinking and driving. Always make sure you have a designated driver, and your DD should agree before you go out not to drink any alcohol.

Second, you need to stop making out with random dudes. You are sending him a mixed message, and it sounds like this guy is a player.

better job of not putting yourself in precarious situations. Not surprisingly, alcohol and "frisky" men are not a good combination for any college As for what you should do the next time you

As a young college student, you need to do a

see your kissing buddy, you should employ my favorite tactic called "Stupid and Cheerful." Just act like nothing happened, and if he mentions your swinging by, just start laughing uncontrollably and talking about what a drunk you were that Saturday night.

But, on a serious note again, you really need to make sure you take a responsible person with you when you go out drinking so that you do not end up doing something stupid.

When I was at the University of Iowa, my friend Roger always escorted me to make sure I didn't do or say something stupid, like the time there was a big fight outside a bar and I yelled "fight! fight!" He wouldn't let me go out without him after that. Find your own Roger to keep you out of trouble.

Dear Dwonna:

If you are doing a group project and someone isn't doing his or her share of the work, should you tell the professor?

Signed,

"Group Project Flunkee"

Dear "Group Project Flunkee":

I often do not assign group projects for just this reason. When I do assign group projects, however, I always tell the students that if they have someone in their group who is not pulling his/her weight to speak to me because it is unfair for a student who is not helping with the project to get full credit.

The best thing for you to do is e-mail your professor to set up an appointment, and then when you meet with your professor, make sure you have specific examples about what your group is doing and what the other person is not doing. Most professors are not going to think you are a tattle tale by "telling" on your lazy and shiftless group member; in fact, we want to know who is not pulling his or her weight so we can assign a grade that accurately reflects the work of each group member.

Dear Dwonna:

I live in the dorms on campus, and my roommate and I share a bathroom with two other girls. They never seem to put any toilet paper in the bathroom, yet they use ours all the time. What should my roommate and I do to get them to buy their own and to stop them from using ours?

Signed, "Toilet Paper Trouble"

Dear "Toilet Paper Trouble"

When I was a graduate student at Brown University, I shared a house with a male and a female. The male refused to buy toilet paper, so my female roommate and I carried our own toilet paper into the bathroom with us and then took it with us when we left.

This apparently did not bother our male roommate until his girlfriend came to visit, at which point he began to restock the bathroom with toilet paper on a more regular basis. Perhaps having to "drip dry" a time or two will teach your suitemates to restock the toilet paper. As petty as this might be, it should teach you to always check for toilet paper before squatting to do your business.

Dear Dwonna:

Help me! I'm 24 years old, and my boyfriend of four years wants to get married. I'm graduating from the Peay in December, and I don't think I'm ready for the white picket fence and 2.5 children and 1.5 dogs. What do you think I should do? Signed,

"All Out of Love"

Dear "All Out of Love":

This was one of my favorite Air Supply songs. Sorry, this isn't about me, is it? Listen to your instincts; your subconscious is smarter than you. If you're not ready to settle down and make a life with this man, then heed your gut. At 24, you're probably too young to be able to select the person you want to spend the rest of your life with.

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## How do you feel about texting and driving?



"I do it, but I still agree with laws that have been passed. It's really dangerous and I feel like it's really causing a lot of accidents."

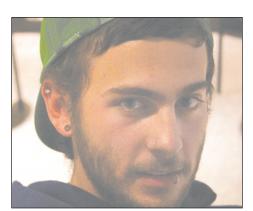
—Ryan Sexton, senior history major



"I do it and I admit it's completely wrong and I've probably almost crashed about a thousand times because of it. The law is actually good and people should follow it including me,

but who am I to talk?"

Cassandra Vergason, freshman psychology major



"Yeah, I do text and drive. It's probably not the safest thing to do though. I wrecked because of it." Brandon Caldwell, junior medical technology major



I do text and drive, but I'm pretty good at it so I haven't wrecked. I haven't almost wrecked. I think the laws are good and they're there for a reason, but I still do it; but I'm OK at it

> so that makes it OK. -Keraston Blunk, freshman physical therapy major

## This week in ridiculous: balloon boy



**Jess Nobert**Chief Copy Editor

Two weeks of ridiculousness and plenty of news to fill the page, but only a few good stories made the cut.

