

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE

APSU meets landmark enrollment



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The Fall 2009 enrollment number is revealed Monday, Nov. 16, before a crowd of APSU community members including Mayor Johnny Piper, superintendent of schools Mike Harris and former APSU President Sherry Hoppe.

By **MARLON SCOTT**
News Editor

The Morgan University Center Plaza was filled with APSU students, faculty and staff as well as prominent alumni and members of the Clarksville community including Mayor Johnny Piper and County Mayor Caroline Bowers Monday, Nov. 16.

The crowd was streaked with red in support of APSU and the milestone being celebrated. APSU, Tennessee's fastest growing public university, has reached enrollment of over 10,000 students.

APSU began in 1929 with only 158 students. As of Monday morning Nov. 16, it was revealed enrollment was up to 10,188 students.

President Timothy Hall acted as the host of the event.

In his introduction Hall said in the last nine years the university has grown over 40 percent. He also spoke about the significance of the enrollment number and what it means.

"This number that we are going to pull up here in a moment is all about those individual students who stand behind it, who are living their lives out here at Austin Peay and we are so happy to have them here," Hall said.

"This number not only represents the lives of those individual students. It represents our place in history and in the present."

After the number was revealed, Hall introduced Piper and Bowers.

In addition to earning multiple degrees at APSU, Bowers has children who have graduated from APSU.

She spoke about her connections to the university and was one of many to extend congratulations.

"It is truly an honor for me to be here as a graduate of Austin Peay," Bowers said. "It is also a pleasure to be representing all the citizens of Montgomery County as I say congratulations, Austin Peay. This is a well deserved marker, milestone and benchmark for us."

State Representatives Joe Pitts and Curtis Johnson offered brief congratulations before Hall introduced APSU Provost Tristan Denley.

Denley noted that APSU was not only the fastest growing public university in Tennessee but could also carry the title of having the fastest growing graduate program in Tennessee.

He attributed the milestone and success to team work.

"These initiatives can only be achieved by us all working together," Denley said. "Today's milestone is a testimony to the hard work of our staff and our faculty and our students and the Austin Peay family all working together. I want to thank you for that."

SGA President Chris Drew finished the ceremony by acknowledging the growth of APSU despite the current economic distress and the long winding line of people waiting to get free T-shirts. He also expressed his excitement to graduate with this years class and become an alumni of APSU.

His last words were the famous cheer heard at all of APSU's sports events: "Let's go Peay." ♦

New construction digs up old student parking issues



PATRICK ARMSTRONG | EDITOR IN CHIEF

Krystle Barnett, freshman political science major, received a citation for parking beside a curb in the West Avenue and Castle Heights lot. "[Construction] has taken over the big parking lot over by Cross and Killebrew. It has disrupted me and I am sure some other students as well," Barnett said.

By **CASSIETTA RUSSELL**
Guest Writer

The new construction of a housing facility to open in Fall 2011 digs up an old problem at APSU: less parking available at "Tennessee's fastest growing university."

At the beginning of this semester, students had to deal with parking changes due to construction being finished from the summer.

Zones were changed, instructions were e-mailed to students, faculty and staff and citations were issued. During the groundbreaking ceremony for the new housing facility, Joe Mills, director of Housing and Residence Life, addressed

this continuing concern. Mills said the construction should not affect traffic or parking.

The construction will only take up two rows of the Castle Heights lot, and students should be able to park in the Marion Street lot to accommodate. However, some students are not satisfied with this accommodation, having already dealt with parking changes earlier this semester.

"With more parking being blocked, it can kind of be an inconvenience," said Tori Doty, a resident of Hand Village, which is near the new construction site.

"They can offer different places to park. Maybe they

can turn visitor parking to resident parking," said Ayodele Oseni, senior and resident of Cross Hall.

"We should have some kind of pass that lets us park anywhere we want to. They should spend less money on stuff we don't need and more on parking," said Kirk Minor, a junior commuter student.

Mills responded to the students' complaints.

"Parking is always a constant concern," Mills said. "Actually, the contractor wanted to take more spaces than they actually had, so we met a medium with them and split the difference on parking spaces, but we always talk about parking."

Mills said there are plenty of parking spaces out there for students.

"I would say to get here early and for residents to park their car and not move them. You don't need to move your car to go eat or work out at the gym."

It is advice some students already follow.

Freshman commuter Anjelica Espinoza said she gets to school everyday at 7:30 a.m. just to get a good parking space, and that students can forget getting a good parking space after 8:30 a.m.

"I once had to drive around for 30 minutes just to find a parking space," Espinoza said. ♦

EXCLUSIVE

Vossler shares his perspective from jail



STEPHANIE MARTIN | PHOTO EDITOR

Nathan Vossler and his wife Mary dance at the Spring 2009 Tacky Prom

By **PATRICK ARMSTRONG**
Editor in Chief

The first words uttered out of Nathan Vossler's mouth through a black phone during an exclusive interview at the Montgomery County Jail Saturday, Nov. 14, were, "Did you bring any books?"

He said, "I like to keep my mind off things." Nathan wants to read any books by John Grisham, whose books have been adapted into several movies including "The Pelican Brief," "Runaway Jury" and "Christmas with the Cranks." He has a limit of three books at once, but he can exchange them for different ones.

