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Just keep dancing sweetheart, and I'll see you again someday.”

— Kristen Sykes, freshman radio/broadcast major

Loved ones celebrate life of APSU student



PATRICK ARMSTRONG | EDITOR IN CHIEF

A memorial for Brittany Terry is displayed at the site of her car crash on Jarman Hollow Road. The celebration of her life service will be held 3:30 p.m., Wednesday March 31, at Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral home. To pay tribute to Terry, comment on the story at www.theallstate.org.

By PATRICK ARMSTRONG
Editor in Chief

“And when the night is cloudy/There is still a light that shines on me/Shine on until tomorrow, let it be/I wake up to the sound of music./Mother Mary comes to me/speaking words of wisdom, let it be.”

“Let It Be” is one of The Beatles’ most popular songs and for one APSU student, this song will be played at her celebration of life service at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, at Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home.

On Thursday, March 25, freshman chemistry major Brittney Terry was driving down Jarman Hollow Road in the after noon with her friend Jennifer Story when her mom’s Saturn slid off the road and hit a tree.

According to her mother, Michelle Terry, the

preliminary report on the wreck suggests the cause was due to the road conditions of the rain and speeding.

Brittney Terry was taken to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where she later died on Friday, March 26, about 3:25 a.m., according to Vanderbilt officials. Story was taken to Gateway Medical Center with minor injuries.

Brittney Terry and Story were actually leaving to go prom dress shopping for the Montgomery County High School prom on Saturday, April 24. Chris Goodrich, 17-year-old senior at MCHS and pallbearer, asked Terry to be his date for his senior prom.

At Terry’s senior prom last year, she was stood up by her date. “She was always the happiest person so she really didn’t care that her date ditched her,” Goodrich said.

Goodrich and Terry met up at last year at prom with other friends and hung out together.

“I told her she needed a prom that she would like to remember and I offered to take her to prom with me [this year].”

Phillip Shingler, freshman biology major, said he had known Terry since middle school band.

“It was hard to comprehend it because I just saw her the day before [the wreck]. She was always helpful and friendly. She would go out of her way to help others no matter what it was,” Shingler said.

Brittney Terry was a member of the APSU color guard and began twirling in high school.

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RED BARN TO BE HONORS BUILDING



ANTHONY SHINGLER | ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The building often known as the Red Barn will soon be the home of the Honor’s program of APSU. The building will reopen in the fall for students enrolled in the Honor’s program. The exterior will not see any remodeling, but the interior of the building will undergo changes, including a seminar style classroom, a traditional style classroom, a lounge space for students to relax and socialize, a computer space, a space for students to practice presentations, a space for meetings and lectures and an office space for directors of the Honors and PELP program. A reception has been planned for Thursday, April 14 at 3 p.m. to showcase the new space. For more information contact Linda Barnes at 221-7119 or by e-mail at barnesla@apsu.edu.

Speaker tells story of loss, love

By JONATHAN JEANS
Copy Editor

This past week, Dana Canedy, senior editor from the New York Times and Pulitzer Prize winner, was here to talk with students about her very successful book, “A Journal for Jordan.”

Students gathered in Clement Auditorium to hear the successful journalist speak about many of her accomplishments, including her book and her many experiences trying to

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— Dana Canedy, senior editor from the New York Times

become a journalist in a very competitive America.

She was invited here to be the keynote speaker for the “Salute to the Military” event hosted by the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center.

The WNDAACC saw this as a great opportunity to show support to the many

troops that have gone off to help ensure the safety of Americans from foreign and terrorist forces.

In her visit, she saw this as a great opportunity to promote her emotion filled book that has impacted readers all across the world.

Her book is a representation of what military families go through while having a family member off in a foreign country fighting for America.

Canedy’s book is centered around a father, her fiancé, who wrote a journal to his unborn son, Jordan.

1st Sgt. Charles Monroe King compiled everything he could think of, in a little over 200 pages of journal entries, to ensure his son grows up to be the man he wants him to become.

Within the journal are many different entries centered around the things that 1st Sgt. King thought were the most important in life that would help in rearing up Jordan to become a man who loves his country and primarily a man who would treat women with the upmost respect.

1st Sgt. King wanted to make sure he finished the journal and placed as much information and knowledge he possessed that he wanted to make sure his



LOIS JONES | SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dana Canedy signs books after her speech about military family life, the loss of her husband and the growth of their son.

son inherited, just in case he passed away in the war. 1st Sgt. King was killed by a roadside bomb just one month before returning home.

Canedy, during her speech, also discussed how this is not just a book compiled of King’s journal entries but also a book full of details about how she came to know the man whom she has fallen head over heels for.

She told about the ups and downs of their relationship and how it was not “perfect.”

Canedy of course talked about her son Jordan who, being so young, has not fully comprehended yet how popular the story of his birth and his father really are.

“He will tell people

all the time to check out ajournalforjordan.com,” Canedy said.

She concluded her speech by talking about her life as a journalist for one of the most important print media venues in the world.

She was able to give students what she considered very valuable advice about becoming successful in their specific field of study and to be a force to be reckoned with against any competition.

“Master the basics, out of all the knowledge that you gain, just make sure you master the basics,” Canedy said.

You can buy a copy of Dana Canedy’s “A Journal for Jordan” on the campus at the Ann Ross Bookstore. ♦

McMillan and Rabidoux prepare for election in August

By BRIAN BIGELOW
Guest Writer

APSU professor Greg Rabidoux and Kim McMillan are campaigning to represent Tennessee voters in political office.

McMillan, executive director of community and business relations, is running against Mike McWherter for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Tennessee.

Rabidoux, assistant professor of political science, is currently running unopposed for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Congress, to represent District 7 of Tennessee. His opponent for the seat is Republican incumbent Marsha Blackburn.

The Democratic primaries for both races are in August.

McMillan spent 12 years in the Tennessee House of Representatives, four years as House Majority Leader and

in 2006, accepted a two year appointment to a Cabinet position in Governor Phil Bredesen’s administration.

“I am the candidate with the right kind of experience,” said McMillan, adding that she is the only candidate in the race with experience in the legislative and executive branches of Tennessee government.

McMillan listed education, health care and accountability in government among her top priorities and said the first thing that she would address, if elected, is unemployment.

“It’s the worst it’s been in 25 years,” McMillan said. Unemployment must be combated, she added, by

“creating jobs retaining jobs and growing jobs” in Tennessee, and one of the keys to decreasing unemployment is “workforce development” through improved education.

“I understand what Tennessee families go through to make ends meet and send their kids through college, and I want to address the issues that are important to them,” McMillan said, citing her life experience, growing up in Tennessee as the adopted child of two teachers.

McMillan earned her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from UT College of Law.

As executive director of community and business relations, McMillan worked to create partnerships with APSU and the public and private sector.

McMillan played a key role in attracting Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation

(HSC) to Clarksville. McMillan worked with state government and APSU to ensure the necessary funding, facilities and degree program would be available to educate local students for employment at HSC.

For the last year and a half, McMillan has been campaigning all over Tennessee, going to events in every county, sometimes visiting as many as 12 counties in as little as three days.

McMillan has taken a leave of absence from APSU to focus on campaigning full time.



Rabidoux

One of the main messages Rabidoux hopes to get across to voters is “voters do have a positive

alternative to the incumbent,” and he would be a “much more aggressive advocate for all of the people in District 7 and not just a few narrow special interests.”

Rabidoux said he decided to run for Congress after being approached by friends, neighbors, colleagues and even students who suggested and encouraged the idea. He and others around him felt “the person in office wasn’t representing us or the things we care about.”