You know those calendars with half naked girls that a lot of stereotypical guys have hanging in their dorm rooms? Well now there's one that breaks the stereotypes of a few Mormon women dressed in a little less than modesty. The best part is the guy who created the calendar was not only excommunicated from the Mormon church, but also had his BYU diploma withheld.

The way I see it, it's not all his fault and he shouldn't have been the only one getting the boot. What about the people in the photos that make up the calendar?

Prior to the "Hot Mormon Muffins: A Taste of Motherhood" calendar, Chad Hardy, the calendar's creator, produced a three-year calendar series depicting male missionaries of the church called "Men on a Mission"

I'm not sure I can put this any better than how I found it from

the AP. "Police said a one-legged suspect was caught after only one shoe went missing in a store in Belgium. An amputee was an immediate suspect when a store attendant found one shoe missing from a shop in the western Belgian town of Maldegem. Police spokesman Rik Decraemer said on Monday, Oct. 24, that authorities were alerted and quickly found the man who fit the description by shopkeepers. The shoe was also recovered.

"The suspect, a Russian asylum seeker, faces possible charges and was handed over to judicial authorities."

When I saw the headline for the Mark McGwire hitting coach story, I couldn't help but wonder what photo the AP decided to run with it. I'll give you two guesses, but I only needed one. This is the cutline that ran with it, "FILE—This is a March 17, 2005, file photo showing Mark McGwire testifying on Capitol Hill during a hearing on the use of steroids in professional baseball."

Here's the thing. Even if McGwire hadn't set the record for most homeruns in a single season in 1998, just because he took so much heat for the juice, that's all anyone's ever going to remember. I do believe he was using at the time, but then again, Barry Bonds was on steroids when he broke the same record in 2001. How else would a record that stood for 37 years be broken again so



suddenly?

It's like Pete Rose not going to the Hall of Fame for his career as a player because he got busted making bets on his own sport as a manager. Just let it go and let them be.

Balloon boy. By the way, he takes the 'Dici for the week. When I first saw it, I was a little concerned this kid was lost in the sky in a balloon. Granted, I didn't see any photos at first so I honestly thought of the Good Witch from the East's bubble

floating with a kid inside.

Then it grounded, and the kid wasn't there. Then they started searching for him.

He was hiding in the garage, and looked a ittle shocked that it was such a big deal.

Then it all unraveled. How did these parents expect this little boy to keep his mouth shut after so many questions and he knew better? "We did it for the show."

Wow. That's all I have to say about that.

And finally, police in Iowa City

are investigating an "assault in which a man accused another of being a zombie, then punched him twice," according to the AP.

RACHEL YEATTS | GUEST CARTOONIST

"A man was ordering food when he was approached by another man who called him a zombie, then hit him in the eye. When the victim tried to call police on his cell phone, the man punched him again, breaking his

"—The man then ran out a back door. The victim was taken by ambulance to a hospital." ◆



## Nuclear waste dumped

Associated Press

JACKSON, Tenn. — If a friend asked to dump his garbage in your yard because he knew you would know what to do with it, what would you say? Probably, no thanks.

what would you say? Probably, no thanks. That's what the U.S. should say to countries that want to send their nuclear waste here for processing and storage. Thankfully, Sen. Lamar Alexander and U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon of Murfreesboro are sponsoring legislation in Congress to keep other countries' nuclear waste out of the U.S.

No other nation allows the importation and storage of another country's nuclear waste. We shouldn't, either.

The controversy arose when a private Utah company, EnergySolutions, asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for permission to bring in 20,000 tons of low-level radioactive waste from Italy. The company would process the waste in Tennessee and store the resulting 1,600 tons at a private facility 80 miles west of Salt Lake City. The NRC also said it has applications from Mexico and Brazil to do the same thing. The U.S. handles its own nuclear waste based on a regional system established by Congress in the 1980s. Current laws don't address importing nuclear waste from other

countries. But that issue is addressed in the proposed legislation.