Nathan, a sophomore business economics major, was arrested Saturday, Oct. 3, for especially aggravated

kidnapping allegedly involving a 6-year-old girl in Emerald Hills Apartments.

Nathan talked in depth about his several school involvements such as his service as Dungeons and Dragons Club president, International Student Organization, History Club, African American Cultural Center, Hispanic Cultural Center, Newman Club, Library Trivia Night, International Education, tutor for statistics, Gamma Beta Phi and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies and making the Dean's List every semester since starting college.

"I did everything possible."

For Nathan's APSU 1000 class, Lorneth Peters, academic counselor, asked

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Legal suit sparks debate

By CODY LEMON and
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Staff Writers

Before technology made it possible for every handheld electronic device to have a camera, only celebrities had to master the art of secrecy to avoid the public's eye.

Now, technology has placed "normal" people under the same scrutiny.

Social networking with Web sites like Facebook and MySpace allow almost anyone the ability to post information and pictures about themselves and friends publicly. However, this freedom has repercussions. These repercussions are turning into legal battles.

Recently, the Associated Press reported in Indianapolis, Ind., two sophomore girls sued their school district over being punished because of suggestive pictures they posted onto their MySpace profiles over

summer break. The girls were banned from any extracurricular activities at the school.

The American Civil Liberties Union argued the school violated the girls' free speech rights by punishing them for something that was not school related.

The ACLU continued to say the school "humiliated the girls by requiring them to apologize to an all-male coaches' board and undergo counseling."

The results of this lawsuit could set a precedent establishing what is protected information on social networking sites. It is an issue some feel the Supreme Court needs to address. However, a case involving this issue has yet to reach that level.

David Von Palko, attorney and communications professor at APSU said, "The sophomore girls were on a sports team with their

school and had to sign an agreement that stated they would not post sexually suggestive pictures on networking sites, so they were aware. That is an important aspect in the situation."

Von Palko added it was a disruption to the school in which they attended.

The AP reported some legal experts disagree with Von Palko's interpretation, stating, "Schools must accept that students will engage in some questionable behavior in cyberspace during off hours."

Other members of the APSU community agree with Von Palko and feel the sophomore girls should expect punishment.

Ericka Conley, a freshman communications major, said, "The school was fair because it makes the school look bad."

She also said it was such a bad image for the school that they should be expelled

immediately instead.

Elsy Moldiz, another freshman communications major, said the punishment should not be that severe.

"They shouldn't be expelled, but detention is too small," Moldiz said. The AP reported ACLU Legal Director Ken Falk disagrees.

"We all did things when we were sophomores in high school that can be construed as immature or problematic or whatever, but that is not the issue here," Falk said. "The issue is what possible impact this could have on the school environment, and the answer is none."

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Fort Wayne, Ind., names Churubusco High School, the school's principal Austin Couch and the district as defendants and seeks unspecified damages. As of press time Monday, Nov. 16, no hearing had been scheduled. ♦

Vossler: jail conversation reveals perspective

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her students to write about how many events they have attended so far. Nathan said he had attended "46 events before International Night." The last picture Nathan and his wife Mary took together was at Mudbowl. Mary was arrested on Wednesday, Oct. 14, for aggravated arson.

Nathan said they "always invited people to go to church." The Vosslers are members of First Baptist but occasionally visit other churches when invited by friends.

"If I didn't have God, I wouldn't have anything. He wants me here for some reason."

Nathan described his jail cell as 8-by-8 feet by foot shared with two other people, a sink and toilet and black iron, steel bunk beds.

He has been moved nine times from pod to pod in the jail for various different reasons since he has been there. Nathan first heard about the fire at the apartment he shares with his wife in a letter.

"I was terrified she was dead. I didn't know anything at all." Nathan called a guard and said he would like to talk the pastor.

Five minutes later, the guard came back with another guard. They cuffed him and took him out of his cell and put him in suicide watch for five days. He wore a white paper gown, sat on a mat and took everything

including his glasses.

"It was really cold and really terrible."

But he kept moving on. He said, "I write her every day the mail goes out and keep writing if they wouldn't take the mail."

His old King James Version of the Bible was brought up during conversation. Nathan said it was hard to read and he is trying to obtain a different one. He then talked about premonitions and things happening for a reason. He mentioned how he told a tutor in the Marks writing lab not to go out alone because of a feeling he had. The Vosslers have been talking to this person about attending church. Nathan also said on Friday, Oct. 2, the day before his arrest, he felt like something was going to happen to him.

He told Mary "Don't go anywhere without me." Nathan was asked to talk about what happened that day, but he said he could not answer because the call was being monitored.

Right before the screen flashed, indicating one minute was left, Nathan said, "It's hard, a hard thing with the charge. This is basically the pit stop for the scum of the earth."

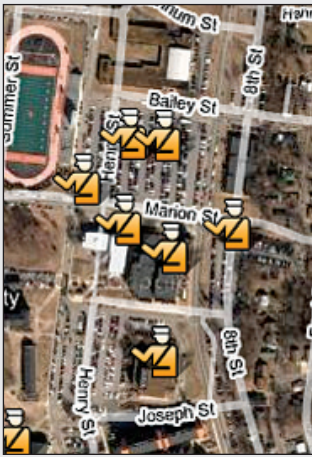
He did agree to another interview just before the screen went blank. For more exclusive interviews with Nathan and Mary Vossler, check out future editions of *The All State*. ♦

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.