His experience as both a longtime student and teacher of public policy and law, Rabidoux said, will help him analyze important issues and develop well-informed stances, rather than blindly voting along party lines.

“I’m not what people would call an ideologue,” Rabidoux said, adding his main consideration is how to help the people of his district. Other topics Rabidoux

stresses are, job creation in District 7, taking advantage of “green” economic opportunities, improving education and opportunities for students in Tennessee, issues affect veterans and women’s issues.

“We’re people powered, not money powered,” Rabidoux said.

“My campaign is a grassroots campaign. I depend a lot on people in the community to support me,” adding at the end of this quarter, he will have raised roughly \$40,000 for his campaign, which goes to operating expenses such as mailings, campaign literature, transportation and “some staff services.”

Rabidoux recently completed a “15 counties in 15 days” listening tour, where he met with people from each of the 15 counties

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center of her life,” Michelle Terry said. Every time her mother called, Brittney Terry was either practicing or hanging out with friends in the UC.

Josh Lundrigan, freshman accounting major at UT Martin, met Terry at band camp in July.

“She was the one of the people who inspired me to join the guard world. Now every time I spin, I will always think of her. The way the flag flows though the wind, it’s her blowing her sweet spirit on the guard world,” he said.

Michelle Terry said her daughter did not want to march clarinet in high school as she had previously. Brittney Terry had taken dance before, so her mother convinced her to try out for color guard. “She was hooked ever since,”

Michelle Terry is also an APSU student but is majoring in biology. “She didn’t want me to start the same time as she did, so I respected her wishes.” Michelle Terry returned to school this spring.

“She wanted to be a chemistry teacher. We always joked about teaching at the same school and aggravating kids together,” she said.

“We still had that love-hate relationship between mother and daughter. She was starting to pull her life together. Most of the time she had a smile on her face. Her smile was so beautiful.”

Rebecca Riels, APSU freshman, said she met Terry in kindergarten where Terry taught Riels how to tie her

shoes.

“We used to play ‘Powerpuff Girls’ in her backyard. I would never let her be Bubbles. I had to be Bubbles,” Riels said.

Terry impacted the lives of many of her friends and family. “It is more than an honor to be asked to be a pallbearer. I will never forget the wonderful memories of [Little Shop of Horrors] freshman year and amazing smile Brittany always carried,” said RJ Taylor, sophomore political science major.

Not only did Brittney Terry impact her friend’s lives, she also helped the

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— Rebecca Riels, freshman

lives of others. “Right now Brittney lives in three different states: Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina,” said Elizabeth Goodrich, teacher at MCHS.

She explained that Terry was an organ donor and all of her organs were used except for her right lung, which was damaged, and eyes, per request of the family; her bone marrow was banked.

“As of [Sunday, March 28], seven people had a longer life because of Brittney. That is exactly what she would have wanted,” Goodrich said. One

of the organ recipients was a five-year-old girl. “I hope they dance,” said Margaret Terry, grandmother to Terry.

Riels’ comment about one of Brittney Terry’s memorable quotes was, “She was a dancer and always said ‘Life is about not waiting for the rain to stop.’”

Brittney Terry was born December 10, 1990, and was the only child of Brian Thur, of Nashville, and Michelle Terry, of Palmyra, Tenn. She was the only grandchild to her maternal grandparents, Lonnie E. and Margaret Terry, of Palmyra and her paternal grandparents are Jake and Shirley Hunn, of Hobart, Okla.

Pallbearers are Chris Hayes, Chris Goodrich, Ted Gilcrest, Jim Treier, Scott Davis and R.J. Taylor. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society towards breast cancer at 2000 Charlotte Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37203-2003.

Arrangements are entrusted to Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home 1510 Madison St., Clarksville, Tenn. 37040. A celebration of life service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until time of service. Burial will be in Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery.

Riels mentioned a game they made up where they would ask a question and try to answer it with a Beatles song.

“She was a die-hard Beatles fan. I asked myself ‘Why?’ [after her death].” She answered with tears in her eyes, “And once again, God pulls through and say’s ‘Let It Be.’” ♦

Editor’s Note: Some of the people quoted in the story are friends of the author.

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in District 7 to hear their opinions and concerns.

Rabidoux is still teaching

at APSU, but states after this semester, he may switch from “a full-time, tenured position” to an “adjunct” position to devote more time to his campaign.

When speaking about

the recently passed national health care legislation, Rabidoux said, “I am ... pleased that 62,000 Tennesseans in District 7 will be insured, now, that were uninsured previously.” ♦

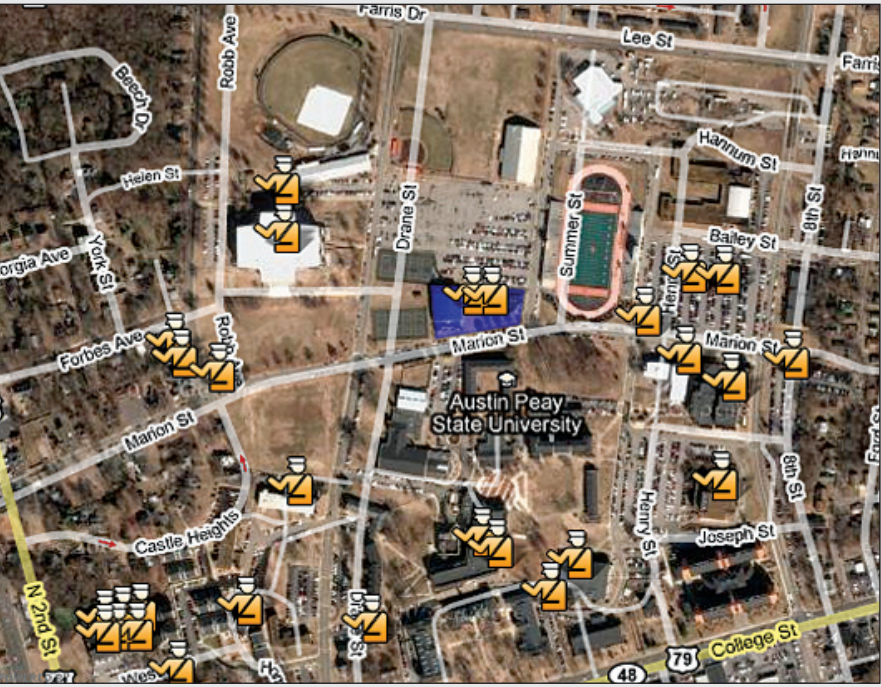
CAMPUS CRIME LOG

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.