U.S. companies have developed sophisticated technology to deal with radioactive waste. EnergySolutions wants to handle the Italian waste to give it a leg-up in the world marketplace for such work.

We're happy that an American company is at the forefront of this important technology. But this is one instance that we would urge the work and the technology to be outsourced to the countries that need it.

The problem with allowing the waste to come to the U.S. is that America will become the world's dumping ground for nuclear waste. That's because no other country will accept the stuff. This is not a "world leader" designation America needs.

The future of dealing with nuclear waste is important as the U.S. and other nations look to nuclear power to help wean themselves off fossil fuels such as oil and coal. But dealing with nuclear waste, even low-level waste, must be addressed at the international level. Countries must take responsibility for their own nuclear waste. Smaller countries will have to form consortiums to deal with the issue.

One thing is fairly certain, we don't want their nuclear garbage dumped in America's backyard. ◆

## Technology increases office procrastination



**Lisa Finocchio** Managing Editor

Just before fall break I made a brief trip to the library with a classmate to print a lab for my brief organic chemistry class. It was early in the morning, so we had high hopes for a free computer.

Thanks to changes in library policy over the summer, we only had to wait a few minutes for a 15-minute computer, but as I was waiting for my print job to finish, I noticed something unexpected that made my stomach turn.

Someone was playing Farmville on a library computer at 7:45 a.m.

I have asked numerous times for someone anyone — to please explain what is so riveting about this Facebook application (not to mention Farm Town, which to my understanding is basically the same thing), but I haven't gotten a satisfying answer yet. I don't really have a problem with people wasting their time cultivating virtual crops, but I don't understand the time people devote to it, either.

"I have 3 million coins on Farm Town," one of our editors told me, when I mentioned the topic for this column. And I respect you, co-worker, but so what? "I'm waiting to buy my mansion."

Sigh.

But Facebook-based procrastination isn't limited to Farmville and Farm Town. I'll make an admission: I have an iPhone, and in moments of mindless procrastination I automatically turn to my Facebook app to while away a few minutes checking my News Feed or commenting on statuses. I can't even imagine the rate at which my productivity would increase if I couldn't Facebook when I should be

studying or writing papers. A study released by Ohio State University showed that 85 percent of undergraduate students had Facebook, and that those users studied between one and five hours per week and had GPAs between 3.0 and 3.5. Non-Facebook users surveyed studied 11 to 15 hours per week and had GPAs between 3.5 to 4.0.

Predictably, this trend is evident in the workplace as well; social media guide Mashable.com reported that in a survey of 1,460 office workers, the use of social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter is costing firms in the United Kingdom approximately \$2.25 billion per year.

How does this affect you? Most college students, like me, could easily major in procrastination, and social networking sites are definitely a contributing factor. To students who might otherwise pull an all-nighter to finish a paper, an hour free of online distractions can make a significant difference, so next time you think about that paper you have to write, don't Tweet about it — do it. ◆

## Shaky support given for gun rights; MTSU surveyed about Obama

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Legislators in a representative democracy can follow their conscience or vote the wishes of their constituents when important issues are at stake. Or they can take their cues from people with guns.

Most likely a mix of motivations drove the Tennessee General Assembly's flurry of progun legislation last spring.

After legislators decided to allow local governments to opt out of a measure that removed the ban on guns in parks and gave owners of restaurants that serve alcohol an opt-out provision as well, the results were mixed.

Some local governments decided to keep the ban. Others decided to allow people

with permits to pack pistols with their picnic supplies. Some restaurateurs posted no-weapons signs. Others chose not to.

chose not to.

Now a survey
conducted by students at
Middle Tennessee State
University under the
supervision of university
professors has shed some
light on the question of
how representative the
representatives were.

In a statewide telephone poll of 716 randomly selected adults, which has an error margin of plus or minus four percentage points, 54 percent opposed allowing permit holders to carry guns in state parks, 60 percent didn't want them to pack in restaurants and 80 percent were against guns in bars.

Lest one conclude that MTSU students surely must have been limiting their survey to liberals, they also found that only 46 percent of Tennesseans approve of the way President Barack Obama is handling his job while 48 percent say they disapprove

disapprove.
Forty-six percent
believe Obama is probably
or definitely a socialist.
Thirty-four percent don't
believe he was born in
the United States and 15
percent are unsure.