- 1:01 p.m., Nov. 4, Cross lot, vandalism
- 4:06 p.m., Nov. 2, Cross Hall, assault
- 3:13 p.m., Oct. 30, Music/Mass Comm, vandalism
- 5:20 p.m., Oct. 24, Summer Street, disorderly conduct
- 7:58 p.m., Oct. 23, Trahern, vandalism
- 8:34 p.m., Oct. 21, Emerald Hills, vandalism
- 7:35 p.m., Oct. 21, Killebrew, burglary
- 5:24 p.m., Oct. 21, University

- Center, theft of property
- 4:30 p.m., Oct. 21, Clement, theft of property
 - 3:17 a.m., Oct. 19, Hand Village, minor in possession of alcohol
 - 11:38 a.m., Oct. 18, Emerald Hills, theft of property
 - 7:11 p.m., Oct. 16, Meacham lot, theft of property
 - 1:56 a.m., Oct. 16, Meacham lot, theft of property
 - 5:05 a.m., Oct. 16, Meacham lot, vandalism
 - 9:35 a.m., Oct. 15, Castle Heights lot, theft of property
 - 2:26 p.m., Oct. 14, Foy Fitness Center, theft of property
 - 2:00 p.m., Oct. 14, Woodward Library, vandalism
 - 9:48 p.m., Oct. 11, Emerald Hills, aggravated arson



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OUR TAKE

What does 10,000 mean for APSU?

APSU reached a historical landmark this semester. We now have over 10,000 graduate and undergraduate students, both part-time and full-time.

The editorial board at *The All State* is both excited and concerned about this breakthrough at our university.

Due to our status as the fastest-growing university in Tennessee and our increased numbers, we have not had to suffer the severe budget cuts much larger schools have. We feel currently, as a middle-grade small school, we have just enough to support ourselves.

Our size is also appealing to potential students. We are not too small, but not too large. One staff member said she was glad to see everywhere you go on campus, you can see someone you know, but at the same time you will see someone you don't know yet.

It seems to give the campus a good balance.

Some are concerned that parking, living accommodations, funds and building space will suffer with the increased enrollment. However, these figures can be deceptive. APSU does not exist solely on campus. We have students that attend at Fort Campbell and many only take online and hybrid classes.

Our numbers also fluctuate based on deployments, since we are a military town with many military and nontraditional students. Many APSU students may never have to set foot on the main campus. This means that these changes are in a way more technical than purely physical. Our numbers and programs can potentially attract students who do not wish to attend an exclusively on-campus school.

We are also concerned our increased size will lead

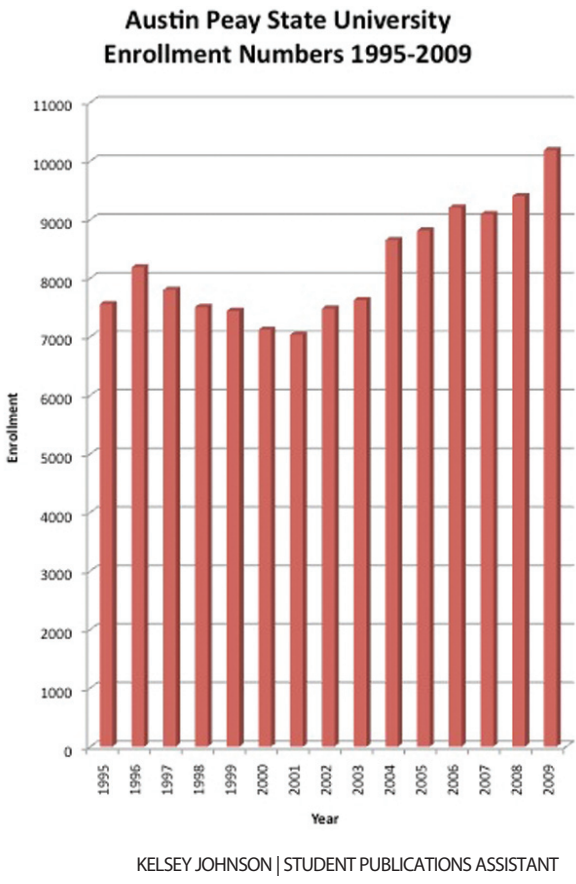
to over-compensation. If we build too many dormitories, add too much extra parking or build too many new facilities, we could end up with wasted space. We feel it is sometimes better to have just enough than too much.

If we continue to grow at such a fast rate, we may have to take action to control our size. APSU may need to eventually change its admissions requirements so as not to become overcrowded.

We feel overexpansion is also a concern. We are a predominantly military town, not a college town.

APSU's campus is already located in a very congested area, and spreading the campus throughout the city does not seem practical for our school.

We are growing into our space, and we feel for now we are in a very comfortable position with our numbers. ♦



‘2012’ to bring terror, widespread stupidity



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Perspectives Editor

Sony Pictures released its new blockbuster hopeful “2012” Friday, Nov. 13. An appropriate choice for a release date, is it not? I’m sure all superstitious people were “quaking” in their boots.

The movie is based on the predictions made by both the Mayans and Nostradamus that the end of the world will occur on Dec. 21, 2012. That seems awfully specific.

It presents an apocalyptic disaster complete with a biblical flood and arks. Plus you get to see John Cusack evade imminent danger by a split second nearly 20 times. He can apparently outrun a volcano, earthquake, flood and any other conceivable natural disaster combined — not to mention he gets to drive a Bentley.