- 5:00 p.m., March 24, Parham parking lot, theft of property
- 12:44 a.m., March 23, Marion Street, driving on suspended license, arrested: Brandon La. Coggins, 2924 Pace Rd. Clarksville, Tenn. 37040
- 5:13 a.m., March 20, Marion Street, evading arrest
- 12:21 a.m., March 18, MUC, public intoxication, arrested: Aubrey T. Clark, 28 Old Highway 431 S. Springfield, Tenn. 37172
- 9:59 p.m., March 17, Meacham, theft of property
- 4:53 p.m., March 15, Foy parking lot, theft of property
- 3:49 p.m., March 15, Meacham parking lot, theft of property
- 10:42 a.m., March 14, Drane and Marion, driving on suspended license, arrested: Eric A. Detelj, 971 Kennedy Rd. Clarksville, Tenn. 37040
- 1:46 a.m., March 13, Drane and Softball field, driving on suspended

license, arrested: Jerry O. Medley, 2638 Greenbriar Dr. Clarksville, Tenn. 37040

- 2:23 a.m., March 7, Eighth and College, driving on revoked license, arrested: Justin P. Lyle, 111 1/2 Riverview Dr. Clarksville, Tenn. 37040
- 8:52 p.m., March 5, Hand Village, alcohol violation by minor
- 1:23 p.m., March 5, Clement, theft of property
- 3:12 a.m., March 5, Robb and Patrick, public intoxication, arrested: Robin M. Meek, 741 Calvert Dr. Clarksville, Tenn. 37042
- 4:59 a.m., March 4, Cross Hall, harassment
- 12:52 p.m., March 3, Rawlings lot, vandalism
- 8:56 a.m., March 2, Robb and Farris, driving on revoked license, arrested: Jazman De Coffee, 212 Creek Side Dr, Clarksville, Tenn. 37042
- 1:11 p.m., March 1, Foy parking lot, theft of property
- 4:26 a.m., March 1, Farris and Drane, driving on suspended license, arrested: Derrick W. LaCour, 3211 Greenspoint Dr, Clarksville, Tenn, 37042



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- Census data affects college tuition grant and loan programs.
- Businesses use the data to determine the location of new restaurants, retail stores, and other facilities such as factories that provide increased employment opportunities.
- Scientific research depends on the data. Faculty and students use census information for reports, statistical profiles and other research projects.
- Census information helps establish fair-market rents and enforce fair lending practices.

How to participate.

Students living in a residence hall at APSU will have their census forms delivered by housing staff on April 6 and must be completed by April 9.

Students living off-campus for the academic year but not at their permanent home address should complete only one form for the residence, counting all occupants at that address.

Students who commute to campus and reside full-time with parents, a spouse or guardians should be counted on that household form.

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Americans struggle to regain control over youths’ overweight and obesity issues

John Perez
Perspectives Editor

The issue of childhood obesity has developed into an overwhelming epidemic, which increasingly continues to plague our country. This should come as no surprise to Americans, considering the unhealthy eating habits and lack of physical activity which defines today’s generation. As the demand for instant gratification in our everyday lives intensifies, the quality of life itself diminishes greatly. While numerous mediums such as television, video games, the Internet and cell phones make communicating and the flow of information a seamless necessity, they also play a key role in the concern for overweight and obese youths in our society.

Culture has an immense effect on children and, unfortunately for them, today’s culture is making a negative impact, which we are only now beginning to address. During the past few decades, children have become more likely to spend their time indoors playing sports video games and watching television than actually performing physical activities outdoors as most of

us did during our childhood. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.org), “Childhood obesity has more than tripled in the past 30 years. . . Obese children and adolescents are more likely to become obese as adults. For example, one study found that approximately 80 percent of children who were overweight at ages 10-15 years were obese adults at age 25.” Sadly, this trend could suggest for the first time in our history, American children may face a shorter expected lifespan than their parents.

Although it is ultimately the parents’ responsibility to encourage, implement, and enforce healthy living habits for their children, it is also the duty of the U. S. and its leadership to undertake an initiative to overcome such an alarming matter. A major aspect of this topic, which has been ignored until now, is the lack of nutritional value in the food schools serve children. If a hot dog with a side of fries is a nutritious meal, then there should be great concern regarding anything else being served on their lunch plate. Recently, there was an article on www.abcnnews.com which highlighted Mrs. Q,

an educator who, discontent with what her students were being fed, decided to start an experiment where she would eat school lunch every day for an entire year in order to raise awareness. She has also created a blog (fedupwithschoolunch.blogspot.com) where descriptions and pictures of each meal can be seen by anyone who is interested in her project. In her interview with abcnews.com, Mrs. Q describes her inspiration by stating, “There were times I was forced to have a school lunch because I forgot my lunch. And I just remember thinking this is terrible, I can’t believe this.”

It is unfortunate that with such a focus on education and the need to produce competent leaders, our educational system overlook such an essential aspect of childhood learning. With more than 31 million children participating in the National School Lunch Program and more than 11 million participating in the National School Breakfast Program, it is clear that the time to act against childhood obesity is now. Fortunately, First Lady Michelle Obama has undertaken the task of improving American children’s current health and

fitness level by introducing the “Let’s Move” initiative. According to the project’s website (www.letsmove.gov), its mission is to “give parents the support they need, provide healthier food in schools, help our kids to be more physically active, and make healthy, affordable food available in every part of our country.”

Although it remains to be seen whether this campaign will actually have an effect on the future health and fitness of our youth, I applaud the First Lady and her collaborators on their ability and willingness to attack the issue head on. The crisis our nation faces today is our own doing and as such it is up to us to employ an active role toward a solution. Let’s motivate children to participate in physical activities outdoors, promote healthy eating habits and most importantly, set the example by adopting these lifestyle changes ourselves. Americans’ struggle against obesity has supersized over the last three decades, but we still have the power to make a difference. Let’s begin to work for a healthier generation of children and let’s move towards the common goal of living longer, more active lives. ♦

New York Times senior editor talks to APSU students, faculty

Jonathan Jeans
Copy Editor

This past week at APSU Dana Canedy senior editor at the New York Times and Pulitzer Prize Winner, was here to talk with students about her very successful book, “A Journal for Jordan.”

Other Student Publications staff members and I were granted the wonderful opportunity to sit down and have dinner with this very successful journalist the night before she addressed the student body.

Her story was one full of excitement, love, patriotism, laughter, great advice and tears. While sitting at dinner I was thinking to myself everyone needs to hear this story so they can receive it in the same manner we did at dinner.

I just knew Clement Auditorium would be packed out to hear this momentous story. I arrived rather late thinking I may not find a seat up close.

I must say when I arrived at the speech, I was somewhat disappointed. Where were my fellow students? Why is this place not packed? This may be a once in a lifetime chance to hear a very successful journalist speak in person.

Canedy did not only speak about her book, but she also spoke about her experiences as a journalist for the New York Times. Also she gave much needed advice about progressing in your field of study, and how you can stand out amongst your colleagues by simply “mastering the basics.”

You would at least think this place would be packed with communications students, seeing that Canedy works for one of the most important print and online media venues in the world.

The event was also entitled a “Salute to the Military” and yet the place still was not packed to capacity in support of the many men and women that work consistently hard to

ensure the U. S. will always be safe and remain the highest power in the land.

This event was hosted by the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center, and yet, the majority of students in the audience were not African American. Students, where art thou?

We have all been taught to take advantage of a good opportunity, but here was one that only a small number of students took advantage of. Little did you know this lady is in charge of hiring interns for the New York Times, so here was a good opportunity for you communications students to sell yourself and possibly get a great offer.

To all students, this was a great opportunity to support the armed forces and listen to the inspiring story of a man who was very heroic and courageous in serving his country even when death seemed imminent.

To all students who are African American, this was an opportunity to support a successful African American journalist and the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center. They worked very hard in trying to get Canedy here to share her story.

I for one, try to take advantage of every opportunity to enhance my knowledge as a student and as a future professional in corporate America.

I encourage everyone to be supportive of the hard work that APSU’s faculty, staff, departments and students do in trying to ensure we get as much as we can out of being a student here. Take advantage of every opportunity that opens up on campus that would benefit you in a positive way.

Canedy was very inspirational and I know if she was very inspiring and touching to myself and the audience in Clement, then she could have done the same for you who missed out on hearing her story. ♦

Our take: *The All State* talks about academic advising

As the window for Summer and Fall 2010 advisement approaches, editorial members at *The All State* discussed their opinions on the advisement processes here at APSU.

