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Members of a flash mob including APSU faculty, staff and students break into dance at Rivers & Spires on Franklin Street at 4:20 p.m. on Saturday, April 16.

BUSTIN' A MOVE

Faculty, staff and students participate in a flash mob on Franklin Street during the last day of Rivers & Spires.

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Foy courts soaked until at least June

By **CIDNIE SYDNEY-BREWINGTON**
Staff Writer

The front halves of two of the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center's basketball courts are currently out of commission due to water damage. On Thursday, March 24, at a 9 p.m. intramural indoor soccer match, a kicked soccer ball hit a sprinkler.

"It basically burst a pipe. And [the sprinkler] doesn't turn off until the reserve is empty," said David Davenport, director of the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center. In 40 minutes, about 600 gallons of reserve water emptied onto the wooden floors of the front ends of courts B and C.

Because the water expanded and buckled the wood, humidifiers and pumps have been attached

to a plastic covering to humidify the damaged area and pump the excess water into bins.

"This is about a two week process. And there is [still] three inches of water under the floor," Davenport said. "After [the two weeks], all of the wood has to come out. That's three layers and cement. The repairs should be done by the end of June if we are lucky."

The estimated repair costs will start at \$125,000.

"We have had soccer games in the gym for four years and this is the first time this has happened," said Anne Perrault, interim coordinator of Facilities, but to prevent a second occurrence, there has been talk of using softer soccer balls during games.

Activities still continue despite the damage. Because the water damaged the front



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The Foy Fitness and Recreation Center basketball courts undergo repairs after water damage.

halves of courts B and C, there is still access to the back halves.

But for the time being, all intramural activities are held on court A.

With two courts out of commission, user numbers have decreased, but despite the loss in numbers,

"people have been pretty understanding, especially once they see the courts," Perrault said.

The damage also affects future events. There is uncertainty as to whether summer camps usually housed at the Foy will take place there. **TAS**

Smokers fire back at SGA meeting

By **PATRICK ARMSTRONG**
Editor in Chief

"Order! Your time is over to speak!" said Luke Collier, Student Government Association vice president, while banging the gavel as more than 20 student smokers loudly left the Wednesday, April 13, SGA meeting.

The students were there to speak about the proposed smoking policy changes. The students felt they were not informed about the smoking policy subcommittee that created the revision.

"If you've had a subcommittee, at what time were any of the smokers polled? At what time were we told that there was a meeting that we could come and voice our opinions?" said one of the students. "Many of us are handicapped. To put us all the way out on the other side is not going to be possible. These are issues that you did not take into effect and nor have any of us been polled."

Collier said the smoking policy subcommittee has been featured in *The All State* along with what the possible outcomes could be and placed in the meeting minutes online.

One of the smokers then said, "In none of those [Gov Says] emails was it said that there is going to be a meeting concerning a change in [the smoking] policy. You might want to be there."

In the Wednesday, Feb. 23 and Wednesday, March 16, meeting minutes, a brief summary of the smoking policy changes were mentioned but the complete policy was not posted on the SGA website.

SGA President Kenny Kennedy said the first 10 minutes of an SGA meeting are reserved for anyone to come and voice their opinions and that the meetings are open.

"To be quite honest ... the students have already spoken," Kennedy said.

Another smoker said with injured veterans here, they cannot walk clear across campus and then make it to classes with 10 minutes in between. "It's not fair to make us go all the way over there when [non smokers] can just walk to your classes."

Collier said if this had been taken to poll, then this would probably be a smoke free campus because there are a lot more non-smokers than smokers.

"We get a lot more complaints from non-smokers than we do smokers," Collier said. "We did keep you guys in mind. We did have feelings that your voices should be heard by giving you guys the outside of campus opposed to completely banning it or making you smoke in your car."

Multiple smokers then said their time at the meeting was useless and they have no voice despite

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Library remodeled, improved for students

By **JENELLE GREWELL**
Managing Editor

The library has experienced both aesthetic and functional remodels this past semester.

