

Students with disabilities recognized

By **JENELLE GREWELL**
Staff Writer

April is Disability Awareness Month at APSU. The Office of Disability Services Web site says, “We ask you join us this month as we celebrate the strengths of people with disabilities.”

Brian Rector, a sophomore psychology major and scholarship worker for the Office of Disability Services, said Disability Awareness Month is important because it lets people know more about

what it is like to live with a disability.

He said people without disabilities live normal, everyday lives, and people with disabilities sometimes have a hard time accomplishing a simple task. “People without a disability take their normal life for granted,” he said.

Michele Moseley, a bronze medalist in the 2009 World Winter Special Olympics helped unveil this year’s theme, “Normal is Overrated,”

with Sherryl Byrd, associate vice president of Student Affairs Tuesday, March 31, in the UC to kick off Disability Awareness Month.

The Star Access Express Bus returned to APSU on Tuesday, April 7. Students were given the opportunity to tour the bus, along with free food and a T-shirt.

“The bus has some technology on it that is used for helping people with disabilities,” Rector said.

The “Wheelchair, Blind,

and Crutches Relay” will be Wednesday, April 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. around the Library Bowl.

The event is held to demonstrate how hard it is to get around with physical disabilities. Students will be provided with a free T-shirt and snack, or can be a part of the relay and experience what it would be like to have a disability.

Rector said participants will realize what people in wheelchairs have to deal with,

relate to what it is like to not see and will realize how difficult it is to move around and work with crutches.

Disability Services will recognize outstanding note-takers who volunteered this year at the Annual Student Organization and Leader Awards Assembly Wednesday, April 22 at 6 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

Disability Services, along with the African American Cultural Center, will have artist Derrick Freeman present

his artworks at the African American Cultural Center Thursday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

According to Freeman’s Web site, he was diagnosed with autism at the age of two. At three he began to draw pictures, and these pictures helped him to express his perceptions of everyday life.

For more information on Disability Awareness Month, visit the Office of Disability Services Web site at www.apsu.edu/disability. ♦

SR 21 passes; town crier proposed

Staff Reports

A proposal for a town crier was introduced at the Wednesday, April 8, meeting of the Student Government Association Senate.

According to President Chris Drew’s report, a town crier, a person who gives weekly announcements. The issue of whether or not a town crier would be an effective way of getting information out to students was addressed.

The Senate members also brainstormed about various ways to encourage freshmen to attend more events on campus.

Among the ideas generated were more advertisement in housing, better use of electronic message boards and more advertisement in the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center.

Executive Committee election results have already been determined, but the Justice and Chief Justice positions will be selected in the upcoming week.

Senate Resolution No. 21, which explores the cost of placing toilet seat covers in restrooms on campus, was proposed by Senator Trenton Gaasch. “I think this would be a good piece of legislation to explore the cost for future references,” he said. The resolution was passed. ♦



Families and friends watch as their children race to pick up the multi-colored, candy-filled eggs on the field in front of the Dunn Center. The Sigma Chi fraternity hosted their third annual easter egg hunt Saturday, April 11. See photo spread on page 8.

World War II vet to speak

By **JAMILA WEAVER**
Guest Writer

Professor emeritus of physics Melburn R. Mayfield will give a lecture titled “Experience During World War II in France and Germany” Tuesday, April 21, at 11:30 a.m. in Memorial Health Gym.

The lecture is free and open to the community. A crowd of 50 to 100 is expected for the lecture at the newly renovated Memorial Health Gym, also known as the Red Barn.

The ROTC, history and physics departments have also been invited and their classes are encouraged to attend the lecture.

The ROTC will present Mayfield with a gift and honor him as a World War II veteran at the event.

Students have already expressed interest in the lecture. “You don’t get those opportunities all the time so we should take advantage of them when they come. You don’t meet World War II vets everyday, especially in Clarksville. It’s rare, so I will try to take advantage of the situation,” Charles Berry, senior art major, said.

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Tornado rips through Middle Tennessee area



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Rhoda Cole walks around her damaged home after severe storms went through Murfreesboro, Tenn., Friday, April 10. Cole, her husband, their two sons and a friend survived the storm by taking shelter in the crawl space under the house, even though the house was knocked several feet off its foundation. A reported tornado killed three people and injured at least 30 Friday, April 10 in central Tennessee as a line of storms that killed three people a day earlier in western Arkansas crept into the South, emergency officials said.

Associated Press

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — The worst sound Eric Funkhouser said he has ever heard was a 10-second “voom” followed by a man’s screams.

A tornado hit Funkhouser’s home in Murfreesboro, about

30 miles southeast of Nashville, Friday, April 10, part of severe storms that spawned tornadoes across the Southeast blamed for three deaths and dozens of injuries.

“It sounded like seven freight trains and 22 vacuum cleaners

all going at the same time,” Funkhouser said as he returned to what is left of his home and neighborhood.

Funkhouser ran outside and found his neighbor John Bryant laying in Funkhouser’s front yard, covered with blood and

screaming.

“He kept saying that his wife and baby were out there with him and he had to find them,” Funkhouser said.

Twenty minutes later, Funkhouser and other survivors found Bryant’s wife, Kori, dead in the gravel driveway under debris and 9-week-old Olivia Bryant was found dead buckled into her car seat, beneath carpet and a tree.

Family friend Laura Lawrence said Bryant, a self-employed construction worker, had just gotten home on his lunch break. He, his wife and daughter were seeking shelter when the tornado rolled through.

National Weather Service officials say a preliminary report shows the F3 tornado tore a 15-mile path through the university town of about 100,000 with winds as high as 165 mph.

Deputy City Manager Rob Lyons said 42 homes were destroyed, 140 were damaged and 71 were affected but habitable. Several thousand customers were still without power Saturday, April 11.

More than 40 people were injured. Seven people were in critical condition Saturday

afternoon, said Rutherford County Emergency Medical Services director Randy White.

John Bryant is in critical condition with a broken back, Lawrence said Saturday, as she gathered the family’s clothes and pictures from their neighbors’ yards.