The survey also found that most Tennesseans don't plan to take the swine flu vaccine that began showing up in Tennessee last week and only 36 percent generally support the health care reform proposals that are being debated in Congress.

These are mixed signals, to be sure, but when the issue is the expansion of gun rights, the popular support claimed by the legislative proponents has clearly become

## Student Art League honors Mark Griggs



STEVEN ROSE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mark Griggs, 78, has worked in Trahern since 1997 as an art technician.

#### By AMANDA HOOVER Guest Writer

During the week of Oct. 12-16, Mark Griggs Appreciation Week was held in the Trahern building for the first week ever.

Griggs, 78, has worked in the Trahern Art Department since 1997 as an art technician. He is what students describe as a handyman or "Mr. Fix-It," but whatever you call him, he is considered an angel to those who work with him and attend class in the Trahern building.

Griggs was honored during the week for numerous reasons. First, most students see him as someone they can rely on whenever they need help. He also continuously keeps things up and running by fixing machines, and as Melanie Hildebrandt, senior, graphic design major said Griggs is a "fascinating man."

Mark Griggs Appreciation Week consisted of Bring Mark IBC Root Beer Day (Mark's favorite root beer), Dress Like Mark Day and Dinner With Mark.

The Student Art League put this week together for Griggs. Junior Kristy Wilson, president of Student Art League, said this idea came to her last year and thought of all people, Griggs deserved the honor. "All the students thought this idea was really great; everyone got into it," Wilson said.

According to Wilson, Griggs said he was happy to be honored and was very humble. "This is the first time we have done this, and really hope to do it again next year." Thank you cards were distributed for teachers and students to sign. "Mark got a card that was signed from almost every art student," Wilson said.

Griggs said he first found out about the appreciation week when he saw all of the "Tell Mark Thank You" and "Have You Hugged Mark Today?" signs. "When I saw the signs, it made me feel so appreciated. It is so nice that people care that much," he said.

He said his favorite part of the week was "just simply being appreciated,

and of course all of the thank yous and hugs."

Dress Like Mark Day was a success among students. Hildebrandt, wearing a hat, big belt buckle, and a blue jean shirt, won the contest. She said Griggs was one of the first people she met at APSU. "I feel really blessed that I have had an opportunity to get to know Mark. I consider him the face of Trahern. He is so wonderful, and when I leave here, I hope to always know what Mark is doing."

Britney Williams, senior illustration major, said she is in the Trahern building for about 10 to 12 hours every day, and sees Griggs at least eight times.

Williams said he is always walking around the building, checking on everything and making sure everything is okay.

"Mark deserves this week because he is like the guy in the office who you never really know what specifically he does, but when he is there, everything runs smoothly."

Amanda Blaeuer, art major and member of the Student Art League said she loved this week. She said her favorite thing about Griggs is how helpful he is.

"Mark runs the Trahern building.
There is nothing he wouldn't do for it. If
someone needs something, he is there.
Mark is the glue that holds this building
together." ◆

## Students named 'Peay Read' essay contest winners

#### By ERIN UPSHAW Staff Writer

When this year's freshman went to their Summer Welcome meetings, they were expecting a lot of things like discussions on tuition and housing regulations, signing up for classes and getting a tour of campus. One thing no one was expecting was an over the summer reading assignment.

After attending a conference session in San Francisco, called The Common Reading Program, APSU representatives decided to implement a similar program for all incoming freshman in 2009.

APSU changed their previous campus wide reading program to "Peay Read" and made it a requirement for all new students.

This program would not only give all APSU 1000 classes a unifying experience regardless of a student's major, but also create a "collaborative, integrative learning community, instilling in students habits of critical inquiry as they gain knowledge, skills, and values for life and work in a global society."

After much deliberation, the book "An Ordinary Man" by Paul Rusesabagina was chosen. Although they weren't aware at first, most freshmen were already familiar with the book which inspired the popular movie "Hotel Rwanda."

The freshmen read the book over the course of the summer and have been completing activities relating to the book in their APSU 1000 classes.