My close group of friends and I crammed into the Jeep and headed to Nashville for the midnight showing, as is our tradition for many major releases. The woman at the counter, clearly not worried about the end of the world, casually asked us if we would like to watch the prediction of our future on the IMAX screen. We

kept our extra \$2.

The theater was surprisingly empty for a movie that could possibly change our lives. I suppose the majority of moviegoers are not cheapskates and opted for the big screen. They must have known saving money is obviously fruitless, since the end of the world is inevitable.

As the lights went down and we watched what seemed like an hour of commercials and previews, I began to contemplate the meaning of this movie. Would I survive an apocalyptic occurrence? No. Would I have enough money to buy my way into some sort of secret government safe harbor? No.

I began to think I’d like to know whether or not it will happen, so I can enjoy my remaining time on our not-so-green Earth.

Then it hit me like a fireball from the sky. The world is not going to end in 2012, silly. Once again, the world is falling into another Y2K-style trap. It just so happens the movie industry is cashing in on it this time.

Although I do not believe we are facing the end of days, I think this 2012 paranoia can still cause problems. There is a scene in the movie in which people are rioting in the streets as the date draws near, causing chaos and confusion. I can definitely see this happening in a realistic sense. People tend to

take matters like this to heart, and government conspiracies are an American favorite. I’d rather not have to witness people becoming animals.

I’m also nearly positive that come December of that year, I will have no groceries. With widespread panic comes an obsessive need to stock up on milk and bread. You know, because if you don’t have electricity at the end of the world, your milk will somehow stay cold.

Oh wait, I forgot, there will be another ice age, so of course it will.

People will spend thousands of dollars on souped-up bomb shelters that will someday serve only to house their troublesome adolescent children. Hard hats will become the latest fashion accessory, and no one will dare leave home without their brand new earthquake-resistant Hummers and end-of-the-world survival kits.

I think this is a terrible time for the film industry to make a movie like this. I can’t help but wonder what’s next.

We’re in an economic recession and two wars, on top of tons of other problems we can’t seem to fix. Why encourage the crazies? We’ll be paying for it later when we receive loads of educational and religious material in the mail and on every street corner, and eventually when we are trampled in a riot on our way to get coffee. ♦

Atom smasher presents problems

By DEBORAH WILKINSON
Guest Writer

The “atom smasher” is actually the Large Hadron Collider. It is an enormous science project, much like a pea shooter, made possible by the European Organization for Nuclear Research. This contraption is in a tunnel 570 feet below the Franco-Swiss border. It is a 17 mile long particle accelerator, in scientific terms. Basically, it shoots things at atoms.

You may have heard about this because of the many attempted launches, but each was set back due to one malfunction after another. Because I have no degree in physics, I can’t thoroughly explain the breakdowns, but they sound pretty dull and expensive to me.

The project was set to launch in March 2010 but was set back because a bird dropped a baguette into the main unit on Friday, Nov. 6, and was pushed back for next summer.

As of right now, the project is running at half power. There have been many problems other than the machinery though. A man was crushed by a 2,640 pound cabinet, and a man was arrested for being a suspected terrorist.

This is so important because it took a lot of money to build this machine and it is going to be doing some pretty risky procedures. It will be firing hundreds of thousands of atoms per second at each other to recreate the fiery conditions of the universe a trillionth of a second after the Big Bang, according to Mason Inman of National Geographic news. Also, this pea shooter will hopefully answer some intriguing questions like whether the Higgs boson, also known as the “god particle,” exists and what dark matter is and does.

The “god particle” is thought to be what gives all particles their

mass, mass being the common factor between all objects. There is a lot of conflict about this particular particle because it is the only standard model particle that has not been observed. If we could prove it exists and show how it operates, we could bring further light to our massive world.

Dark matter, one of the most illustrious types of matter, is said to be undetectable by emitted radiation. Emitted radiation is not the mutating, gene altering radiation we hear about in history books.

It is actually how you can tell a thing exists, because the thing will emit an electric or magnetic field, but dark matter does not. Instead dark matter can supposedly only be detected by its gravitational pull on visible matter, much like a black hole. The theory of dark matter being a significant part of the universe is widely believed, but it remains unproven.

So if this proton accelerator could prove these things exist, the science books would change forever. Our way of thinking about the universe and the world we live in would have to change. One thing I fear concerning the Higgs boson particle is the idea of being able to extract it. That could mean the concept of “beam me up, Scotty” could be real, but it could also be a new means of bigger and more horrible wars. I am afraid of discovering new technology after what our country has been through in the last 100 years. All new technology has brought about wondrous exterminations.

Nonetheless, the Large Hadron Collider did fire up and is running at half capacity. The “god particle” and dark matter are on the list of things to be sought, so let’s hope they figure it out before the project backfires and pulls us all in to a consuming black hole. ♦

This week in ridiculous: Snuggies to Ohio



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I’m not going to waste time introducing the news this week; it’s ridiculous enough to introduce itself.

The most ridiculous thing I’ve seen, or heard for that matter, in a long time is by far the Snuggie for dogs. It even says, “Keeps you warm and your paws free!” as if the dog can read. Not only is the Snuggie ridiculous, but one for dogs? As if the whole

clothes for dogs wasn’t already ridiculous. Good job, Snuggie makers. You’ve outdone yourselves.