During a tour of the damaged areas Saturday, Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen walked past a pile of pink baby clothes topped with the Bryants’ wedding album, paused before yellow and gray tarps marking where the mother and daughter were found and bowed his head.

“My thoughts and prayers are with them. It’s very sad,” Bredesen said.

He then walked through the neighborhood that was hardest hit, listening to survivors share stories of how they hid in bathrooms and pantries.

Bredesen said he may request a presidential declaration of emergency after Tennessee Emergency Management Agency officials completely survey the area.

Church members and neighbors joined survivors in cleaning up debris, patching up roofs with blue tarps and sawing tree branches from cars and houses.

Community response has been overwhelming. Lyons said, with volunteers offering to remove debris and give donations.

“One of the things that makes Murfreesboro a great city is that we come together and help each other,” he said.

But he said others should try to stay out of the area so they don’t obstruct rescue and cleanup workers trying to do their jobs.

City officials have set up a hot line for people who want to volunteer and victims seeking help.

Murfreesboro Mayor Tommy Bragg said water is running on generator power but power and gas remain off in the areas worst hit. Code inspectors were going door to door to assess damage to homes.

They condemned the Funkhousers’ home with a sticker that read “Unsafe. Do not enter or occupy.”

The Bryants’ home, the only wood house on the block, was destroyed and most of the siding was in Funkhouser’s yard.

Churches and utility companies passed out hot dogs,

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Tornado: destruction widespread

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hamburgers, ham sandwiches, chips and water to families and volunteers.

“This is something we have to do because you can’t just look over this damage,” church volunteer Lacie Young said. “We were so blessed and have to share these blessings.”

Reports of destruction

were widespread across the region Friday, with funnel clouds spotted in Kentucky and Alabama, and devastating winds, huge hail and heavy rain reported in several states.

In South Carolina, a driver trying to avoid storm debris in the eastern part of the state was killed Friday, Tennessee Emergency Management Division spokesman Derrec

Becker said.

On Thursday, April 19, a black funnel cloud packing winds of at least 136 mph descended on the western Arkansas hamlet of Mena, killing at least three, injuring 30 and destroying or damaging 600 homes.

There, emergency officials are trying to collect ice chests and tarps to prepare for another

round of storms projected to hit the area Sunday, April 12.

Crews have already used 1,000 tarps to cover damaged roofs, and workers are struggling to keep perishables refrigerated because power is still out in Mena. ♦

To assist victims, contact your local Red Cross.

Students will pay per credit-hour in the fall

From Public Relations

The Tennessee Board of Regents recently voted to change the policy related to charging tuition to students taking courses at TBR schools.

Effective as of the Fall 2009 semester, students will be charged tuition based on the number of credit-hours for which they are enrolled. The maximum charge for students taking 12 or more credit-hours has been removed.

Students attending either the main campus or the APSU Center at Fort Campbell will be charged for each credit-hour they are taking.

Students attending classes both on main campus and the Fort Campbell Center will be charged for each credit-hour for which they are enrolled at each campus.

“Most of my classes are science classes. Three classes I have to take are going to kill me,” Travailler James, freshman biology major, said.

There is no change for students taking RODP courses; they are now being charged for each credit-hour for which they are enrolled.

At this time the exact impact this change will have on tuition for fall and subsequent terms has not been determined.

Tuition rates for the 2009-2010 school year have not

yet been set by TBR. During its June meeting, TBR will determine these rates and notify TBR schools.

“I don’t know if I will be able to afford it,” James said.

Currently, undergraduate tuition for in-state, full-time students is \$2,763. Tuition for out-of-state, full-time undergraduate students is \$8,209.

“I have to go with loans so it makes it harder for me to try to get out of here,” Brandon Cook, freshman accounting major, said.

The removal of the credit-hour cap has been a topic among students for several weeks.

For more information, contact the Business Office at (931) 221-7671.

If you wish to write to the Tennessee Board of Regents, the mailing address is 1415 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 350, Nashville, TN 37217-2833. You may call the switchboard at 615-366-4400. The fax number is 615-366-4464.

For those who prefer e-mail, a link for a form is posted on the TBR Web site.

If you would like to visit in person, you must inform TBR in advance to be admitted by building security. TBR is located in the Genesco Park building on the edge of the Nashville airport. ♦

Lecture: professor to discuss war, cultures

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“It would be good for me to learn from someone from a past war that has been in a war, since there is a war going on now,” he said.

APSU’s Student Life and Leadership and International Education is presenting this lecture as part of the Global Govs Passport Series. “I basically collaborated to figure out what are some different areas we’d like to highlight. This month we decided France and Germany, but we wanted to do more of a historical perspective of the countries,” Leslie Cragwall, coordinator of programs and special events for Student Life and Leadership, said.

Each country that has been highlighted during the year so far has been based around the study abroad program.

While in France and Germany, Mayfield served in the 44th Division, 71st Infantry, Cannon Company. During the war, he fought on the front lines, firing cannons.

In 1957, Mayfield started teaching physics at APSU. He also organized APSU’s Department of Physics and served as the first chair of the department. He has worked at APSU for 31 years and still teaches physics as a professor emeritus.

Dr. Dewey Browder, professor and chair of the history department, has been friends with Mayfield for six years and will also speaking at the event, following Mayfield’s lecture.

“I will say something about the consequences of the American victory in World War II in Europe,” Browder said.

“It is important for us to remember the role that America played in World War II. It’s important for us to remember what our soldiers accomplished during the course of the war and what veterans have contributed to the American way of life,” he said.

“One of the reasons that I wanted to do something with World War II is because a lot of the veterans are the age where a lot of them have died, so it is a very unique opportunity to have a World War II veteran who is able to come speak. It’s a chance to learn about France and Germany because he is going to talk about his experience there, but also the culture while he was there.”

To hear a first-hand account is a rare opportunity for students; they are not going to find that just anywhere,” said Cragwall.

For more information, contact Cragwall at 221-7431 or cragwalll@apsu.edu. ♦

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Research Forum

The 2009 Research Forum, sponsored by Grants and Sponsored Programs, will be held Friday, April 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the atrium of the Sundquist Science Complex. Both undergraduate and graduate students will present posters of original scholarly and creative activity. For more information, contact Rebecca M. Jones at 221-7621.