One of the assignments was an essay about one of the subjects in the book. Some essay prompts were offered, but it was ultimately up to the students to pick the topic of their essay.

Mary Barczak chose to write about the topic of the power of words, such as their power to promote violence and hatred or love.

Bola Oyebade explained in her essay how a simple, ordinary man can emerge as an extraordinary hero in severe circumstances. "I explained that one knows of a true hero when one is faced with deplorable situations and rises to the occasion.

"In my view, I believe that Paul Rusesabagina did exactly that. Not only did he save the lives of over a thousand people, his heroicness was also contagious to others also living in the hotel," said Oyebade.

Out of all of the essays read, the ten best essays were selected and awarded the opportunity to have dinner with the author.

Barczak said that she was surprised when she found out that she had been chosen as one of the 10 "Peay Read" essay winners.

"I was actually shocked when I won. I have a lot of writing experience through AP English classes and my high school newspaper and literary journal, but I thought of myself as one of a few thousand



SUSAN TOMI CHEEK | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Chad Brooks gives freshman Sabrina Jones, one of the 10 awards for "Peay Read" essay contest.

students, a good portion of whom must write better than I do," said Barczak.

"When I got the e-mail from Chad Brooks informing me about the dinner I freaked out."

"Meeting with Paul Rusesabagina was a great privilege and an honor," said Oyebade.

"I discovered that [Rusesabagina] truly was an ordinary man — very gentle, polite and kind. He had an appreciating spirit and positive outlook. He was very kind to

all of the essay winners and answered any questions we had for him. It was a great experience and I am very grateful to have taken part."

The 10 students chosen — all freshman or transfer students — were Barczak, Bailey Bomar, Teresa Cunningham, Callie Hollander, Micah James, Sabrina Jones, LaShay Lovelace, Ashley Miller, Oyebade and Randy Tapp.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary Barczak is a designer at *The All State*. ◆

## Paranormal expert Peter Jordan takes The All State to Bell Witch Cave

#### By PATRICK ARMSTRONG Editor in Chief

In a dimly lit replica log cabin, paranormal expert Peter Jordan sat with hands clenched near his beard while he listened to a recording of the Bell Witch story at the Bell Witch Cave in Adams, Tenn. The room was decorated with four lit candles, an unlit oil lamp, butter churns, hatchets, dried plants, hand woven baskets and a stone fireplace.

As the audio tour moved through the replica of the Bell home, mannequins of the family appeared upstairs in period clothing; one of the sons was even wearing a raccoon skin hat. The light grew dimmer as the story reached its climax, saying the haunting of the Bell Witch is the only case in history where a ghost caused the death of a man.

As the tour of the Bell property

continued, Jordan had a chance to speak with the current owners. They discussed everything from the differences in the legend from book to book and what exactly he thought the Bell Witch is. Jordan believes the Bell Witch occurrences throughout the legend lead him to think it's "some sort of ritualistic phenomena."

Jordan believes it's Indian. "[It's] brought on by Indians in almost the form of a curse. I don't know what John Bell did. I think there is something here we don't know."

On the Bell property, an American Indian burial ground is located near the cave and was there during the haunting. After more conversation, Jordan moved on to the cave.

As he and a number of *The All State's* staff walked towards the cave, Candy Hooton, the guide, talked about some of the

things she and her family have encountered. Through the fall foliage shadowing the leaf-covered path, the cave came into view and running water could be heard. Hooton opened the black iron gate, flipped the lights on and into the supposed home of the Bell Witch

Hooton took Jordan into the first room of the cave and told him more stories of encounters. Jordan asked if she or her family had ever experienced dreams about John Bell. Hooton said with a quick response, "Why?"

He went on to explain since they live so close to the cave, he could not imagine them not experiencing something like that. After a long pause, Hooton said, "Oh, I think you just hit a weak spot with me." Her multiple dreams were not about John Bell but about someone falling off the bluff. "Anytime somebody gets to close to the bluff, I am just like, 'Get back over here."

As tales were told about people taking rocks from the cave,
Jordan made his way from the front of the cave to the back as far back as visitors are allowed to go.
Stalactites hung from overhead while the water running through the cave grew deeper in some spots.