Speaking of clothes on dogs, this next story takes us to the place where I’m pretty sure they made it, um, cool. A 74-year-old man in Los Angeles has been declared the oldest graffiti vandal in the city’s history according to the *LA Times*. He was going around slapping bumper stickers in a subway stairwell in downtown L.A. His stickers bear the words, “Who is John Scott?”

Apparently this guy, John Scott, has an entire Web site dedicated to paraphernalia emblazoned with “Who is John Scott?” Here’s the thing,

old man, not really anyone cares to know, as far as we can tell. I may, however, go online to check out his merch.

This next woman wasn’t using bumper stickers to get arrested, but she was in her car. Specifically, she was under the influence at Sonic.

“A caller to 911 reported the woman nearly struck several vehicles before pulling into the drive-in,” according to information from the *Johnson City Press*. An Elizabethton police officer approached the woman, Sarah Ellison, at her car and Ellison tried to give the officer a \$20 bill even after the officer continued to tell Ellison she was not the car hop.

Another ridiculous

act committed under the influence happened last week in Canada.

“Police said a highly intoxicated man who survived when multiple freight train cars rolled over him is ‘the luckiest guy alive.’ Police Major Kevin Lemke said Canadian National Railway employees reported they ran over someone lying between the tracks and did an emergency stop about 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12.

“Officers found a 42-year-old local man in some bushes 20 feet away from the tracks. The man indicated he was walking when he saw the train and jumped out of the way,” according to the AP.

Lemke said he believes the

railway employees instead of the guy. Though he was cited for trespassing, he was not seriously injured.

My favorite story from the weekend came from the Boss himself. Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band were playing a show in Michigan when he yelled out to the crowd, “Hello, Ohio!” That’s right, he thought he was still in Ohio. According to the NBC Nightly News, the band was in the Buckeye State a few nights earlier.

Though Springsteen goofed, the crowd didn’t seem to mind as the band played for three hours, according to the *Detroit Free Press*.

Springsteen called it, “every front man’s nightmare.” ♦

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Fort Campbell couple balance children, classroom



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Christopher and Niki Collis leaving APSU Fort Campbell Center after attending classes together.

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Everybody loves a good love story. Boy meets girl. Boy and girl get married. Boy and girl start a family. Boy and girl — attend college together? For Christopher and Niki Collis, both juniors at APSU Fort Campbell Center, this is as normal as it gets. “I am a Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ammo Warrant,” Christopher Collis

said. “Since I have such frequent deployments, [Niki and I] decided to attend school together so we could spend more time together.” Many couples who go to the same college at the same time would say their reasoning is for convenience, or for timing purposes, but not the Collises. The couple’s primary purpose for taking the same classes at APSU is to spend more time together between

Christopher’s deployments. Christopher Collis is a criminal justice major, and Niki is pursuing a degree in social work. Niki plans to pursue a job with the Department of Children’s Services after receiving her degree. Christopher hopes to work for the Clarksville Police Department SWAT team. “I love attending class with my husband,” Niki said. “I am so sad that after the fall semester we will only be able to take two more classes together since our majors are pushing us in separate directions. He is a riot in class and a real motivator for me.” The idea of sharing a life inside and outside of the classroom is valued by both members of this marriage. “You know that nervous feeling you have the first day of class when you don’t know anyone? Well, with my wife in class I don’t ever feel that way.” Christopher Collis, junior criminal justice major

us] and just the best kids. They don’t make attending college together more difficult, just interesting. There is never a dull moment at our house.” The couple is incredibly optimistic about their situation. “Having two special needs kids requires a lot of time and doctor’s appointments,” Christopher said. “But I think that could also fall under the perks section [of our situation] because if one of the kids has an appointment, then one of us takes them and the other goes to class and takes notes.” Christopher considers his wife Niki to be the better note taker, so he opts for the doctor’s appointments most of the time. Christopher works as a casualty assistance officer, who is currently working with an Army wife that recently lost her husband in Afghanistan. In order to complete his duty, he has already had to miss

several classes. There was a time when the couple thought that going to college together was not such a good idea. “When we were stationed in Colorado Springs, [Niki] was attending school and I was home 11 months of that time,” Christopher said. “She did stop going while I was gone. [It was] way too much with the kids to go to school and to work.” Christopher is not set to deploy again until March of 2011, and Niki is scheduled to graduate that summer. The Collises are grateful for good planning. Christopher and Niki are not only handling being married, being parents and being a military family; they are also managing to use class time as a way to spend quality time together. “I couldn’t be happier,” Christopher said. “She is so much fun to have in class and when she isn’t there, I miss her.” “I feel the same way,” Niki said. “When Chris has to miss class, it’s a bummer. I always look forward to when he will come back.” ♦

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Alumni art exhibit ‘Whatever’ opens downtown

By CHASITY WEBB
Staff Writer

Tucked away in a quaint corner of downtown Clarksville is Strawberry Alley. On this street is Clarksville’s continuously growing art district. What, you may ask, does this have to do with APSU? APSU’s Art Department just opened its Downtown Gallery.

The two-story, freshly painted building was leased a few months ago by APSU’s Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts. The purpose was to create gallery space for APSU’s alumni and faculty. The gallery houses an array of contrasting white wood and brown stone walls.