Joe Weber, director of Library Services, said over the winter break the library was repainted and carpeted and over spring break all the new library furniture, tables and chairs were added.

Weber said study areas were added for up to eight people as well as some for two and some for students studying by themselves.

Over winter break, Weber said, the restrooms on the main floor were remodeled and remodels to the other restrooms are being planned. The restrooms received new tile, furnishings, sinks, toilets, dividers and doors.

Ariel Campbell, junior Biology major, said she feels as if the new desks for the computers are smaller than before. "They are cute desks, but I don't remember not having so much room before," Campbell said.

Hyunjyn Yon, senior English major, said she agrees with Campbell. "I feel that there is no room for putting stuff on desk with the computer." She said she also notices some computers do not work.

Campbell said she likes the absence of the walls between the computers. "I feel it is easier to talk to other people."

"Positive feedback [we have received] is that it looks a lot nicer in here and a lot more inviting," Weber said.

Yon said she feels as if the colors are brighter than before.

Weber said there are plans to put a Starbucks in the library because all of the companies bidding for the Dining Services contract are offering to work with Starbucks.

"I think that [offering Starbucks] is a good service we can offer students even though the MUC is right across the quad," Weber said. "We are open longer hours than Einstein's are

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SGA meeting Wednesday, April 13

Action	Vote	What it means for you
Students spoke on behalf of smokers expressing concerns about proposed smoking policy changes.	None	The smoking policy has been sent to the University Policy Committee which deferred voting until Tuesday, May 10. If passed, the legislation will take effect Fall 2011.
SGA passed Senate Resolution 13 regarding the posting of all The Gov Says emails on the official APSU Facebook page.	Aye 20 Nay 0 Abstain 3	This resolution is intended to improve student awareness of campus developments via social media.
Senator Katherine Worsham proposed Senate Resolution 14 regarding changes to the SGA Constitution.	None	If passed, the SGA Constitution will now state the Internal Affairs committee will pass judgement on exceptions to election procedures.
Senator Cady Denton proposed Senate Resolution 15 which would make a recommendation to the Provost regarding implementation of student evaluations for instructors of summer courses.	None	If passed students would be able to evaluate instructors of summer and Maymester courses the same as they do for regular semester courses.
Senator Aubrey Harris proposed Senate Resolution 16 encouraging the purchase of new study tables and white-boards for the Sundquist building.	None	If passed, students in the Sundquist building would benefit from new equipment.
Senator Katherine Worsham proposed Senate Resolution 17 which would require that Senators serve one office hour per week in the SGA office.	None	If passed, students would have greater opportunities to reach SGA members with comments and concerns.

Next meeting: at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 20 in MUC 307



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The APSU crime log includes arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within two business days of an incident and new information to an incident is available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

- 12:47 a.m.; April 14; Rawlins; underage possession/consumption
- 8:37 p.m.; April 13; Cross hall; theft of property
- 2:15 p.m.; April 13; Claxton; theft of property
- 1:54 p.m.; April 13; MUC; theft of property
- 1:13 p.m.; April 13; Claxton; theft of property
- 4:31 p.m.; April 12; Emerald Hills/Two Rivers; unlawful drug paraphernalia
- 8:51 a.m.; April 12; Eighthth Street lot; indecent exposure
- 8:38 p.m.; April 6; Sevier/Blount lot; vandalism
- 1:27 p.m.; April 6; Shasteen; theft of property
- 4:27 p.m.; April 6; MUC; theft of property
- 7:47 p.m.; April 5; Shasteen; theft of property
- 7:11 p.m.; April 3; Trahern; domestic assault
- 12:44 p.m.; March 30; Claxton; theft of property
- 9:52 a.m.; March 30; Ellington; *
- 12:46 a.m.; March 27; Killebrew hall; underage drinking
- 10:13 p.m.; March 26; MUC; theft of property
- 11:12 a.m.; March 25; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center lot; vandalism

* Campus police did not include the missing information in the campus crime log

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Library

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and we are hoping a coffee shop will be open closer to our hours. Plus, if you are here in the evenings you really don't want to run across to Einstein's to get a cup of coffee and come back here."