For some students, including part of the editorial board at *TAS*, advising is a very independent process; students research their own degree requirements and the available classes and create their own schedule, and a visit, call or e-mail to their adviser is only necessary to obtain their run number.

For other students, the process is not so simple. Many majors are complicated and require planning to complete in a timely fashion, so reliance on an adviser’s help is important.

While some advisers are extremely prepared and professional for advisement week and know their department’s offered classes very well, many editorial board members felt like advisers in general cannot devote enough time to adequately prepare their advisees for the coming

semesters, and that advisers sometimes either do not fully inform and sometimes misinform students.

A number of editorial board members suggested the best way to improve advisement would be for the university to hire a dedicated staff to provide this service to students during advisement week as well as throughout the semester.

While advising is a service provided by professors in a student’s department, *TAS* feels students should not rely solely on their advisers to

create their four-year plan and help plan their schedules.

Instead, students should draft a four-year plan of their own and attempt to create a potential schedule before advisement week so advisers have a starting point during each appointment. Students should also double check to make sure they will fulfill all graduation requirements well in advance.

For information about advisement week, visit www.apsu.edu/Registrar/, e-mail registrar@apsu.edu or call 221-7150. ♦

De oxygenation major concern for world’s oceans



Deborah Wilkinson
Staff Writer

Earth, our lovely planet, is made up of about 70 percent water. According to HowStuffWorks, 98 percent of it is ocean, undrinkable water, and only 2 percent is fresh. However, 1.6 percent of it is locked in glaciers, so 0.3 percent of all the water in the world is drinkable.

But that doesn’t mean we have a whole lot of unusable water. Things live in those oceans, things we like to eat and watch.

Many people make their living by catching fish for others to eat. Every time you order a McFillet, it has breathed, been caught, been cooked and prepared all before it is in your to-go bag.

The Food and Agriculture Organization explains there is such a high demand for fish that nearly half the fish consumed as food worldwide are raised on

fish farms rather than caught in the wild. Could this be due to the high consumption or could there be some other reason fish are needing to be forcefully reproduced and held in containers, rather than in rivers and oceans?

There are a lot of reasons including pollution and high traffic areas. Another reason is fish are having a hard time living in de oxygenated oceans.

This is a term for the areas of the ocean (usually the deeper parts) having less and less oxygen, the precious oxygen fish need to live.

It is not to say fish “breathe” oxygen the way we do, but the plants absorb it and of course fish eat the plants and the fish that eat the plants get eaten. This is a regular part of the ocean flux. Due to the fact there is less oxygen in warm water and there is more warm water, many “dead areas” are being created.

Areas that have no oxygen at the bottom and little towards the surface cause the fish to flee and have been known as “dead areas.” As these areas get

larger, the areas that are breathable get smaller, this ocean suffocation is affecting people and animals every where.

There is one such “dead zone” in the gulf of Mexico, near the Coast of Louisiana. The bottom dwelling creatures have died off and there is little life in the lower waters. The fish don’t swim in that area, therefore catching them is nearly impossible.

Prices of fish rose, along with the concern from people in this area. This is just one spot but there are many “dead zones.” Off the coast of Cape Perpetua, Ore., there is another “dead zone.”

Based on the “Global Warming” theory, the world may keep warming at a slow rate and, it seems if this does happen, then the ocean will keep de-oxygenating at a slow rate. If this is true, then what else can we expect?

The ice caps are melting, the ocean is suffocating, the air is filled with smog, and there are weird storms occurring. It won’t be very long before the waist piles explode and the volcanoes cover us all. ♦

Health care reform sparks heated debate



Megan Ryan
Staff Writer

This past week, the country realized that change was on the threshold. Whenever a big change is among the country, it seems the citizens become almost frighteningly paranoid.

Two Sundays ago the health care reform bill was passed, and almost immediately, the American people and the numerous bloggers stood up and had something to say. One particular blogger, Mike Vanderboegh, stood out more so than others, because he endorsed throwing bricks through the offices of democrat’s office buildings.

This is taking things one step too far. Of course, reforming health care means changes for some, but many will see absolutely no changes to their plans. Besides, this is not the way Americans should respond to change.

Going around blaming individuals for something is

not the way a mature adult should conduct themselves. Yet this week, we have seen many Republicans and Democrats putting on the blame game. How will this ever convince Americans that they should stand behind this reform?

The views and the details of the bill are changing almost every day. It is a lot to keep up with. With that being said, before someone can have an opinion about the bill, they should at least read the summary of the proposed bill. Just go to www.house.gov and health care will be on the entry page.

With any opinion you post

on Facebook, someone will take that as truth and this will cause a very uneducated community.

I think this past week America has found themselves in sort of a mess, but if we can pick through all the rubble quickly, there will be a change for the better in.

Americans will no longer be denied health care because they are already sick. This bill is ensuring the basic right to life.

If the important issues can remain on the table, perhaps Congress will stop acting like kindergartners and we can see actual, good change in this country. ♦

CORRECTION

In last week’s ‘Your Take,’ Meghan Anderson was misquoted in her response to the question “How do you feel about the health care reform?” The correct response follows here. *The All State* regrets the error.



“I think that it’s one of the worst things that has ever happened to our country because it’s one step closer to socialism when capitalism has worked for our country for two hundred and something years.”

— **Meghan Anderson**,
sophomore computer science major

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Greek Week supports Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital



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Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega race in the Greek Chariot Races which took place on Wednesday, March 24.

By LORI PERKINS
Guest Writer

“Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive and Dodge,” was the slogan used as six fraternities and three sororities ended Greek Week on Friday, March 26, to compete in the [traditional] Dance Marathon inside the Red Barn.

Prior to the changes, students were locked inside a room for 12 hours, and danced in order to raise money. This year, a dodgeball tournament replaced the Dance Marathon to make the event more exciting for students.

“We found students weren’t receptive...they wanted something more social to raise money,” Alexandria Howard, assistant director of Student Life and Leadership said.

Greek Week is an event held annually for college fraternities and sororities to participate in community service.

This year, a toy drive was held for the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt. Each organization was given Greek points for the amount of toys that were given and each item had a

point value.

Toys, shampoo, conditioner, crayons, books, activity cards and snack foods were some of the items given as donations. Chi Omega won first place in the toy drive.

“We did it for children. We are lucky to have the opportunity to go to college. We feel blessed to share what we could,” Chi Omega Kelsen

Cox, junior elementary education said.

The Beagles, a local five — member band, played special requests and renditions of the Beatles’ songs and Van Morrison’s, “Brown-Eyed Girl.”

“We play a mixture of music. We play sing-a-long songs. Our joy come from watching people

interact with the band,” Cindy McElroy, Student Affairs secretary said.

Once the band stopped playing, the music was changed to “more popular” music by Andrew Wilson, entertainment chair. “There [were] different mixes, rock, rap, dodgeball music.”

Pizza, subs, chips, cake and cookies were served as students socialized, danced and enjoyed spending an evening amongst their competitors.

“It’s amazing, I love my sisters. We did good work for a really good cause,” Veronica Vasquez, sophomore marketing major.

Before the dodgeball tournament began, students enjoyed playing board games such as Operation, Uno Deluxe and Corn Hole.

The organizations that collected the most points during Greek week were; Sigma Chi, who won first place, Alpha Delta Pi, won second, and Chi Omega won third.

“Our goal is to get the Greeks out ... be united and have fun as well,” said Caleb Roberts, senior corporate communications major.

“This has been one of the best drives.” ♦



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Fraternity/Sorority Affairs coordinator Brianna Lombardozi collects toys from Greeks for the toy drive at The Dance Marathon on Friday, March 26.