The gallery opened its doors on the First Thursday Art Walk on Nov. 5. The First Thursday Art Walk happens the first Thursday of every month when all the local art galleries open their doors to art enthusiasts.

“It’s a way to help our alumni who are out there trying to build their careers,”

Gregg Schlanger, APSU art professor said. “It gives them a line on their resume and allows us to brag about our program.”

The first exhibit was put together by APSU alumni and is titled “Whatever.” The artists in this exhibit include Chip Boles, Travis Childers, Bill Elliot, Miranda Herrick, Kelly Kerrigan, Young Kim, Scotty Peek, Marc Pewitt, Ally Reeves, Melody Shipley, Donna Stack and Betsy Wynkoop.

The pieces range from photographs, sculptures, oil paintings, rice balls and videos.

When you enter from the top story and make your way down the steps the exhibit continues to captivate its audience. The pieces only become more colorful and, in some cases, strange, making the audience increasingly curious of the artists’ intentions.

“Whatever” will run through Saturday, Nov. 28. The gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, but will be closed on Thanksgiving. ♦



CHASITY WEBB | STAFF WRITER

The APSU Downtown Art Gallery is currently exhibiting ‘Whatever,’ which will continue through Saturday, Nov. 28.

Film documents Mormon role in the gay marriage debate



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michael Otterson, managing director of the public affairs office for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, reads a supporting statement from the LDS Church during a public hearing before the Salt Lake City Council Tuesday, Nov. 10, regarding two proposed ordinances protecting gay and lesbian residents from housing and employment discrimination.

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Reed Cowan’s reasons for making a film about the Mormon church’s activism against gay marriage in California are personal.

Himself gay and Mormon, Cowan clashed with his family over his sexual orientation and the beliefs of their faith, but it was a conversation between him and a sibling about her support of Proposition 8 cemented his commitment to make the film: “8: The Mormon Proposition.”

“I thought, if this is the dialogue in my

Mormon family, then what is like in other Mormon households,” the Miami-area filmmaker and former Utah television journalist said. “If this is the pain I feel over Prop. 8 and other Mormon efforts to quash (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) rights, what is the pain of others multiplied all over the world?”

While the 80-minute documentary is still in production, a trailer posted on the Internet has caught the eye of both sides of the debate, viewed by roughly 70,000 people in its first 78 hours online. And the Web site that hosts the video has had nearly 28,000

visitors since it went online last month.

Cowan contends that the church was the most influential force in the campaign and paints the faith’s theology and culture as historically anti-gay.

Internet commentary on the trailer is divided.

Depending on the source, the movie is either an emotional and scathing indictment of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or an unfair characterization of the Utah-based church’s beliefs and motivation for political involvement.

The church was part of a coalition of faiths and conservative groups that pushed for approval of a gay marriage ban in California’s constitution.

Church officials have seen the trailer and other online materials about the film, LDS spokeswoman Kim Farah said, and “it is obvious that anyone looking for balance and thoughtful discussion of a serious subject will need to look elsewhere.”

Like many faiths, Mormonism defends traditional marriage as an institution ordained by God that is central to a healthy society.

The church has consistently worked against legislation to legalize gay marriage since the 1990s. Last week, however, church leaders endorsed a pair of Salt Lake City ordinances that make it illegal to discriminate against LGBT persons in employment and housing.

Narrated by Academy Award winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black — also gay and raised Mormon — the film chronicles the campaign and includes personal stories from straight and gay Mormons, including newlyweds Tyler Barrick and Spencer Jones, who married in San Francisco on June 17, 2008, the first day same sex marriage was legal in California.

The film touches on gay suicide and homelessness, which many believe occur at higher-than-average rates among gay Mormons and highlights the strong opposition to gay rights from the Utah Legislature and lobbyists who are predominantly Latter-day Saints.

It also draws on past statements of former leaders and efforts to cure homosexuality with electroshock therapy at the church-owned Brigham Young University.

Mormon church officials appear in the film in footage obtained through other filmmakers, media outlets and in a church-produced video that appeared on the Web.

Cowan said he “begged” for church participation — through both official channels and personal connections — but was rejected. “I got an immediate no,” he said.

Alex Nibley, a Utah filmmaker and digital media instructor said the trailer’s powerful, high-quality footage promises an emotional look at it subject. Still, he said, it appears to fit within the typically polarized spectrum of film takes on the Mormon church — most either that promote the faith or attack its views.

“I suspect that the impact will be to confirm certain ideas that people have about the church,” Nibley said. “It may expand some perceptions in the public at large, but it will probably not shake the faith of a lot of those who aren’t going to pay much attention to it.”

Cowan said his goal for the film was to document what he believes is a crusade against gay people and to illustrate that the faith operates as both a church and a political action committee.

A release date for the film, believed to be the first about Prop. 8, is uncertain. Cowan is shopping the film to festivals. ♦

Around campus: APSU floods with prospective students at AP Day



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Far left: Parents and potential students gathered in the UC Ballroom on Saturday, Nov. 14, to be welcomed by Provost Tristan Denley, Associate Director of Admissions Amy Deaton and Admissions intern, Caleb Roberts.


Left: Parents and potential students take a tour around campus to view some of the important aspects of APSU.

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MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Govs seal second place

By MARLON SCOTT
News Editor

The Lady Govs volleyball team gave their seniors a few gifts, including some revenge on senior day, Saturday, Nov. 14. Seniors Stephanie Champine, Kirstin Distler and Marisa Jordan got to celebrated with their teammates in the Dunn Center after they swept the Murray Racers 3-0 (25-14, 27-25, 25-20).