Yon said she always wondered why there was not a Starbucks in the school's library. "I [am] an exchange student and in every library we have [a] Starbucks."

Weber said he has also heard from students and library staff that it is quieter. "I think this is because even though you are still close together when working on computers, when you are sitting at a table there is more space and [there are] barricades between the space."

Weber said some negative feedback he has received has nothing to do with the remodeling.

The wireless printer seems to have some issues and there is trouble with the software.

When the issues are fixed with the printer, it will be moved back to the middle of

the floor.

Weber said another change is the big carols that were used for the quiet zone in the back corner of the main floor have replaced the old carols in the basement.

Ten other carols were added and all the carols are close to electrical outlets.

"So any students who are looking for a quieter place from the dull roar that is usually going on on the main floor can find a place downstairs."

Weber said the metal structures underneath the new desks are meant to hold the computer.

He said since the structures were back ordered they were not installed in time to move the computers to them before students came back from spring break.

"We decided to just [move the computers to the structures] at the end of the semester," Weber said.

He said the structures swivel so the computers can move to help reach USB ports and for the comfort of the user.

Campbell said she uses the computer holders under the desk as a footrest because she does not know what it is. "If you put your feet on them



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Students use computers in the newly remodeled library.

they will break," Weber said.

Another complaint Weber has heard people say is that there are fewer tables. "The tables are bigger and some of the tables seat eight people."

Weber said one student may sit at an eight-person

table and other students may feel uncomfortable also sitting at the table.

He said before the changes there were about 30 tables and now there are about 20 tables, but the seating amount is the same. **TAS**

S&P warns: Fix federal deficit or risk nation's credit rating

Associated Press

A key credit agency issued an unprecedented warning to the United States government Monday, urging Washington to get a grip on its finances or risk losing the nation's sterling credit rating.

For the first time, Standard & Poor's lowered its long-term outlook for the federal government's fiscal health from "stable" to "negative," and warned of serious consequences if lawmakers fail to reach a deal to control the massive federal deficit.

An impasse could prompt the agency to strip the government of its top investment rating in the next two years, S&P said. A loss of the triple-A rating would ripple through the American economy, making loans more expensive and credit more difficult to obtain.

The downgrade was interpreted as a rebuke to President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans, admonishing them to put politics aside and come up with a long-term financial plan as soon as possible. **TAS**

Retired assistant professor of 21 years, Whitmer dies at 68

Staff Reports

Wayne F. Whitmer died Friday, April 15, in Clarksville. Whitmer retired as an assistant professor of administrative office management in 2000, after 21 years. He was 68.

Arrangements are pending and will be handled by Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home. For more information, visit the funeral homes website (www.neal-tarpley.com/obituaries.html) or call 645-6488. **TAS**

Smoking

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the fact SGA voted and passed this. The smokers then left the meeting with multiple people continuing to voice their opinions on the issue.

The University Policy Committee will vote on the smoking policy changes Tuesday, May, 10, and APSU President Tim Hall will then decide whether to implement this policy or not.

Kennedy thinks these changes will make it easier to enforce by campus police because the smoking area will be reduced. He said Lantz Biles, director of

Public Safety, claims their job is not to enforce the Student Code of Conduct.

Kennedy said after the SGA executive committee met with Mitch Robinson, vice president of Business and Finance, and Biles, campus police is going in a secondary route to produce new signs for a smoking policy campaign.

"The faculty are OK with it and then all the vice presidents have already approved of it. So you can basically say the administration has approved," Kennedy said.

"[President Hall is] not really the type of person to go against a body of people who have done a lot of research on this kind of stuff," Kennedy said. **TAS**

Smoking Policies at TBR schools

- **East Tennessee State University** - Tobacco-Free Campus; no fines or citations in enforcement policy.
- **Middle Tennessee State University** - Smoking only permitted at least 20 feet away from any doorway or commonly used footpath.
- **Tennessee State University** - Smoking only permitted at least 20 feet from entrances to public buildings.