Western State Hospital Clothing Drive

The Psi Chi Psychology Club is requesting donations of gently worn men’s and women’s clothing and accessories for the Western State Psychiatric Hospital. This is an ongoing community service project, and donations are welcome year-round. For more information, contact Brian J. Hock at 221-1045.

Yearbooks now available for purchase

Copies of the 2008-2009 yearbook can now be purchased online. The book is 300 pages and in full color. Buying a copy of the book is the only opportunity to receive one; extras will not be ordered. To purchase a copy, visit www.apsu.edu/student_pubs for a direct link. For more information, contact Tabitha Gilliland at 221-7375.

National Library Week Celebration

An open house reception in honor of National Library Week will be held Thursday, April 16, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Woodward Library. Refreshments will be served, and prizes will be awarded to the chosen students from the LibQUAL + library equality survey. For more information, contact Joe Weber at 221-7618.

Financial Aid Awards for 2009-2010

Financial aid awards for the 2009-2010 academic year are now available on APSU OneStop. Outstanding requirements can also be viewed on OneStop. If you have not yet applied for financial aid, apply as soon as possible at www.fafsa.ed.gov. For more information, contact Student Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs at 221-7907.

Last Trivia Night at the library of the semester

The last live team trivia event of the semester will take place Friday, April 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Woodward Library. A faculty or staff member will serve as a captain for a team of up to five students. Light refreshments will be served. The top three teams will receive prizes. For more information, contact Christina Chester-Fangman at 221-1267.



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Special Olympics Event and Fundraiser

The APSU Department of Communication has teamed up once again with Bikers Who Care to hold the 4th annual Special Olympics Pledge Drive on Cable 99 in order to raise money for Area 12 Special Olympics.

Track and Field Event: April 23
Pledge Drive: April 26

We are looking for APSU students or student groups to volunteer. Volunteer positions for the Pledge Drive include:

- Phone room
- Volunteer Check-in
- Stage crew (including broadcast)

We are also looking for student organizations to sponsor small daily events from April 20 to April 24. Events will include a jail and bail, bake sale and penny fundraiser.

For more information, please contact Caroline Sawyer-Downes at DownesC@APSU.edu or Dru Winn at dwinn14@APSU.edu

YOUR TAKE

Students comment on SGA campaign spending

For this week’s YOUR TAKE, we asked APSU students how they feel about SGA campaign spending. To participate in the YOUR TAKE, contact *The All State* at www.theallstate.com, or call us at 221-7376.



“I think each candidate should be allotted the same amount of money, that way, candidates who have more resources will not dictate the ballots based off the publicity they had access to.”

Precious Hardin, junior elementary education



“I really wanted to hear what the candidates wanted to do and what were some of their main issues that he or she wanted to address or change.”

Steven Johnson, junior business management



“The amount of money had no influence on my vote; the issues did.”

Cole Nicholson, sophomore public relations



“The amount of money had no effect.”

Christopher Crossno, freshman computer science major



“I think each candidate should have a pre-determined amount that they are allowed to spend that is within a range that keeps the playing field even and fair.”

Bridged Adkins, senior English



“I didn’t know where to vote.”

Andrew Clement, senior accounting



“I think something should be done to promote more awareness about these elections.”

Allison Santana, freshman chemistry



“I do believe there should be a limit to the money being spent on the campaign. Such as Kenny Kennedy’s over-done campaign.”

Erik Guillen, freshman nursing

California seeking to legalize use of marijuana

Dustin Kramer
Art Director

It’s no secret our economy is in the toilet. Since 2000, our national debt has doubled to over \$11 trillion, according to The Future of Freedom Foundation (<http://www.fff.org>) and, since 2007, increases at an average rate of \$3.87 billion per day (<http://www.brillig.com>).

Will Barack Obama be our fiscal savior? Maybe. Obama is enacting measures to heal this infected wound of an economy, but only time will tell how much his administration can do. One of his plans involves reviewing programs and deciding if they function how they were intended to. Those that work get to stay, those that don’t won’t be so lucky. In 2004, it was clear how Obama felt about the war on drugs, calling it a “complete failure.”

California assemblyman Tom Ammiano probably agrees. On February 23, Ammiano introduced bill AB 390, the Marijuana Control, Regulation, and Education Act. According to the bill’s Legislative Counsel’s Digest, it would “remove marijuana and its derivatives from existing statutes defining and regulating controlled substances.

“It would instead legalize the possession, sale, cultivation, and other conduct relating to marijuana and its derivatives by persons 21 years of age and older,” Ammiano said.

What this may mean for California’s economy conjures some staggering, if estimated, figures. According to *The New York Times’* Eric Bailey, estimates exist claiming the cannabis crop to be a \$14 billion industry, meaning more than \$1 million in tax revenue for the state of California.

Let’s not forget the one million jobs created by FDR’s legalization of beer. A similar situation could be in the Golden State’s future, delivering boost to the economy.

AB 390 provides for retail availability of pot-to-be-smoked with some provisions and regulations, imposing an annual fee of no more than \$5,000 and a renewal fee of no

more than \$2,500 for licensed retailers and cultivators.

Aside from the retail distribution of weed, the industrial cultivation of cannabis will make hemp products more available. Hemp can be used as a renewable replacement for trees in the production of paper goods.

Hemp clothing is comparable to cotton in comfort and fiber softness and could provide even more jobs as production opportunities expand. Other uses of hemp have yet to be explored fully, and could create a number of new industries. Rudolph Diesel designed his engine to run on hemp oil. Imagine the eco-friendly opportunities in a legal future. But I don’t want to jump on the go-green bandwagon here. That’s a different column.

Federal law claims pot is one of the “most dangerous drugs that have no recognized medical use.” This contradicts what many doctors and medically prescribed users say.

Cannabis has been prescribed to sufferers of glaucoma, cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, anorexia and insomnia with positive results. Pot acts as a treatment for nausea and chronic pain.