The Racers dealt the Lady Govs one of only three OVC losses this season on Oct. 16. However, they did not have the gas to stop the Lady Govs from crossing the finish line first this time.

The win was the third in a row for the Lady Govs and places them second in the OVC at the end of the regular season with a 22-8 (15-3 OVC) record. It was also the end of Mike Johnson's first year as a volleyball head coach.

"I think the thing that stands out the most was how much fun it was to work with these kids," Johnson said. "It was fun for them. It was fun walking into the gym everyday for practice. I hope they enjoyed it as much as I did."

The Racers did not have any fun in the first set of the match.

They were out of sync early and the Lady Govs took full advantage. They established an early 9-4 lead, forcing the Racers to take a time out.

But the break did not help, and the Lady Govs marched easily to a 25-14 win.

The Racers recovered in the first set to fight hard in the second set. The second set duel included 14 ties. The last tie of the set was 25-25 and the Racers had the serve. Kayla Grantham ended the Racers possession with a kill for the Lady Govs that made the score 26-25.

Grantham served an ace to win the set. Grantham produced six aces in the match.

She was one of six different Lady Govs that produced 15 total aces against the Racers.

The third set appeared to be another close battle.

The two teams fought to a 6-6 tie. However, Champine made a booming



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Lady Govs Kayla Grantham and Marie Mullins leap for the block against the UT-Martin Lady Skyhawks, Friday, Nov. 13. In the sweep against Murray State, Saturday, Nov. 13., Grantham served six aces in the dominating win.

kill to give the Lady Govs a lead they would not relinquish.

Champine put in an impressive day's work with 17 kills and four aces in the match. She and Taylor Skinner combined for a block that gave the Lady Govs the 25-20 win.

Before looking ahead to the OVC tournament, three Lady Govs had to say goodbye to the court in the Dunn Center.

Champine leaves the Lady Govs, after

leading the team in kills for the second year in a row.

Distler played for the Lady Govs all four years of her college career. Jordan joined the team with Champine in the 2008-09 season.

The seniors will enjoy some postseason play when they travel to Jacksonville, Ala., Friday, Nov. 20.

The Lady Govs earned a first round bye with a second place regular season

finish. They will play in the Semifinal round of the 2009 OVC Championship Tournament against a yet to be named opponent.

However, they do not want to stop there.

"It's always been our goal to go to the NCAA Tournament," Johnson said. "I think if we meet our capabilities, its in reach, we can do it. But we are going to have to come to play. I hope we do." ♦

ONLINE

Junior Terrence Holt breaks through traffic with teammates blocking to get to the goal line. Holt finished the game with 222 total offensive yards in the win against the Tennessee State Tigers, Saturday, Nov. 14. This is the first time the Govs have beaten the Tigers since 1995. For the story and interview with head coach Rick Christopher, check www.theallstate.org



LOIS JONES | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Lady Govs lose season opener against Lady Mocs, 76-66

By DEVON ROBINSON
Sports Editor

Communication was a problem as the Lady Govs let a close one slip away against the Chattanooga Lady Mocs in a 76-66 loss. Starting the season after a blowout win against Cumberland University, APSU just could not find an answer to the Chattanooga's offensive pressure.

The Lady Govs were shooting cold the first four minutes of the game, as they could not find the offensive rhythm to offset the stifling Lady Moc defense. The Lady Mocs broke out to a 10-0 start until the lay-up by Nicole Jamen. Jamen scored 16 points in the contest, shooting 6-of-13 from the field including one from beyond the arc.

With Jamen starting the scoring tear, it would bring the score within two points making the contest, 11-13. From there, Chattanooga scored every time the Lady Govs did, assuring

they would keep the lead. The Lady Govs finally made a stop and was able to bring the score to 22-22 with a break away lay-up by junior guard/forward Salem Richardson. Preseason Southern Conference Player of the Year Shanara Hollinquest proceeded to foul Jamen to bring her to the line. Jamen made both free throws to start the first of just two Lady Govs leads during the game, 24-22.

The Lady Govs lead would be a short one as Lady Moc guard, Kayla Christopher, connected with a three-pointer, 28-31. APSU had little to answer for as Chattanooga went on a 10-3 run to end the first half, 36-31.

In the second half, the Lady Govs did better offensively with help from sophomore guard Whitney Hanley and her team-leading 22 points. Hanley shot 3-of-5 from beyond the arc and 9-of-13 from the field. Although she played well, the Lady Mocs held the rest of her

team down with good interior defense and causing turnovers.

APSU started competitively with the Lady Mocs with back and forth scores on both ends of the court. A three-point connection by Hanley would tie the game up 54-54, but personal fouls were one of the factors that ailed the Lady Govs. After the score by Hanley, center Kaitlyn Hill fouled Lady Moc Erin Helton to bring her to the line for one point and score, 55-54.

The Lady Govs couldn't stop the Lady Mocs for the rest of the half as Hollinquest scored 9 of the her team's final 14 points.

"Hollinquest is a good player, she's ranked in the top 25, so she deserved her ranking. I think we could have defended her better in the second half like we did in the first," Jamen said.