The back room was busy with many geological formations which required climbing over in order to view the entire room. The water flowed under an unusual cave formation which, from a certain angle, a face could be seen.

Jordan said on the way back to his hotel, "Everything there is telling me that that's American Indian. Everything from the way the Bell Witch case started which was the appearance of the black

dog, these strange creatures, that's all American Indian. Even now when people take stones, that's very indicative of Indian

tradition."

Jordan is part of a group of four to five members who investigate paranormal activities. They make house calls or talk to people over the phone about their experiences.

His most recent interest has been Gettysburg. He plans to make a third visit there next month because there is a lot of activity reoccurring.

Jordan, who has been waiting a year to visit the Bell Witch

### Peter Jordan visits Bell Witch Cave:

Visit www.TheAllState.org to view a video from the Bell Witch Cave.

## 'Proof' recognized by Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival

#### By CHASITY WEBB Staff Writer

This past summer, APSU's Department of Theater and Dance put on a production of David Auburn's 2001 Pulitzer Prize winning play, "Proof."

"Proof" is a play set in Chicago, where a genius mathematician, Robert, who has died, appears to his college drop-out daughter, Catherine. While preparing for the funeral, Catherine's sister Claire returns from New York. Catherine creates a friendship with one of her father's former students, Hal.

The play encounters many moments of turmoil when Hal discovers a journal

of Robert's that contains a mathematical theorem thought to be impossible. Catherine claims she wrote it. The playwright explores throughout the mystery the link between genius and madness and if these can be inherited.

Not only was the original production a success but so was APSU's production which was remounted into production to open the fall season.

Even better, now several cast and crew members have learned they have been nominated for several awards with the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. The Kennedy Center American

College Theater Festival is a national festival that celebrates collegiate theater around the country.

Alone, the production has been nominated for entry in the Regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in February, which takes place in Murfreesboro.

Individual nominations include: Rebecca Beasley, graduate student, nominated for the national Barbizon design award for her lighting design and nominated for an Excellence in Stage Management award; Stephen Kemp, undergraduate, nominated for the national Barbizon award for sound design; Jolie Hausman, undergraduate, nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship; William Sinclair, undergraduate, nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship; Britney Smith, undergraduate, nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship and Darren V. Michael, APSU professor of directing and acting, nominated for Excellence in Directing. "It's a pretty big deal just to be considered

"It's a pretty big deal just to be considered with the number of productions done and which receive responses around southeastern college campuses each year," Michael said.

The regional selection committee will announce their festival entry selections in December. ◆

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## Amber Waves I WOULDN'T MOVE A MUSCLE IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU. OK, YOU FLEA BITTEN, NO GOOD MANGY POLECAT.....









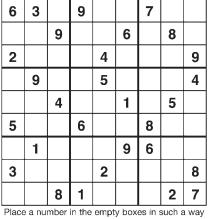
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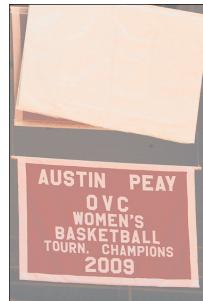


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Above: Junior guard Salem Richardson leaps to get shoot over the taller defending freshman center Kaitlyn Hill.

Far left: Freshman guard/forward Meghan Bussabarger dribbles down the court to make a play.

Left: On Friday, Oct. 16, the OVC tournament championship banner was revealed at APSU's Reigning Red event. The Lady Govs have been chosen to finish second in the OVC preseason polls behind the Morehead State Eagles.





## Barnes, Govs finish sixth

APSU Sports Information

The APSU men's golf team closed out its fall schedule with a sixth-place finish at the F&M Bank APSU Intercollegiate, Tuesday, Oct. 20. The Govs shot a three-round 875 (296-284-293), 14 strokes behind winner Eastern Kentucky, who finished with a fiveunder par 859 (288-288-283). Samford took home the top prize in 2001. It was the second time for an OVC school, other than the host, to win the event. Towson (862), Oakland (864), Western Illinois (865) and OVC member Jacksonville State (866) rounded out the top five.

top five.
Senior Erik Barnes
finished with a two-under
par 214 (72-69-73), which
was good enough for eighth
overall. Barnes opened his
final round with a birdie on
No. 4, but countered it with
a bogey on No. 6. His only
hiccup on the back nine
came with a bogey on No.
16—his second on that hole
in the tournament—when a
putt stopped just short of the
cup. Notwithstanding, it was
Barnes' third top-10 finish of
the fall.