Martone blurs the line between fiction nonfiction literature

APSU Office of Public Relations and Marketing

The writer Michael Martone enjoys straddling the line between fiction and non-fiction, causing readers of his short stories and essays to often wonder, “What is true, and what is false?”

The answer, Martone argues, isn’t readily available in life.

What you may think is real turns out to be nothing but fiction and vice versa.

“The thing that’s so frustrating about Michael Martone is that his wonderful mercurial tendencies don’t let those of us in nonfiction completely call him our own,” John D’Agata, author of the book “Halls of Fame,” said recently.

At 8 p.m. on March 31, Martone will read from his entertaining mix of fiction and essays in APSU’s Morgan University Center, Room 303. A reception and book signing will follow.

Martone, a creative writing professor at the University of Alabama, has found much success with his unique

writing style.

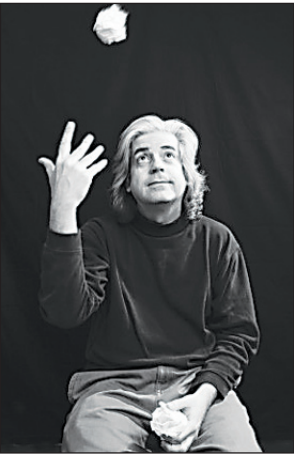
He recently published the short story “The Death of Derek Jeter” in Esquire Magazine, and he is the author of several books, including “Racing in Place” and “The Flatness and Other Landscapes.” The spring 2010 issue of APSU’s Zone 3 Literary Journal will feature a story by Martone, as well as a flash interview.

The March 31 reading, which is free and open to the public, will give area residents the opportunity to hear examples of the groundbreaking experimentation currently taking place in the field of creative writing.

“Martone’s essays are dazzling high wire acts in the ‘theater of betweenness’—enacting and exploring elusive states of being and becoming,” Lia Purpura, author of “On Looking,” said.

“Watch Martone cast his father as a green, velour, female millipede mascot! See Coach Bob Knight perform as a dazzleflauge trickster!”

“Observe the word



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Michael Martone comes to APSU.

‘gawk’ turned into an epistemological adventure up an elevator shaft and beyond! Postcards, racing, eye charts, the Midwest and much more are read as ciphers, mysteries, forms to turn this way and that in the light of both reason and play.”

For more information on Martone or the reading, contact Susan Wallace with the APSU Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts at 931-221-7031 or wallaccess@apsu.edu. ♦

The Wildlife Society serves up a large variety of wild game

Staff Report

The Wildlife Society offered diners an ultimate feast of wild game on Saturday, March 27 in the Morgan University Center. The food featured a variety of foods such as venison chili, frog legs, and turkey soup. The dishes were killed and prepared by members and friends of the Wildlife Society.

Also included with the \$10 ticket was the chance to enter the raffle, which offered prizes such as wildlife prints and outdoor related items such as fishing poles. With about 35 in attendance, president Christ O’Bryan was more than pleased with this year’s turn out. Both APSU students and non-students were

in attendance, and everyone enjoyed the atmosphere, conversation and good food.

O’Bryan and the other members of the Wildlife Society put a lot of time and effort into organizing this year’s event. “A lot of student chapters hold dinners,” says O’Bryan. “It’s a great way to reach out to the public and raise awareness. We always have a lot of fun doing it.”

This was the second annual Wild Game Dinner held by the student chapter of the Wildlife Society, a professional society dedicated to wildlife research and sustainability. It is the largest fundraising event of the year, and the proceeds go to the development of the chapter. Currently, there are about 20 members in the society, which was founded in 2007. ♦



ANTHONY SHINGLER | ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Saturday, March 27, the Wildlife Society held its annual Wild Game Dinner Fundraiser.

‘Livin’ la vida’ ‘open,’ singer, Ricky Martin admits to fans he is gay

Associated Press

Ricky Martin is no longer denying the rumors: He’s gay.

In a statement posted via Twitter in both Spanish and English, and later confirmed with his representative, Martin said: “I am proud to say that I am a fortunate homosexual man. I am very blessed to be who I am.”

For many, Monday’s, March 29, announcement will come as no surprise;

the “Livin’ La Vida Loca” singer’s sexuality has been speculated about for years.

The Puerto Rican star, who got his start as a child in the teen group Menudo, never directly addressed it and was usually seen at events with beautiful women on his arm.

Martin, 38, said he decided to reveal the truth after working on his memoirs helped him realize that he had to be free with himself, and not keep any more secrets.

“From the moment I wrote the first phrase I was sure the book was the tool that was going to help me free myself from things I was carrying within me for a long time.” Things that were too heavy for me to keep inside,” he said. “

Writing this account of my life, I got very close to my truth. And this is something worth celebrating.”

Martin said one of the reasons why he kept his homosexuality hidden was

because he was told by some that it would hurt his career.

While his U.S. career peaked after the release of his 1999 self-titled English album, a multiplatinum success that included the hits “Livin’ La Vida Loca” and “Shake Your Bon-Bon,” he is still a hugely successful Latin artist.

“Because all this advice came from people who I love dearly, I decided to move on with my life not sharing with the world my

entire truth,” he said in his statement.

“Allowing myself to be seduced by fear and insecurity became a self-fulfilling prophecy of sabotage. Today I take full responsibility for my decisions and my actions.”

Martin, who is the father of two boys born via surrogate in 2008, said he couldn’t continue to hide his sexuality now that he is a father: “Enough is enough. This has to change.” ♦



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Singer, Ricky Martin, admits to being gay.

‘Dragon’ becomes box office hit during opening weekend

Associated Press

“How to Train Your Dragon” breathed a bit of box-office fire with a \$43.3 million opening weekend and a No. 1 debut, according to studio estimates Sunday, March 28.

Distributed by Paramount, the DreamWorks Animation adventure came in well behind the studio’s last cartoon comedy, “Monsters vs. Aliens,” which opened with \$59.3 million over the same weekend last year.

With strong reviews and enthusiastic responses from viewers in exit polls, DreamWorks expects “How to Train Your Dragon” to have more staying power than “Monsters vs. Aliens” in subsequent weekends, though.

“People just love the film, so we’re really anticipating we’ll benefit from strong word of mouth going forward,” said Anne Globe, head of marketing for DreamWorks.

“How to Train Your Dragon,” featuring the voices of Jay Baruchel and America Ferrera in the tale of a Viking youth who tames a fire-breathing reptile, did outperform some other recent animated movies, among them “Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs,” which opened with \$30.3 million last September.

Disney’s “Alice in Wonderland,” which had been No. 1 the previous three weekends, slipped to second place with \$17.3 million. It raised its domestic total to \$293.1 million and its worldwide haul to \$656 million.

John Cusack’s raunchy comedy “Hot Tub Time Machine” had a lukewarm No. 3 debut

of \$13.7 million. Released by MGM, the movie features Cusack as part of a group of losers hurled back by a time-traveling hot tub to the 1980s, where they have a chance to set their lives right.

“How to Train Your Dragon” pulled in 68 percent of its revenue from 3-D presentation, another triumph for the digital technology that allows theaters to show movies in three dimensions.

Yet it also highlights the limits on how much 3-D traffic theaters are equipped to handle. “How to Train Your Dragon” took over the bulk of 3-D theaters at the expense of Disney’s “Alice in Wonderland,” because the roughly 4,000 screens capable of showing digital 3-D movies is not enough to handle two full wide-release films at the same time.