This was the APSU's fourth season-opening loss in five seasons and their fifth straight loss to Chattanooga, last year's Southern Conference

tournament and regular season champion. The Lady Govs are 7-28 overall against the Lady Mocs, bringing head coach Carrie Daniels to a 0-3 record against the team as well.

"They got a lead early, but I thought we did a good job of battling back. It was back and forth the entire game until the last four or five minutes. Then they pulled away and we never had an answer. We did not execute or play smart basketball," Daniels said

"Maybe that's a direct result of it being the first game, being very early. I'm hoping that's what it is. It's early and the main thing is that we learn from it and move forward."

The Lady Govs will continue action at home Saturday, Nov. 21, against the AP poll No. 24 ranked, Middle Tennessee State University at 7 p.m. Daniels and her team would be looking to her first win against the tough team and their star Alysha Clark. ♦

Govs rally to beat the Zips, open 1-1

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Before heading to Akron, Ohio to play the Zips, the APSU Govs opened their non-conference schedule and season opener against the Tennessee Volunteers.

The Govs rallied from 17 down to cut the lead to 31-25 headed into halftime. From there, the Vols' Tyler Smith showed why he is a pivotal piece to Tennessee's hopes for success this season. He scored eight of the first nine points for the Vols to open the second half.

The Vols did not look back on their way to an 83-54 win against the Govs.

APSU's Anthony Campbell led all scorers with 17 points. Wes Channels and Tyrone Caldwell had 13 and 11 points, respectively.

"They obviously wore us down with their size and athletic ability," said APSU head coach Dave Loos.

The Govs had a lengthy trip to Akron to think about the loss, but apparently, more traveling was what they needed to turn things around.

The Govs went on to an 80-77 victory over the Zips in the first game of the Glenn Wilkes Classic.

"To be able to come in here and win, especially in the way the guys did, is pretty significant. I think we probably grew as a team today," Loos said.

The win came with the help of an impressive second half performance by Duran Roberson. Roberson hit a free throw with eight seconds left in the game to push the Govs lead to 79-74.

With the Govs trailing by 12 points, with five minutes and 26 seconds left to play, senior Wes Channels converted a lay up to help start an 18-3 run that closed out the game for the Govs.

Channels finished with a game-high 17 points. He scored 12 points in the first half.

"He is our leader, and he is going to try a lot of things," Loos said. "He is going to make a lot more good plays than poor ones; he had a good game as a player and as a leader."

The Govs led by six in the opening three minutes before the Zips took off. Akron took the lead to 15 points with two minutes and 34 seconds left in the first half on two free throws from Chris McKnight. From there, the Govs ended the half down 44-32.

For the Govs, Campbell finished with 14 points, after having only one point in the first half. Tyrone Caldwell finished with 14 and Roberson had 12.

"This is really encouraging because this is a good basketball team that, as I said before, will win a lot of basketball games and probably end up in the NCAA tournament," Loos said.

The Govs will return to the hardwood on Friday Nov. 20, against IUPUI to start the first of three games to continue the tournament. ♦

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COUNT IT

- 90
- The highest scoring game of the Lady Gavs 2008-09 season against Murray State.
- 42
- The lowest scoring game for the Lady Gavs 2008-09 season against Duke in the NCAA tournament.
- 2
- The number of players on the preseason All-OVC list. The players are Nicole Jamen and Ashley Herring.
- 4
- Number of years Carrie Daniels has been head coach at APSU.
- 2
- According to the preseason OVC polls, the Lady Gavs are picked to finish second in the conference.
- 6
- The Lady Gavs have six OVC tournament titles under their belt.
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- The lone senior for the Lady Gavs is Nicole Jamen.
- 14
- The number of players on the Lady Gavs' roster.
- 4
- The Lady Gavs face four ranked teams (MTSU, Vanderbilt, Xavier, Pittsburgh) during the 2009-10 season.

KEY PLAYERS



LOIS JONES | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Guard Whitney Hanley helps on the offensive end with her efficient scoring.



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Western Kentucky transfer, Brooke Faulkner is back to help her team on the defensive front.



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Forward and preseason All-OVC selection Nicole Jamen brings more depth in the interior on offense and defense.



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The All-OVC selection Ashley Herring will use her ball-handling and shooting to lead her to team through the season.

2009-2010 ROSTER

No.	NAME	POSITION	CLASSIFICATION	HOMETOWN
00	Jasmine Rayner	Forward/Center	Sophomore	Memphis
1	Salem Richardson	Guard/Forward	Junior	Ashland City
2	Darcie Warner	Guard	Junior	French Lick, Ind.
3	Alex Bivens	Guard	Junior	Murfreesboro
12	Whitney Hanley	Guard	Sophomore	Mt. Washington, Ky.
14	Neika Smith	Guard	Freshman	Ft. Myers, Fla.
15	Lauren Jones	Guard	Sophomore	Crestwood, Ky.
23	Brooke Faulkner	Guard	Junior	Cynthiana, Ky.
30	Nikki Talley	Center	Sophomore	Murfreesboro
33	Ashley Herring	Guard/Forward	Junior	Memphis
34	Nicole Jamen	Forward	Senior	Yaounde, Cameroon
41	Dalila Thomas	Forward	Junior	St. Louis, Mo.
42	Kaitlyn Hill	Center	Freshman	Belleville, Ill.
43	Meghan Bussabarger	Guard/Forward	Freshman	Corydon, Ind.



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