- **Tennessee Technological University** - Tobacco-Free Campus; violations reported to campus police.
- **The University of Memphis** - Smoking only permitted at least 20 feet from doorways, windows and ventilation systems.
- **University of Tennessee Knoxville** - Smoking prohibited only inside buildings
- **University of Tennessee Martin** - Smoking only allowed at least 20 feet from entrances to buildings.



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Voter testing an inadequate measurement



Kristin Kittell
Assistant Perspectives Editor

I registered to vote when I was a senior in high school. They handed me a piece of paper, I filled out my information and then handed it back to them. After this, I was permitted to vote in the 2008 election. I do not recall receiving any information on the candidates and I most certainly was not asked to prove my competence. But should I have been?

Recently, the question of voter proficiency has become a subject of concern for media and politicians alike. The public is increasingly easily swayed by politicians who take aim at the naïve, declaring witty catch phrases, making empty promises and enlisting popular celebrities to gain support. And while most everyone has an opinion on the major issues facing us today, far too many of us do not ground these opinions in hard facts, but rather emotional notions. If you do not understand what you are voting for, you obviously

cannot cast an educated vote. It seems that the leading proposal for solving this problem is the addition of pre-vote testing to ensure the voter in question is up to date on government proceedings and the history therein. CNN correspondent LZ Granderson even suggests the same test used to determine immigration rights should be administered to voters pre-registration in order to prove their know-how. This idea is problematic for more reasons than I'm sure I could even come up with.

First, the practice of standardized testing in general has been under fire in the education realm because it is not an accurate method of measuring an individual's proficiency.

Educators realize not every student will perform under the same circumstances and, therefore, not all of them will be able to show the same level of understanding in standardized testing alone. A large faction advocates the elimination of standardized testing as an indicator of knowledge altogether; why would the government mandate more?

Also, a lack of knowledge of the processes of the government does not necessarily mean one is not aware of the issues and



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therefore not proficient enough to vote. The fact of the matter is most Americans do not know the senate convened for the first time in 1789. I myself would not have known had I not read it 15 seconds ago on the senate website.

However, not knowing that does not mean an individual does not have an educated opinion on the direction of the government. They may still know they want a candidate who believes in affordable health care or funding for the military, and they may know exactly which

candidate stands for those policies.

Voters need to be aware of their voting circumstances, but testing is not the way to go about ensuring that. Educating the public and allowing them to glean from the information what they wish is a far more democratic way to approach this. It is by no means ethical to deny someone the right to vote because they do not stack up to what one group has set as an intellectual standard. This nation is not made up entirely of Harvard scholars; just as a

military general might point out the military is not made up of Purple Heart worthy soldiers. Still, the government is intended to represent both and many more.

Education is beneficial to the American public on any and every level. The best solution to the problem of under-educated voting is federally funded and completely unbiased education, and this is far easier said than done. Regardless, voter testing would be of no use to the future of the American public. *TAS*

Energy efficiency on campus to save budget millions



Gregory Jones
Staff Writer

My time here has spanned most of the last decade, so I feel comfortable discussing the university's actions in regards to conservation and remain assured I am not narrowly selecting a small sample of its history. The university's energy efficiency has been outdated for the bulk of its existence.

To be fair, for most of that time energy concerns were little more than a whisper from a minority of students, faculty and staff. Given the source of energy has been dominated by fossil fuels and that there was little or no question about the harmful effects of extraction or pollution and such power was relatively inexpensive, there was no alarm sounding when someone

left the lights on all night in Browning.

But as time has issued forward, such given statements have fallen to the background. Now days, there's an uproar for energy efficiency and energy which is clean, less environmentally demanding, less expensive and less hazardous to human health. Yet, in checking the numbers, we've made little progress out of the energy dark age.

The university's utility budget has been steadily increasing until very recently. In 2009, APSU spent \$4.7 million on utilities; about \$4.1 million in 2008 and \$3.9 million in 2007. But, it's not all bad news. In 2010, an important phase of the Ameresco project was completed.