More than half the states have legislation that allows the medical use of weed through prescription, although the federal government disapproves and unfortunately regulates what can be prescribed.

Hearings for AB 390 were slated to begin on March 31 but were postponed, likely until early next year. This could help the bill, as supporters now have time to lobby it.

What may help California’s struggling economy could work for the rest of the country, but I don’t expect Obama to pass any weed legislation in his first term. The topic is still too socially divided, and I don’t think legalizing pot would be worth risking re-election.

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws has posted contact information for members of the AB 390 voting committee on their Web site, norml.org. They even have a pre-written e-mail. If you feel like I feel, show some support. Can cannabis help this country? I think it can. ♦

This week in ridiculous: beer cans to shrimp 911



Jess Nobert
Assistant Perspectives Editor

This week had a lot of news. One of the notable stories coming out of the area was Northeast High teacher and her husband were charged with “contributing to the delinquency of a minor and child abuse and neglect,” because, as police said, they made a 16-year-old drink vodka during a card game.

The girl, a former Northeast student, had to take shots when she wasn’t playing well. She got sick and vomited but was sent home after getting medical treatment.

Over the last month or so, Stephen Colbert has been campaigning to have an addition to the international space station named after him. After a few weeks of online voting, “Colbert” won the most votes, beating NASA’s suggestions: Serenity, Legacy, Earthrise and Venture.

In a statement Colbert said, “I certainly hope NASA does the right thing. Just kidding. I hope they name it after me.”

Many know China has a one-child policy. Well, this rule is starting to take a toll on the population. Currently, boys growing up into their childbearing years are outnumbering their female counterparts. China has 32 million more young men than young women, according to a story from the AP.

A recent study found China has 119 male births for every 100 girls, compared with 107 to 100 for industrialized countries.

Because of the one-child policy, many parents choose to have an abortion when they find out they might be having a daughter in fear of not carrying on their family with a son.

I got this next story from the AP. It was already too good to change, so here it is:

“Sheriff’s deputies said a Texas woman started a brawl at a wake in Arkansas when she arrived with a beer can in her hand. The woman, 52, faces a third-degree domestic battery charges, as does another woman, 46, over the March 29 fight. Deputies said the first woman arrived at the Christies Chapel Church with a beer can in hand and that she refused to leave.

“The first woman then allegedly grabbed a man by the face, leaving scratch marks on his lower right cheek and causing him to bleed. The man’s mother, then allegedly slapped the woman and kicked another woman in the chest.

“A sheriff’s report claimed the woman with the beer became ‘passively aggressive’ with deputies and said that ‘no backwood country cop’ was going to take her to jail.”

A different woman, also from Texas allegedly called 911 because she didn’t get her extra shrimp in her fried rice.

By the time the cops showed up, the woman was gone. A worker at the restaurant said they refused to give the woman a refund after she left and returned complaining.

“A judge says a commercial helicopter pilot videotaped in a sex act while flying over San Diego committed gross negligence and cannot have his license back,” the AP reported last week.

David Martz, the pilot, had his license revoked by the Federal Aviation Administration, and a National Transportation Safety Board administrative law judge upheld the decision.

After the ruling, Martz had no comment.

An adult film actress performed a sex act on Martz in 2005, and another passenger filmed the act.

An edited version of the film eventually became public.

According to the story, “the judge watched the unedited tape in chambers and took testimony before the decision.”

In his testimony, Martz said his actions were unwise and he is much more responsible now. ♦

Questioning national faith: Is America really Christian?



Greg Rabidoux
Staff writer

As I write this edition’s column, Christians the world over, including my family and I, are marking the Holy Day of Easter with celebration and hopefully a renewed sense of commitment to the underlying values and principles of their religion. Love, charity, hope, compassion, mercy, humility and courage are but some of the principles that infuse Christianity.

The challenge, as anyone who has ever attempted to live a virtuous life can tell you, is not just identifying, understanding, accepting and even embracing these and other worthy values. No, the real task comes in expressing such values in everyday life.

Not necessarily in grandiose or heroic gestures but rather in the small, often overlooked acts of simple kindness—a word of thanks, a recognition of another person’s worth and dignity, a willingness to work with others for a common good when a more selfish path may have been easier to follow maybe even more expedient.

Recently, President Obama reached out to people of other faiths in the world, most

notably Muslims and characterized our nation not as a Christian one but a nation of citizens with shared values and ideals.

Former US House Speaker and conservative Newt Gingrich called the President “intensely secular” and “anti-religion.”

Conservative talk radio commentators skewered the President for such statements.

In the end, was such criticism fair? President Bush was criticized by some as waging a holy war against non-believers in making his decisions regarding Iraq and Afghanistan, and this current president is viewed with skepticism by some who view his willingness to offer an olive branch to followers outside his own faith as a kind of religious betrayal.

To answer the question as to whether we are or are not a Christian nation, one must ask a preliminary question: What does it mean to be a Christian nation?

Certainly, our nation was founded in large part by Christian pilgrims who were fleeing religious persecution. They sought a new world where they and their followers could forge a nation based on religious freedom without the potentially insidious influence of state-sponsored religion they had endured under England and its Anglican Church.

But today, some 220 years later, are we a Christian nation? What does that even mean to us as Americans? Well, statistically, about 160 million Americans identify

themselves as Christian, or about 76 percent of our population. This is down from 86 percent just short of twenty years ago.

At the same time, 62 percent of Americans, apparently contrary to President Obama, do think of our country as a Christian nation. Yet according to a recent Newsweek (April 4, 2009) poll, less than half of us, about 48 percent, seem to believe religion can answer all or most of today’s problems we collectively face, issues like unemployment, the economy or terrorism.

Perhaps even more startling and concerning to those of faith is the number of Americans who now claim no religious affiliation. Today that number is at 15 percent, having swelled from eight percent previously.

But is being a Christian nation solely about numbers? Does it not mean collectively trying to live and thrive in an increasingly dangerous world while still being guided by one’s faith? President Carter and President Bush, though ideologically worlds apart, both were quite open about the role of Christian prayer in their approach to seeking guidance and enlightenment while occupying the Oval Office.