Despite a final-round 75, freshman Dustin Korte (tied-18) earned his first career top-20 finish. Korte was in eighth after two rounds, but struggled to maintain his pace after 36 holes.

Junior Chris Dougill finished t-25 after firing three straight 73s for a three-round 219. Junior Luke Sherrod continued to show signs of improvement, finishing tied-55 with a three-round 225. Playing as an individual, sophomore Andrew Miller finished tied-58 with a three-round 226, while senior Eric Anfinson was tied-85 with a 235. ◆

## Football: Holt, APSU rally to upset No. 20



LOIS JONES | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior running back Terrence Holt breaks through traffic against the EKU front line defense to gain yards. Holt was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week for his 176-yard performance against EKU.

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The Colonels played hard during the second quarter. T.J. Pryor, Redshirt freshmen quarterback for the Colonels, scored two of the three Colonel touchdowns in the second quarter.

"He is good and he is a heck of a player, and we knew that when we came into it," Becker said. "We knew he was a dual threat and we had to keep him inside the pocket and try to make things tough for

Pryor opened up with a 43-yard completion to Shannon Davis on a third down. The pass set up his 15-yard run to cut the lead to 14-7. The momentum stayed with the Colonels. Andrew Soucy blocked a 45-yard field goal attempt by Govs freshman kicker Stephen

Stansell, and the Colonels took over at their own 32-yard line.

The Colonels drove 68 yards in seven plays to tie the game 14-14. After a failed fourth down conversion by the Govs, the Colonels' next drive went 62 yards on 10 plays and ended with Pryor's second touchdown.

The Govs suddenly found themselves behind, 20-14, and perhaps victims of controversy. It appeared as if the Colonels were granted an extra down in their last scoring drive of the quarter.

However, the Govs's second half proved to hold the defining moments of the game. They held the potent Colonel offense to one first down in the third quarter.

"I thought the whole defensive staff did a great job at halftime

making adjustments, getting the right people in the right places and that's what it boils down to. Make him do things he is not comfortable at doing," Christophel

While the defense shut down Colonels' offense in the third quarter, Holt helped the cause with a 41-yard punt return to put the Govs at the Colonels' 22-yard line. Later, Holt took advantage of the field position by ending the three-play drive with a 12-yard run that put the Govs back on top 21-20.

Govs sophomore safety Amius Smith ended the Colonels first drive in the red zone in the fourth quarter by forcing a fumble.

Govs redshirt freshman cornerback Antwaun Majors recovered the fumble for a touchback. After exchanging possessions, the Colonels had another miscue. Pryor fumbled, and Govs senior linebacker Rick Woods recovered the fumble. Three plays later, Stansell connected on a 27-field goal to push the lead to 24-20. The Colonels' final possession ended with the interception by Burkhart.

"It is a great feeling. Besides the point we have lost to them 22 straight times, and for all the 25 seniors we have, that was for them," Burkhart said. "Besides the pick, our offense played great."

The Govs finished with 348yards of total offense, 263 on the ground and 85 through the air.

Ryan completed three of seven passes for 85 yards and one score. Sophomore running back Ryan White chipped in 99 yards on 32 carries. Mines had two catches for 81 yards and one score.

Defensively, Becker lead the charge with 11 tackles. Smith added eight tackles, one forced fumble, two pass break ups and one quarterback hurry.

Terrence Holt was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week for his 176-yard, twotouchdown performance against EKU. Defensive tackle Antonio Faulkner, who pass-rushing performance forced a fumble on one drive and helped cause an interception, was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week. This is the second time in as many weeks APSU has had players earn conference honors. ◆

### Lady Govs sweep OVC rivals Eastern Illnois, Southeast Missouri, 3-0

#### By DEVON ROBINSON

Sports Editor It was the weekend of sweeps for the Lady Govs as they took care of the Eastern Illinois Panthers and Southeast Missouri Redhawks with 3-0 victories. On Friday, Oct. 23, the Lady Govs had no trouble on the offensive against the Panthers with 47 kills among eight players.