“There’s no question there are not enough screens yet,” said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney. “People who want to seek out ‘Alice’ in 3-D may have to travel a mile or two more than they used to. ... It’s competition. I’m used to it.”

After a phenomenal 15-week run, James Cameron’s blockbuster “Avatar” lost most of its remaining 3-D theaters to “How to Train Your Dragon.” The 20th Century Fox release finally fell out of the top 10, taking in \$2 million to finish at No. 11, raising its domestic total to \$740.4 million. Worldwide, the movie has taken in \$2.7 billion.

Another new 3-D release, Warner Bros. action tale “Clash of the Titans,” arrives Friday. While the success of 3-D movies has driven

theater chains to speed up their conversion to systems that can project digital 3-D films, a screen shortage will remain for the near future.

“There is a limited amount of shelf space. It’s like a traffic jam at the multiplex for these 3-D movies,” said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com.

“It’s a high-class problem to have, but it’s still a problem.”

Films playing in 3-D have topped the box office for nine of 13 weekends this year, Dergarabedian said.

For the year, revenues are at \$2.6 billion, 8.8 percent ahead of last year.

Results for “Hot Tub Time Machine” came in on the low end of distributor MGM’s expectations.

“It’s not great, but it’s OK,” said Erik Lomis, head of distribution for MGM. “It had a lot of Internet buzz, so we thought it might come in a little bit higher.”

In narrower release, Sony Pictures Classics’ sex thriller “Chloe” opened with \$1 million in 350 theaters, averaging a weak \$2,863 a cinema.

That compared to an average of \$10,678 in 4,055 theaters for “How to Train Your Dragon” and \$4,956 in 2,754 theaters for “Hot Tub Time Machine.”

Directed by Atom Egoyan, “Chloe” stars Julianne Moore, Liam Neeson and Amanda Seyfried in a drama about a woman who hires a prostitute to tempt her husband and find out if he’s cheating on her. ♦



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Dreamworks Animations movie “How to Train Your Dragon” earns No. 1 debut for weekend box open, earning \$43.3 million in its opening weekend. “Dragon” knocks “Alice” to second place after three weeks at No. 1.

Miley Cyrus stars in Nicholas Sparks’ new movie ‘The Last Song’



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In this film publicity image released by Disney, Liam Hemsworth, left, and Miley Cyrus are shown in a scene from “The Last Song.”

Associated Press

“The Last Song” is the second Nicholas Sparks movie to hit theaters in the past two months, a development only moonstruck teen girls and the facial tissue industry will welcome.

Sparks wrote “The Last Song” at the behest of Miley Cyrus, the Disney Channel star who will soon end her run on the “Hannah Montana” TV series and wants to expand her brand into movies.

For “The Last Song,” that means ditching Hannah’s pop star wig in favor of a

nose stud and confining her singing to a scene where her character warbles along to Maroon 5 on the radio.

“Wow. You can really sing,” Cyrus’ character is told.

Those who would agree with that statement will find little wrong with “The Last Song,” though Cyrus herself has admitted she’ll probably be hiring an acting coach after watching the movie.

At present, the 17-year-old Cyrus has an undeniable presence, but her dramatic abilities largely consist of two moves — scrunching up her face and staring wistfully into the distance.

Cyrus is doing a little of

both when we first meet her character Ronnie, a sullen teenager seething at the idea of spending the summer at her father’s beachfront Georgia home. Apparently, Ronnie is some kind of musical genius, but hasn’t touched the piano since her parents’ divorce several years ago.

While dad (Greg Kinnear) busies himself bonding with Ronnie’s adorable little brother (Bobby Coleman), Ronnie fends off the wholesome advances of Will (Liam Hemsworth), the local hunk/mechanic/aquarium volunteer/volleyball stud.

Both men soon melt

Ronnie’s cold, cold heart, and when a bunch of turtle eggs that Ronnie and Will have tended end up hatching and all those baby turtles paddle off into the foamy Atlantic, you think, maybe, just maybe things are going to be OK for these two crazy kids.

But since “The Last Song” is another leg on the never-ending Nicholas Sparks Death Tour, you always sense The Reaper’s bony hand circling over the proceedings, waiting to randomly pick off another victim. Sure enough, it’s not long before someone’s mentioning “medicine” and insisting “I’m fine.”

The movie’s proximity to

“Dear John” makes Sparks’ use of tragedy as a device all the more risible, and director Julie Ann Robinson shamelessly milks the situation to such a degree that she’d probably have the Transformers’ army of Decepticon robots bawling their sensors out.

The barrage of songs do come in handy, spelling out every beat of emotion contained in the story. So when Ronnie drives away at the end and the music rises and a singer tells us that “there is no guarantee that this life is easy,” we know she speaks truth, if only because death never takes a holiday in Sparks Country. ♦



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BASEBALL

Govs gear up for Ohio Valley play



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Left: Govs head back to the dugout in between games of a doubleheader Saturday, March 27. Currently, the Govs hold a 13-10 record as they head into more OVC play. Right: Senior pitcher Ricky Marshall winds up for the pitch on the mound Saturday, March 27. Marshall has a 3-2 record with the Govs.

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

The Govs played their first game this season against Illinois State, February 19. It was the first of 20 non-conference games that included tough opponents like Vanderbilt and Western Kentucky.

The point was to get the team ready for when the season really starts against Ohio Valley Conference opponents.

After finishing ninth in the OVC last season, the Govs were picked to finish eighth in the coaches' preseason poll this season.

The question now is, "Are the Govs ready for the rest of the OVC?"

Head coach Gary McClure is ready for anything.

In his 23rd season as Govs head coach, preseason polls don't have much of an impact on his opinion of the team.

With 660 wins under his belt, McClure is currently ranked second all-time in the OVC on the career wins list. Only former Murray

coach Johnny Reagan has more wins (776). APSU is McClure's alma mater, and in the last 10 years he has coached teams who earned three regular season OVC titles and two OVC tournament titles.

The team McClure plans on earning another title with this season has a lot of experience. Over half the roster are upperclassmen (18-of-33), including 12 seniors.

Three of those seniors help fill out a deep pitching roster.

Pitching

One of the benefits of last season's struggles is a stable of pitchers with experience. Seniors Stephen Huff and Ricky Marshall are solid starters at the top of a bullpen with a lot of talent.

In the first 20 games of the season, Marshall has a 5.28 ERA with a 3-2 record. He has made 21 kills in 29 innings pitched and has thrown over 100 pitches in all five of his starts.

Huff, a left-handed pitcher, has bounced back

from an injury last season to go 2-2 with a 5.46 era. In the 29.2 innings he has pitched he struck out 28, including a career high 11 strike-outs in the game against Northern Illinois.

Senior Zach Gerler has all four of the Govs saves this season. He has pitched 14.2 innings and struck out 16 batters.

Although he has seen limited action, junior Ryne Harper (2-0) is turning heads. In just over 13 innings pitched, he has struck out 14 and has an era of 4.61. On Saturday, March 20, Harper struck out nine Centenary batters while he pitched six shutout innings. This followed a game the week before in Charlotte, N.C. where he allowed only one run in five innings of work.

Freshman Matt Marsh is adding surprising depth in the rotation with the upperclassmen. He is fourth on the team in innings pitched (18), has 19 kills and is 1-2 with a 4.82 ERA.

The Govs overall ERA is 6.35.

The Govs finished the first 20 games 11-9. They dominated at home (10-3) but have only one win on the road (1-6). The Govs lead the OVC in team fielding (.960 percent) and stolen bases (55). They are also ranked third in team pitching.