From this project we've made significant improvements to the university's boiler system, which drastically decreased the total expense on utilities. Additionally, a three-part steam line project is underway, which will

replace the degraded pipes transferring steam across campus. Have you seen steam rising from various grates on the sidewalks? Probably not as much since phase one of the steam line project completed last summer, but I'm sure you have noticed.

I was under the impression steam was intentionally being emitted or eliminated as excess from the boiler. In reality, what you're witnessing are dollar bills dispersing into the wind. In meeting with Timothy Hurst, assistant vice president for Finance, I was informed steam is being lost all over campus as a result of the inefficient and deteriorating pipes. Fortunately, phases two and three are scheduled to begin shortly, so this costly problem should be corrected soon.

I mentioned the significant decrease in utility costs. How much, you ask? Last year, the utility bill totaled about \$3.9 million. As the current figure shows,

APSU stands to spend roughly \$3 million in 2011. That's about 25 percent lower than the projected budget this fiscal year. If you follow the trend of utility costs, you find the university hasn't been this far under budget in quite some time. And there's good evidence the university's decision to update the boiler and steam lines is responsible.

The Ameresco project cost around \$7 million. If APSU saves at least \$1 million annually, it's pretty clear the project will pay for itself in due time. There isn't much question about whether or not investments in energy efficiency projects are a good idea. The savings alone speak for that.

The big question is where will those savings go? Tennessee is currently facing a serious budget problem and surely large savings, like those from the Ameresco project, will be factored into how the university will continue to operate without pulling on students' pockets any more than necessary.

While I think it is a respectable decision, I have to disagree it would be the wisest use of the money. I think savings from conservation or sustainable projects should be reinvested into other projects. A large investment in renewable energy could be the ticket to getting ahead of surging energy costs and gaining distance from sources of power, which pose potential hazards to humans and the environment.

As many students have suggested, we could erect solar canopies over all of the campus' parking lots and attach them to adjacent buildings. A solar project of that scale could immediately and substantially reduce the university's total energy consumption.

Some would disregard such a project due to its cost. But, as we've seen, sometimes energy projects can pay for themselves. In the long run, investing in clean energy is a small price to pay. *TAS*

Tennessee House votes on children's hearing aid coverage despite opposition

Associated Press

A substantial majority of the Tennessee House of Representatives stood up to the bullying tactics of a powerful lobby this week and supported Tennessee children who need hearing aids.

The 82-12 vote on a bill mandating reasonable provisions for children's hearing aid coverage in individual and group health insurance policies followed speeches by House members that were thrilling and logical.

"I really don't care what kind of score that any of these special-

interest groups give me," declared Rep. Kent Williams, I-Elizabethton, the former House speaker.

"I'm appalled that any special interest or lobbyist will try to tell us how to vote on any issue."

The General Assembly should be willing to put its passion for people with health problems and its disdain for heavy-handed lobbying tactics to work more often.

As The Tennessean newspaper in Nashville pointed out last month, denial rates for individual health coverage remain high in Tennessee and premium costs are rising.

Meanwhile, uninsured adults

must wait for Jan. 1, 2014, when a provision of the federal Affordable Health Care Act prohibiting the denial of health care coverage on the basis of pre-existing conditions — a law that many powerful members of the legislature oppose — goes into effect.

What stirred passions on the hearing aid measure that was up for approval this week was an offensive e-mail from the National Federation of Independent Business that urged a "no" vote, essentially threatening retaliation against legislators who supported the bill.

Three West Tennessee members — Reps. Mark White, R-Memphis; Vance Dennis, R-Savannah; and Andy Holt, R-Dresden — have no excuse for being among the 12 who voted against it. Sponsors said the benefit will add, at most, 2 cents to health insurance premiums.