The beginning of the first set consisted of APSU trading kills with EIU, but when the Lady Govs reached the ninth kill, the offense turned up. APSU would not let EIU score another point until the score was 14-10.

This could be credited to the defense pressure that

APSU produced with five blocks by senior Kirstin Distler.

Even though the Panthers started to improve, it was not enough to match the scoring tear by the Lady Govs, winning the set, 25-19.

The Lady Govs defense allowed the Panthers a good first set, but then eight different players got a kill in the victories of the second and third set to seal the win, 25-14 and 25-15, respectively.

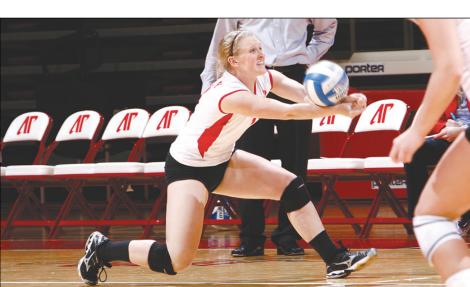
Saturday, Oct. 24, was similar for APSU against SEMO, as they posted 52 kills and a .288 attack percentage in the sweep of the Redhawks.

Senior Stephanie Champine led the team, keeping the SEMO defense busy with her 22 kills and

.419 attack percentage. Distler added another accolade to her shelf when she became only the ninth Lady Gov to record 1,000 kills, but the sixth APSU player to be a part of the double grand club with 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs.

According to APSU Sports Information, coach Mike Johnson was proud of the efforts Distler is achieving.

"She's here when the program wasn't really great her freshman year, and it's developed to being okay now. She's had a huge part of that. It's a tremendous accomplishment," Johnson said. ◆



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Senior Marisa Jordan kneels deep for the dig against the Eastern Illinois Panthers.

## Lady Govs drop final home games

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The Lady Govs soccer team hosted the final two home games of the season at Morgan Brothers Soccer field this past weekend. Friday, Oct. 23, the Lady Govs were in action against conference rival Murray State, while Sunday, Oct. 25, the women took on the University of Tennessee at Martin.

In the chill of mid-October, the Lady Govs faced off against the Racers of Murray State. The game appeared promising, with the Lady Govs having multiple chances to score. However, Murray State defender Veronika Pribyslavska scored the only goal with only eight minutes remaining in the game. Nicole Evans picked up the assist. APSU committed 13

fouls, while Murray State committed eight. Murray State led the game in shots (13-3) and corner kicks (4-1). Murray State goal keeper Tara İsbell had three saves and picked up the clean sheet, while Lady Govs' goal keeper Carly Newman also had three saves in the

The Lady Govs hosted the final home game Sunday, Oct. 25, against the visiting Skyhawks of Tennessee Martin. Tennessee Martin came into the game second in the OVC standings. Martin drew first blood with the goal of Melissa Govea in the ninth minute of the game. When Govea stole the attempted clearance of APSU inside the box and sunk the shot. UT Martin never looked back from that point with eight shots, and a corner kick in the first

half. The Lady Govs had 5 shots, and goal keeper Carly Newman gained three saves, while allowing a goal. The Lady Govs changed goal keepers at the half, sending Mackenzie Ladd in for Newman. UT Martin turned on the heat in the second half with 12 shots, four corners and a penalty kick. Stephanie Silica hit the net with her penalty kick in the 71st minute, and Danielle Rogers headed in a shot off the assist from Sophie Cox in the 73rd minute. The Lady Govs added three more shots with no luck, and Mackenzie Ladd picked up five saves in the game.  $\bar{\text{UT}}$  Martin had 10 fouls in the game, to APSU's six. The Lady Govs close out the regular season Friday, Oct. 30, as they travel to Jacksonville, to take on Jacksonville State University at 7 p.m. ◆