Dating back to the founding fathers, striking that just and delicate balance between having faith and expressing it as a nation, especially in the political arena has often proven to be difficult and elusive.

This has become evident when any one

side or political party has by their words or actions attempted to position themselves as knowing to the exclusion of all others what is right or wrong in all cases.

Of course other arenas often highlight the near absurdity of any one side claiming that God is “on their side” and against their opponent.

This seems undeniable especially when, as in a recent televised baseball game, I watched as a relief pitcher pointed to the sky and made a sign of the cross, apparently thanking God for allowing him to strike out the batter.

Yet, that same batter was wearing a cross outside his jersey, and he had made the sign of the cross just before entering the batter’s box.

Maybe as recently announced Gubernatorial candidate and current Tennessee State Senator Roy Herron once wrote, in God and Politics, “God is not on the side of any political party but on the side of justice, compassion, truth, mercy, freedom and life.”

Now that would be one side all Christians should want to strive to be on and welcome all others to as well.

While some may argue the relevance of religion may be waning, I would submit that its basic message of compassion, mercy, humility and love is as relevant now at this time in our nation’s history than ever before. Are we a Christian nation? Maybe the even better question is “Do we act like one?” ♦

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Johnson sworn into office

Campus police force increases

By MATEEN SIDIQ
Assistant Online Editor

As a child, Mark Johnson obeyed the law and had respect for police officers. He saw them as guardians and liked seeing them give back to the community. It was because of this he decided to get into law enforcement.

After graduating from high school at age 18, Johnson went straight into the Army and was active for a little more than 21 years. After finishing his tour in the Army, he found himself working with the county sheriff's office as a reserve deputy.

When Johnson came to Clarksville, he was already a reserve deputy for the Montgomery County sheriff's office, where he helped to transport prisoners from county to county and work crowd and traffic control at some of the big

events, such as River and Spires and Jazz on the Lawn.

Johnson was going through the field training officer (FTO) program to be a Clarksville city police officer when his friend, James Daubar, told him about an opening at APSU. After inquiring about the opening, he ended up getting the job as a security guard for APSU.

“As a police officer I am here to serve and protect the community of Austin Peay, whether it is traffic accidents or burglary or other problems that may arise on the campus.”

Mark Johnson, APSU Police Officer

In this job, Johnson was in charge of being an extra pair of eyes making sure no violations were being broken, working athletic events and once again work crowd control at campus events.

On Monday, April 9, President Tim Hall swore Johnson into office confirming

him as the newest APSU police officer.

“As a police officer I am here to serve and protect the community of Austin Peay, whether it is traffic accidents or burglary or other problems that may arise on the campus,” Johnson said.

For the next six weeks, Johnson will continue his training in the FTO program ran by Public Safety.

During this training he will be teamed with an experienced APSU officer in order to see how things are handled on campus.

In addition, Johnson will be working under Officer Sami Williams and other APSU officers in order to focus on phase one of his training.

During this time, he will assist these officers in patrol routes operating departmental vehicle firearm rules and regulations, emergency operations procedures and use of force.

Officer Williams said, “Working with Officer Mark Johnson when he was a security guard and now as a police officer, it has been enjoyable to work with him and looking forward to having him on our team.” ♦



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Officer Mark Johnson is sworn in by President Tim Hall Monday, April 9 in the Browning Building.

Long presents photographs, lecture on women’s history



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Dr. Alicia Long answers questions from Jeremy Nidffer, senior history major, after the lecture.

By TRISHA WEST
Staff Writer

The Department of Women's Studies presented a lecture by Dr. Alicia Long Monday, April 6, in the Gentry Auditorium.

Long, a historian from Louisiana, has a book out entitled “The Great Southern Babylon” and has co-authored a book, which is due out in June, called “Occupied Women.”

As Long stood off-center at the front of the lecture hall, she spoke of General Butler and his response to Confederate women in New Orleans.

While speaking, Long shifted through pictures, which were projected onto the wall behind her, pertaining to her lecture as she spoke. The images portrayed statues of family

and of General Butler, a variety of comic drawings of the General and a list of his nicknames including “Beast” and “Spoonier.”

During the lecture, Long commented how women who disagreed with the war would spit on the face of soldiers. In response to this, General Butler devised something called General Order No. 28.

This law said any woman caught harassing any soldier for any reason would be considered a “woman of the town,” or as Long explained a prostitute.

General Butler had explained to the rest of the country how this calmed down the women and they had returned to acting lady like, the way they acted before the uproar began.

However, Long commented the journals’

of women, court reports, memoir’s of certain gentlemen and soldiers debated this.

“I think the lecture brought an interesting perspective to the actual threat of women,” said Heather Gray, a sophomore history major. “If women weren’t so threatening they wouldn’t have been arrested and sent away.”

At the end of the lecture, Long was presented with an honorary membership into APSU History Club.

“It was exciting to have inducted Dr. Long into the History Club,” said Leslie Crouch a junior history major.

“Her lecture took the myth and typical history point of view and gave it a female point of view,” said Jennifer Montgomery, a junior English major. ♦

WSMV’s Dan Miller dies of heart attack

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Dan Miller, longtime anchor on WSMV-TV in Nashville who was briefly Pat Sajak’s sidekick on a late-night talk show, has died in Georgia. He was 67.

The station reported that Miller died Wednesday, April 8, of a heart attack.

Miller had gone to his hometown of Augusta, Ga., with two co-workers to watch practice rounds of the Masters golf tournament.

Miller had anchored evening newscasts for the station since the 1970s.

He also worked in Los Angeles TV news and in 1989-1990 was Sajak’s sidekick for a short-lived show Sajak did on CBS TV.

In a statement Thursday, April 9, the longtime host of the syndicated television game show “Wheel of Fortune” said, “Dan was an extraordinarily caring and talented man. I will miss him every day for the rest of my life.”

Gov. Phil Bredesen, a former two-term mayor of Nashville, said Tuesday, April 9, his role at the station was important to the community it served.