What little opposition there was arose from the well-worn objections to "government mandates." What supporters realized was that when it comes to health care for vulnerable citizens of a state or a nation, mandates are not always a bad thing. *TAS*

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Chi Omega holds annual 'Wings for Wishes' fundraiser

By RAVEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

It was chilly and rainy last Friday afternoon, but there were enough spicy wings under the roof of the Red Barn to make the temperature on campus smoking hot. The members of Chi Omega women's fraternity held their third annual Wings for Wishes fundraiser for their philanthropy, the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Wings for Wishes is an annual event that was started three years ago by Chi Omega Women's Fraternity. Even that first year, it was a huge success," said Molli Swiatek.

Preparations for the fundraiser began early. "In the months leading up to Wings for Wishes, we request the support of businesses and restaurants both in Clarksville and Nashville to provide the donated wings. Anyone is also welcome to make their own batch of wings as a donation.

Tickets are \$7.00 each, and everyone sells at least ten, so we are able to make a large contribution each year," Swiatek said.

Participants at the event were able to sample various wings from businesses throughout the area and determined the best wings at the event.

"There are many wings to choose from this year. We have had places such as Choppin' Block, Buffalo



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Over 4,000 wings were donated to Chi Omega women's fraternity's Wings for Wishes fundraiser which took place on Friday, April 15, in the Red Barn.

Wild Wings [and] Hooters offer their wing donations," Swiatek said.

"We had over 4,000 wings donated from eight different businesses and eight different organizations at APSU" said Kendyl Davis. By the end of the event, Zaxby's was named Chi Omega King of the Wing for the third year in a row, while Kappa Alpha Order took home the award for Finger Lickin' Good Greek.

The women of Chi Omega were able to make a large donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation this year, even topping the amount they raised in the previous year.

"Last year we raised \$7,000 so our goal this year was \$8,000, but we raised



Chi Omega overshot their \$8,000 goal for this year and raised of \$13,000. The money will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the sorority's philanthropy.

over \$13,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation," Davis said.

For more information on Chi Omega women's

fraternity or Wings for Wishes, contact Fraternity and Sorority Affairs at 221-6570 or visit room 208 in the MUC. *TAS*



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 20

- 9 a.m.; **Sociology Club Bakesale;** Clement Lobby
- 9 a.m.; **Star Access Bus;** Clement Lobby
- 7:30 p.m.; **Woodwind Chamber Ensemble;** MMC Concert Hall

Thursday, April 21

- 10:30 a.m.; **GPC Earth Day Event;** MUC Plaza
- 6 p.m.; **Spring Fiesta;** MUC Ballroom A

Friday, April 22

- 12 p.m.; **Good Friday Office at the Cross;** Grace Lutheran Church
- 5 p.m.; **Friday Night Buffet;** VFW Post 4895

Saturday, April 23

- 8 a.m.; **Sigma Chi Easter Egg Hunt;** Dunn Center Lawn

Monday, April 25

- 12 p.m.; **March For Babies;** MUC Lobby
- 6 p.m.; **Ceremony;** UC 308
- 6 p.m.; **HCC Award Banquet;** MUC 303

Tuesday, April 26

- 10 a.m.; **Retro Spin: Illustrations by Allison Lee;** The Framemaker

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Flash mob frenzy comes to Clarksville

By **ANTHONY IRIZARRY**
Assistant Features Editor

A mixture of culinary aromas wafted through the frigid 46 degree weather that extended its chilling touch throughout the length of Franklin Street.

Any effort to find an inch of silence in the area was immediately rendered a futile search as the blare of percussion and screeching guitar riffs sounded off from the stage, the mantelpiece to the finale of the Rivers and Spires Festival which concluded on Saturday, April 16.

The collective noise of feet pounding pavement didn't relent as the massive inflow of Clarksvillians, bundled in winter gear, made their way through the street.

When the clock hit 4:20, the most unlikely thing happened. All music stopped, and everything in Franklin Street seemed frozen in the split second moment of silence that encompassed it.

The music started to play again, but it wasn't coming from the stage on the other end of the street, nor from the aspiring musicians sitting on the bench.

Young MC's "Bust a Move" was playing from the APSU Admission's stand.