Their weakness and reason for struggles on the road is offense. The Govs enter the OVC season opener ranked eighth in team batting with a .275 batting average.

Batting

It is clear senior catcher Trey Lucas is not the Gov having trouble swinging the bat. Lucas leads the team in homeruns, batting average, slugging percentage and RBI.

He is ranked ninth nationally in hit doubles (12). He is currently hitting .411 with three homeruns, 21 RBI and a .699 slugging percentage. Lucas started the season with an 11-game hit streak and also leads the team in both multi-hit and multi-RBI games.

After reading past Lucas' name at the top of every Gov hit stat list this season, it can be seen senior outfielder Jared DeLong is putting a lot of balls in play as well.

DeLong is hitting .355 with 14 RBI and one homerun. His slugging percentage is .452. DeLong started the season as a pinch hitter, but quickly hit his way into the two spot on the batting order.

Lead-off batter sophomore infielder Jon Clinard has produced 11 RBI and is hitting .342. But he is extremely dangerous when he gets on base. He has stolen 16 bases in 18 tries and has an on base percentage of .432.

While Lucas, DeLong and Clinard are heating up, swinging in the top of the lineup, the rest of the lineup with the most at bats has been slightly warm at best.

Senior outfielder Adam Browett hit a wall and went just 1-for-15 in a five game span in the five hole. However, he has been warming over the last 10 games, hitting .405 ERA.

Freshman outfielder Cody Hudson is someone to watch as well. Hudson hit five RBI twice so far this season. He has hit 19 total RBI and two homeruns, second most on the team behind Lucas. His slug percentage is .473.

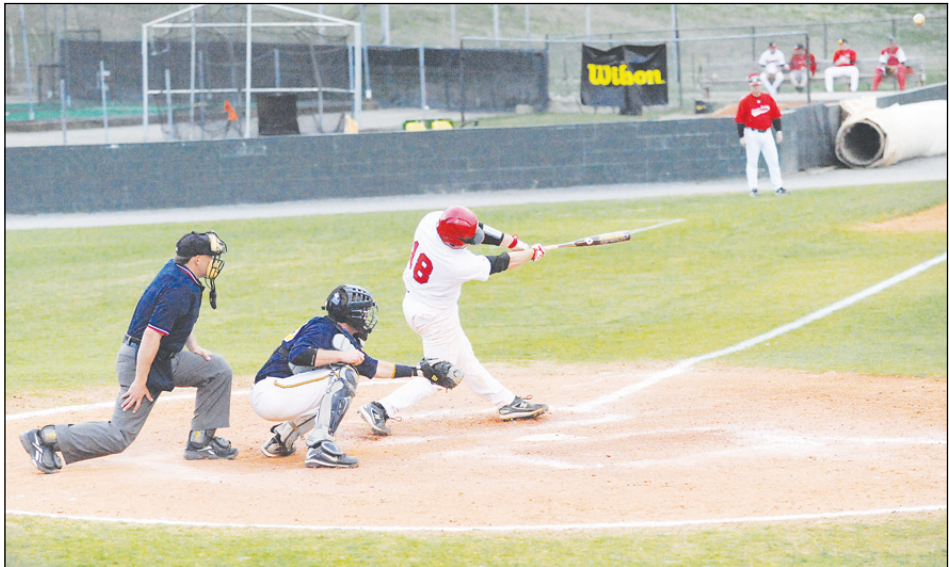
If one or two more hitters pick up their batting average slightly, like senior Matt Kole in the cleanup spot or freshman shortstop Reed Harper at the bottom of the order, the Govs could be an offensive force who would surprise a lot of teams.

Ready or not, the stat line reads 0-0 in the OVC. Any numbers in the win columns will come from the leadership of the seniors in key positions on the team.

The team should still have a bad taste in their mouths from the results of last season and be ready to get rid of that taste with a conference opening win at home against a tough, hated rival, the Murray Thoroughbreds. ♦

Note: All stats, records and standings are as of Friday, March 26.

Bat Govs drop Thoroughbreds in 2-1 series



ANTHONY SHINGLER | ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Trey Lucas hits one of his five RBI in the second game win against MSU Saturday, March 27.

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

Go to any field or court on the campus of APSU and mention the Murray State Thoroughbreds. Like a reflex, any Govs fan within earshot will quickly shout two words: "Muck Furray."

Those two words carried on a strong wind blowing across Raymond C. Hand field Saturday, March 27. The Govs opened conference play with a three-game series against their rivals, the Thoroughbreds.

Bright and warm sunshine shined down on what turned out to be a slugfest for game one. What was a nightmare for the two

starting pitchers was also quality entertainment for fans in the stands as the two teams combined for 25 hits, including five homeruns.

When the bats finally stopped ringing from constant contact and the dust settled from runners rounding bases, the scoreboard indicated the Govs had taken game one, 11-8.

The Govs scored in each of the first six innings of the game. Murray kept pace for the most part, but a big five run inning in the bottom of the fifth proved to be the difference for the Govs. Solid closing pitching and defense ensured the win.

"I think we stayed hungry the whole game," said Govs senior catcher Trey Lucas. "We had some guys step up at the bottom of the line up, get big hits-big two out hits, and I think it really helped us out a lot."

The big hits came from seven different Govs in the game. Junior infielder Shayne Martin led the team. He went 3-for-3 at the plate with two RBIs. Senior outfielder Jared DeLong hit 2-for-3 with four RBIs.

On the other side, senior infielder Wes Cunningham had the Govs playing deep on defense all day. Cunningham went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Both hits were

home runs. His first came in the top of the third inning. The solo shot over the right field fence gave Murray a 4-2 lead.

Down 3-4, the Govs took Murray down three up, three down in the top of the fourth inning. Then they followed up with five runs from five hits to take an 8-4 lead.

The Thoroughbreds rallied for three runs in the fifth inning and Cunningham added his second solo shot in the seventh, but it was not enough to overtake the Govs.

Senior right-handed pitcher Ricky Marshall (4-2) earned the win. He picked up eight earned runs from nine hits, struck out four and walked four. Pitchers freshman Matt Marsh, senior Zach Gerler and junior Dylan Ray combined to shutout Murray the last two innings.

The wind and the hits did not die down in game two. The Govs' already warm bats heated up even more. They plated 10 runs in the first four innings.

Freshman shortstop Reed Harper leapt into the air and grabbed a line drive with some heat headed for the outfield.

It was an example of some impressive defense that kept the Thoroughbreds scoreless for the first four innings of the game.

"The wind was crazy, 20

mile an hour gusts straight out center," DeLong said. "We were playing no doubles defense the entire time. Every fly ball, you had to stay back and hope it stays in the yard."

Although subdued early, the Thoroughbreds raced back into the game when Cunningham blasted a grand slam homer 360 feet over the left field wall. Two more runs in the seventh inning gave the Thoroughbreds eight total in three innings. But it was not enough to catch the Govs, who won the game, 14-8.

Junior pitcher Ryan Harper increased his win total to three for the season. He allowed only two runs from seven hits, walked four and struck out two in just over four innings of work.

Thoroughbred senior pitcher Dan Huff was tagged with the loss. Gov freshman infielder John Hogan earned four RBIs as he went 4-for-4 at the plate. After going hitless in game one, Lucas found his swing and hit 3-for-3 with five RBIs.

"I thought our guys did a really good job," said Govs head coach Gary McClure. "I told the guys after the second game, I thought overall throughout both games we did the best job we have done all year at getting pitches to hit. That is the reason we swung it the way we did."