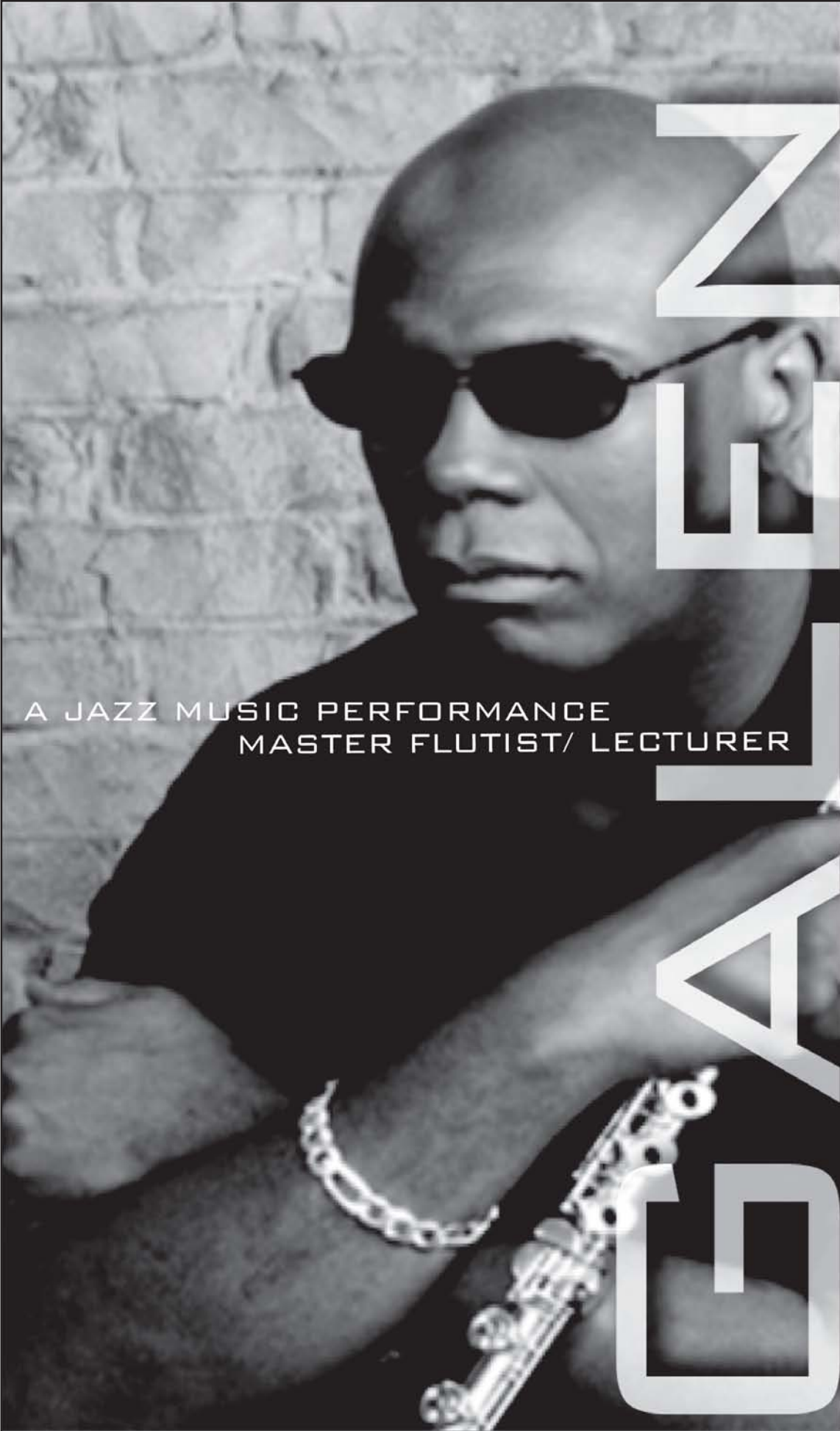
“It’s a kind of role for an anchorperson that’s getting too rare in this country, someone who’s been there literally over the years and been a part of people’s lives over that period of time,” he said.

WSMV-TV general manager Elden Hale said Miller and sports anchor Rudy Kaliswere walking the streets of Augusta when he suffered the heart attack. Hale referred to Miller as “the anchor of Channel 4.”

In a letter to staffers, Hale said Miller will be missed “in ways we can not imagine today.”

Miller is survived by his wife Karen Miller, three daughters and a son.

Services for Miller were held Tuesday, April 14. ♦



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His first job was a high school teacher, but at the same time he was recording and performing with Sun Ra and organist Sonny Phillips and being mentored by saxophonist Jimmy Heath. He went on to perform with world-renowned pianist Dr. Billy Taylor in the off-Broadway play, “The Lion and the Jewel” featuring well known actress Loretta Divine. From that point, one major project lead to another, such as music director for John Amos of “Roots” and performances with Melba Moore, Gwen Guthrie and many others.