And as the song beckoned, some of the people on Franklin Street did just that.

Initially, it was a small group of people who lined up between the crowds and immersed themselves in the

rhythmic synchronization of movement that in America has garnered the euphemism, "busting a move."

The line of dancers grew by the minute, and eventually the entire width of the street had been overtaken by legions of the flash mob united. And with each shrug of the shoulder and cocksure swivel of the hips, they accentuated their unified resolve to amaze the onlookers with the startling surprise.

During the climax of the performance, the dancers split into two lines, allowing some of their colleagues to walk through the middle and strut their moves through the makeshift dance floor.

Highlighting the "dance tunnel" was President Timothy Hall, who received the biggest applause as he snapped his fingers and bobbed his head with all the grace and swagger he could muster.

When the music finally stopped, the dancers calmly walked away, as though their spectacle had remained but an afterthought in the recesses of the onlooker's subconscious.

The crowd cheered anyways, in spite of the dancers attempt at being demure.

According to Marcus Hayes, assistant professor of Dance at Austin APSU and who had been one of the performers, the flash mob had been an idea conceived



by Marissa Canella from the Admission's Office.

"She contacted me and asked if I would be interested in partnering with the Admission's Office on the flash mob event," he said.

After partnering with Canella, it had taken the partners around three weeks to work on the event.

Hayes's rough estimate of the people involved in the flash mob - including dancers, faculty, staff, and camera crew - puts the number at around 45 to 50.

Surprisingly, none of the performers were professional dancers - except Hayes. Instead, the mob consisted of a myriad of skill levels which ranged from minors in dance, graduates of the dance minors program, to average Joe students, faculty and staff who had displayed interest in partaking in the event.

The rehearsals were held during the week of Monday, April 11, to Friday, April 15. Two rehearsals a day took place, and then the participants had the choice to attend one of two

TOP PHOTO NICOLA TIPPY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
A flash mob of APSU faculty, staff and students broke out on Franklin Street at 4:20 p.m. on Saturday, April 16.

RIGHT PHOTO MATEEN SIDIQ | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
President Tim Hall snapped his fingers and bobbed his head while traveling down the middle of the flash mob line.

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rehearsals scheduled at different times on Friday, April 15.

The most challenging aspect of putting this together was the uncertainty.

Hayes said, "[Canella], and I had no idea if anyone would show up to participate in the event, and we had no idea if the weather would hold up. There were a lot of variables involved."

Regarding the turn out for the activity, Hayes said



he proud of everyone who had participated in the event and he also felt it was well received by the spectators.

Coupled with youth and expertise in dance, Hayes' professionalism helped pave the way for the performers to pick up the choreography in time for the performance.

His first exposure to dance had been in high school. It wasn't until he went to the Alabama School of Fine Arts where he took his first dance classes that

the love for it sparked.

"There are many things I love about dance," Hayes said.

"I love that it is inclusive of so many different styles and forms — I am sort of a nerd for dance technique."

Although the flash mob went off without a hitch, a repeat performance is not expected in the future. "I think the concept of a flash mob would lose it's effectiveness if they happen to often," Hayes said. *TAS*

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Left: Freshman Joao Pagan is coached in between sets against Jacksonville St. on Saturday, April 9, at APSU.

Right: Freshman Jasmin Ademovic returns a shot against Jacksonville St. on Saturday, April 9, at APSU. Ademovic has really blossomed throughout the year improving with each match.

Men's tennis falls short in OVC finals

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

The Govs tennis team took one step closer to an automatic NCAA Tournament bid this season after beating Tennessee Tech in the semifinals of the 2011 Ohio Valley Conference men's tennis championship in Paducah, Ky. However, the Eastern Kentucky Colonels halted the Govs' progress and earned their second straight OVC Tournament title. The Govs lost to the Colonels 4-

1 in the championship game of the OVC Tournament Sunday, April 17.

"It was really a battle," said head coach Malik Tabet. "I'm proud of these guys because they showed up and represented our team in the best way possible. We just came up short in doubles and then again in singles."