The sun disappeared Sunday, March 28, and so did some of the Govs' offense thanks to Thoroughbred junior lefty Jake Donze. Donze struck out nine Gov batters and allowed only five runs from eight hits during his eight innings on the mound.

Meanwhile, four runs in the fourth inning were enough to get Govs senior pitcher Stephen Huff tagged for the loss, 6-9.

Senior outfielder Adam Browett was one of only two Govs to get multiple hits in the game. Browett went 2-for-4 with one RBI.

The Govs were down 3-9 in the bottom of the ninth with two men on base when Donze was replaced by senior pitcher Matt McGaha. The Govs took advantage of the change, but were only able to plate three runs in the late rally.

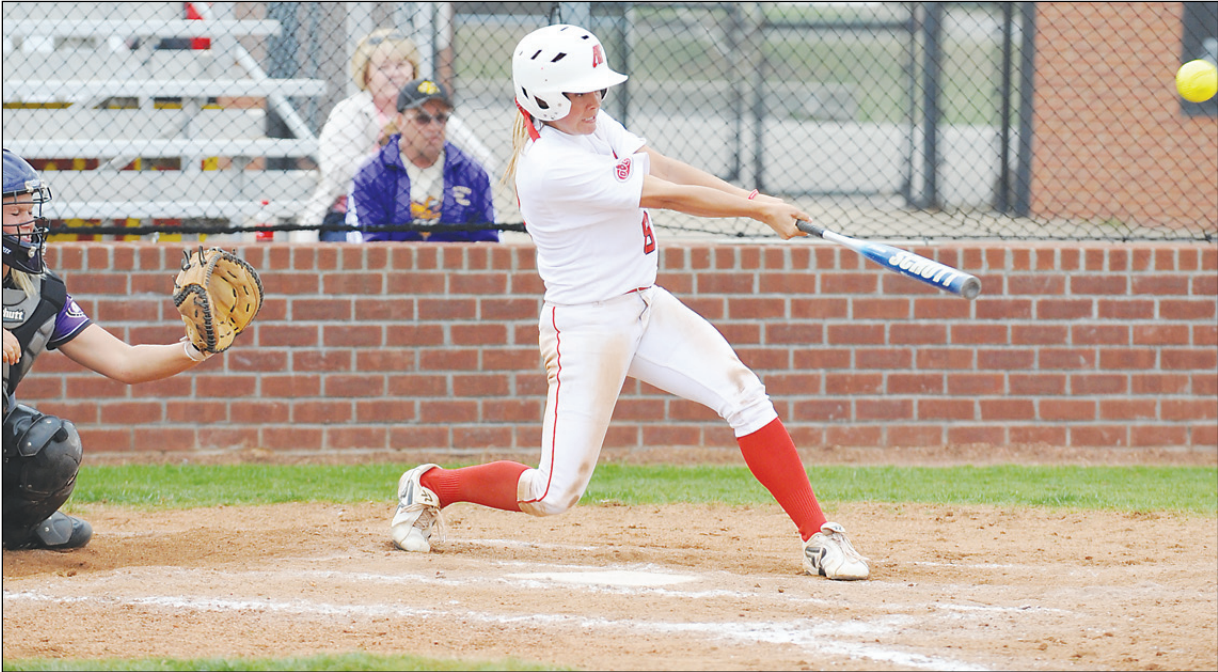
Despite being unable to sweep Murray, Lucas remained positive looking ahead.

"I think these two wins are real big for us," Lucas said. "These OVC wins, they just add up. They don't go away, they just keep adding up. We have just got to come out and stay hungry every game."

"We have to take every game like we are 0-0 and keep adding the wins up. At the end, hopefully we will be where we want to be." ♦

LADY GOVS SOFTBALL

Lady Govs drop triple to UT Skyhawks



ANTHONY SHINGLER | ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Brittany Williams steps in position and gets the hit against Tennessee Tech Saturday, March 20.

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Assistant Sports Editor

With the month of March coming to a close, the slumping Lady Govs are currently sitting on a seven-game losing streak

after being swept over the weekend by UT Martin Skyhawks on the road. The Lady Govs (5-21, 0-5 OVC) opened up a three-game series Saturday, March 27, with a 1-6 and a 0-5 loss.

The Lady Govs could only collect one run in the double-header and errors opened the floodgates in the second inning of both games. The four errors (three in the first game

and one in the second) combined in both games allowed UT Martin (24-4, 5-0 OVC) to score eight total runs, four in the first game and four in the second.

The only run on Saturday, March 27, came from Detra Farley. Farley opened the game with a bunt single and then stole second base to get in scoring position. Tiffany Smith then doubled into right-center field bringing home Farley for a Lady Gov run.

Even though the Lady Govs could only manage one run, they did provide a threat to score with eight hits, but failed to knock home runners to get points on the board.

Farley, Shine Huwe and Tia Johnson led the way for the Lady Govs with two hits each in the first game.

In the second game of the double-header, the Lady Govs could only manage three hits, two from Brittany Williams and a single from Smith. Williams single in the second inning was her 100th career hit.

In the final game of the series on Sunday, March 28, the Lady Govs jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the top of the third inning.

Farley got on base with an infield hit and moved to third base on a throwing error on a bunt by Williams, who moved to second in the process.

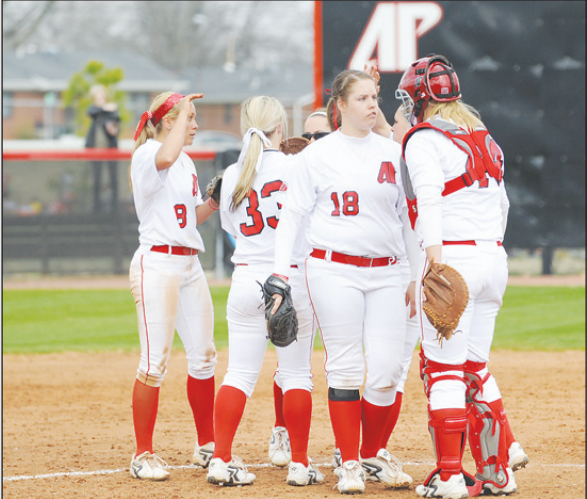
The very next at bat, Smith blasted a single up the middle bringing home the two runs.

UT Martin then tied the score on a solo homerun by Megan Williams and an RBI single from Megan Van Arsdale.

The Lady Govs would then retake the lead before a Skyhawk attack, 3-2 in the top of the fourth courtesy of Jordan Cole's first home run of the season.

The Skyhawk attack began to pour on. The Lady Govs allowed two runs in the fourth, five in the fifth and one in the sixth, as UT Martin swept the Lady Govs.

The Lady Govs look to head in the right direction Friday, April 2 with a double-header against Southeast Missouri at home at 5 p.m. ♦



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Lady Govs Golf team struggle at Saluki Women's Golf Invitational

The Lady Govs Golf team had trouble with the weather, as they finished 10th place after the first round at the 16th Annual Saluki Women's Golf Invitational on Sunday, March 28. Drake currently holds the first place position with a score of 303.

Lady Govs tennis serve UT Martin Skyhawks with first conference loss

The UT Martin Skyhawks were unbeaten until they met a formidable foe in the Lady Govs, Saturday, March 27. The Lady Govs defeated UT Martin 4-3 and improved them to 9-3 overall record, 2-1 in the OVC.

Scott explains why the NCAA tournament should expand to 96 teams

"The first argument I have heard a lot from both sports experts and casual viewers is the NCAA is just doing it for money. To those people I reply the sky is blue and fire is hot." For the full column, go to the www.theallstate.org/sports.

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