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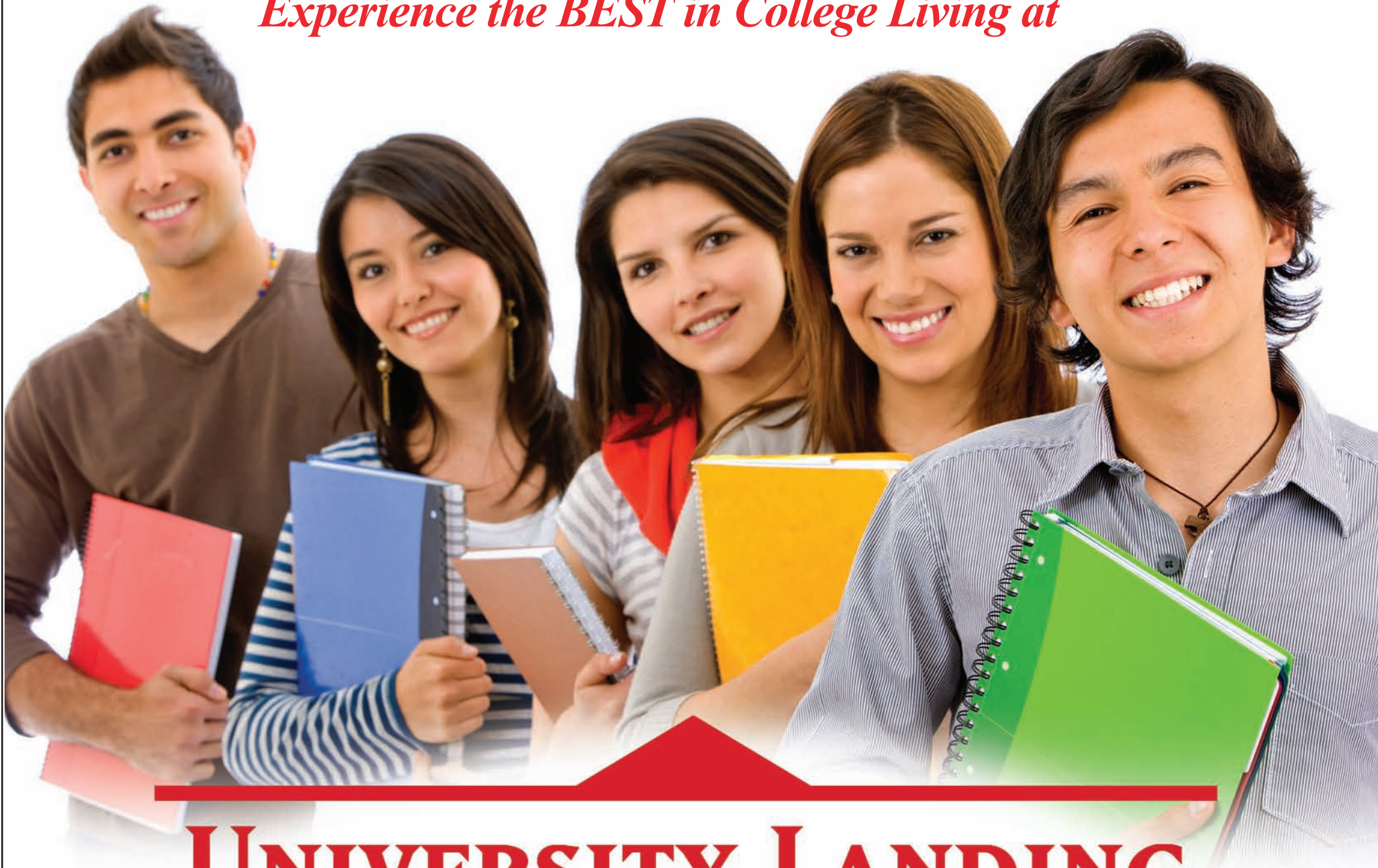
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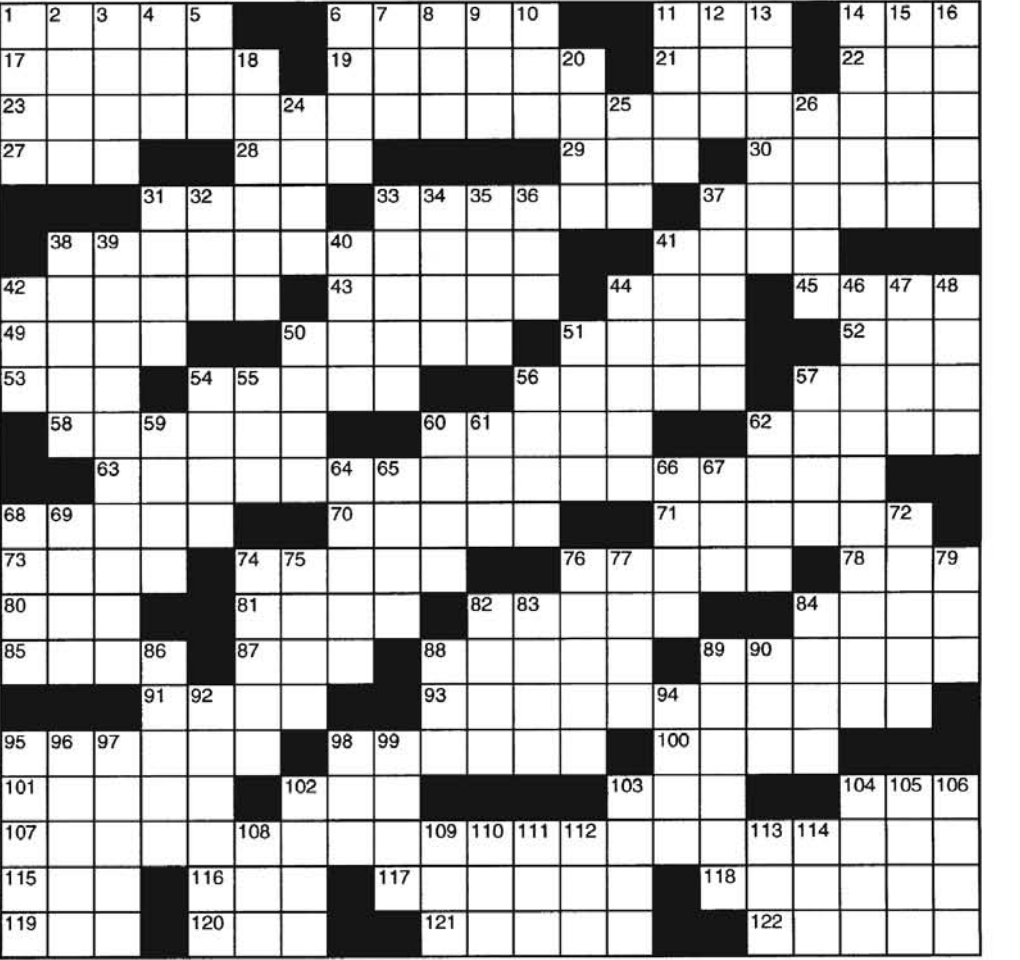
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by Linda Thistle

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Govs slide to 14-20 in OVC after loss to Eagles



LOIS JONES | PHOTO EDITOR

Daniel Tenholder started his first game of the season in game two against the Eagles.

By TYLER O'DONNELL
Staff Writer

The APSU Govs baseball team dropped a pair of games to the Morehead State Eagles this past weekend, falling 3-1 in both contests. Both games were played Saturday, April 11th, after the game Friday, April 10, was canceled because of heavy rain. This was the first and only meeting between the two clubs in the regular season.

After the Govs (14-20, 2-6 OVC) swept the Eagles (12-19, 5-6) in three games last season, the Eagles returned the favor this year. With the win, the Eagles have now taken four conference games in a row. Meanwhile, the Govs have dropped four out of five conference games so far, with 15 OVC games left.

In game one, there were only seven hits, three of them by the Govs. The team leader in home runs, Matt Kole, blasted his eighth of the year in the fourth inning. He had two hits in the game. Govs starting pitcher, Ryne Harper, tossed a four hit game, giving up

only two-earned runs in 5.1 innings. Despite the good pitching performance, the Govs committed two fielding errors. The Eagles plated three runs off an error in the second. Tyler Bess, the Eagles starter, held off any threats to help retain the lead and went on to pitch a complete game.

In game two, the Govs had plenty of chances to reach home plate. However, those chances turned into missed opportunities as they left 12 men on base. Their lone run came on an error. Jon Clinard led the offense going 3-for-4. Daniel Tenholder, who got his first start of the season for the Govs, limited the Eagles to six hits in 3.2 innings. The two blemishes came on a two-run double in the sixth, which preceded an RBI single. Jeff Arnold for the Eagles picked up the win, after holding the Govs to one run on eight hits.

The Govs next series at home will start this weekend when they play host to the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles. They will play a double-header Saturday, April 18, and end the series Sunday. ♦



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Matt Kole swings away. Kole hit his eighth home run of the season to lead the team.

Lady Govs mauled 1-7 by Cougars, drop to 10-29 in OVC

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The APSU Lady Govs softball played host to SIU-Edwardsville Cougars in a scheduled doubleheader, Friday, April 10, but due to tornado warnings and heavy rain it was only a one game series. The APSU Lady Govs (10-29) came into the game losing four of the last five games in the month of April. They dropped another game 1-7.

SIU-Edwardsville (32-7) who will be joining the OVC in 2011 took advantage by getting their lead off hitter on base in six of the seven innings.

The Lady Govs came out stagnant in the first two innings, not producing a hit or a base runner. Conversely, SIU-Edwardsville came out heated up leaving three on base.

SIU-Edwardsville's Courtney Mall led off the third inning with a double to centerfield and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kasey Schlafke, which was followed by Lauren Zembruski being hit by a pitch. Nicole Beecher singled through the right side scoring Mall and making it 1-0 SIU-Edwardsville.

The Lady Govs, who committed three errors in the game, committed their first error when Tiffany Smith had a ball get by her from SIU's Lindsay Longfellow. The single which allowed Zembruski and Beecher to score pushing SIU out front 3-0.

The Lady Govs responded to SIU with a single

from Ashley Elrod. Detra Farley hit a ground ball that got Elrod out. The Lady Govs would strand Farley at third base to end the third inning.

SIU-Edwardsville would add two more runs in the top of the fourth with Ellese Lawrence being hit by a pitch to open the inning and scoring two outs later on Mall's home run over the right field fence.

From there, Lady Gov Ashley Elrod would be pulled after giving up five hits and five earned runs. She walked two and got two strikeouts.

SIU-Edwardsville extended their lead to 6-0 in the fifth with Zembruski drawing a walk to open the inning and two outs later scoring on a single by Brianna Fulginiti.

The Lady Govs would respond with their lone run in the bottom of the fifth with a home run by Brittany Williams. It was her second home run of the season. It went over the left-center field fence.

SIU-Edwardsville would respond to the Lady Govs run by adding their final run. A Lady Gov throwing error that scored Chaleen Rumpf, who opened the inning with a double.

The Lady Govs were lead by Daniella Hooper's two doubles and Brittany William's home run in the fifth inning.

The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was cancelled after the first was delayed one hour due to wet field conditions. ♦



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Daniella Hooper signals for a pitch from her pitcher. Hooper led the Lady Govs with two doubles.

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Sigma Chi unleash easter egg hunters

“This was a great way to end stereotypes about fraternities and give back to the community”

Brad Averitt, Chairman of the event



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Above: After Brad Averitt said go, kids rushed forward to collect the 6000 eggs spread out in front of the Dunn Center by members of Sigma Chi for their third annual easter egg hunt.

Left: Averitt, chairman of this years Sigma Chi easter egg hunt, uses a megaphone to explain th rules of the hunt to the waiting crowd. Averitt was one of several Sigma Chi members who attended and worked the event.

Staff Reports

A wave of children and their parents from the APSU community engulfed the field in front of the Dunn Center Saturday, April 11.

The sun shined down on a legion of children anxiously waiting for the sign to spring into action. They were restless hunters ready to catch some pastel colored prey.

Armed with colorful baskets and bags, the people ran, giggled and crouched to gather 6000 eggs scattered by members of the Sigma Chi fraternity for their third annual easter egg hunt.

It took hours for the Sigma Chi members to make the field a multicolored mine field ready to explode with treats. However, it took less than two minutes for every egg to be scooped up and opened by small, excited hands.

Every participant was able to walk away with multiple eggs. Two lucky children walked away with new bikes.

None of the prey escaped. ♦



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Above: 9-year- old Ashley Hartwig rides her new bike after all the eggs are gathered in the hunt. Hartwig won one of two bikes given away at the event.

Left: The field in front of the Dunn Center was surrounded by families from the APSU community ready to participate in this years easter egg hunt.



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Above: It took less than two minutes for all 6000 eggs to be gathered. After emptying the eggs of their contents, participants were asked to return the eggs to be used again in the future.

Right: 3-year-old Trevor Cherry opens some of the candy he found in the easter egg hunt. Trevor attended the event with his father Bubba Cherry.



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