The No. 3 doubles team of freshman Joao Pagan and sophomore John Storie were the only doubles team to win against the Colonels, 8-1. The Colonels also took the No. 1

and No. 2 singles matches.

Govs sophomore Sean Bailey earned the win in the No. 3 singles spot.

But the Colonels sealed the win in a three-set battle between Gov freshman Remi Calleja and Eastern Kentucky's Parul Verma. Verma won the match 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.

"Experience plays a lot, especially when it's the last match of the tournament," Tabet said. "I take my hat off to ECU. They had the experience, they had the

toughness and they knew how to handle the tough situations."

This was the second year in a row the Govs team made the OVC Tournament after failing to do so.

In addition, the team is made up of sophomores and freshmen. The young squad will only continue to become more dangerous over time.

"We're going to come back next year with some more experience, but the same fire," Tabet said.

Although that fire did

not earn the Govs the championship, it did earn the team several OVC postseason accolades.

Freshman Jasmin Ademovic and sophomores Bailey and Henrique Norbiato were named to the OVC men's tennis first team. Ademovic was also named the OVC Freshman of the Year.

This marked the first time a Govs player was named Freshman of the Year and the first time in school history three players were named to

the All-OVC first team.

Both Ademovic and Norbiato played in the top two singles positions this season.

They both also suffered only one loss in regular season OVC play (5-1). Bailey was the only Gov to go undefeated in OVC play. He played at the No. 3 singles spot.

"It's nice to have players that show the discipline that you expect from student-athletes, and the results show," Tabet said. *TAS*

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Freshman Andrea Cornea returns a shot against Jacksonville State University Friday, April 8, at APSU. The Lady Govs had a tough weekend and were ousted in the semi-finals of the OVC Tournament.

Lady Govs tennis stumble in OVC Semi-Finals

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

The Lady Govs shocked the rest of the Ohio Valley Conference last season when they stormed through the tournament and won the OVC Tournament Championship. Even though this season the team features only two returning starters and has four freshmen, the OVC is equally shocked they were not able to repeat. The Lady Govs tennis team lost to Jacksonville, 4-0, in the semifinals of the OVC Tournament Saturday, April 16. Things started badly for the Lady Govs when

they had to forfeit their No. 3 doubles game due to injury. This added much win pressure to the top two teams to earn the point for the Lady Govs. The No. 2 team of freshman Andra Cornea and junior Vanja Tomic lost their match 8-2. “We came out real flat in doubles,” said head coach Malik Tabet. “We didn’t have the momentum or intensity that we showed yesterday. “It hurt us because we had to win that point if we wanted to win the match.” The Gamecocks started the singles competition with a two-point advantage due to another Lady Govs forfeit. Tomic and Cornea split their

first sets in No. 1 and No. 3 singles, but senior Brittany Hays went down fast in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. The Gamecocks sealed the victory when sophomore Carolin Weikard lost her No. 2 singles match, 6-1, 6-2. “Carolin just ran into a good player,” Tabet said. For the second year in a row Tomic and Weikard were named to the All-OVC First Team. It’s the third straight year a Lady Gov has been named to the first year. Tomic earned Player of the Year honors last year. Despite an early season injury she got double-digit wins and lost only one conference match. “Vanja was injured in the

fall and it was difficult to get her to the level she could’ve been playing. I think she did a good job in limiting the damage,” Tabet said. “She played a lot through her talent this year. You can look at her results and see the type of player that she is.” Weikard posted a 5-3 OVC record in singles this season. She earned most of her points for the team playing in the top two doubles positions. She went 12-2 overall and lost only one OVC doubles match. “It’s nice to have Carolin at the top of the lineup,” Tabet said. “She did a great job in doubles playing with a freshman.” *TAS*

Six Lady Govs set personal bests at Bellarmine Invitational



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Freshman Xiamar Richards runs in the APSU Invitational Saturday, April 2. Richards has been a key cog in the Lady Govs’ success this year.

This past weekend six members of the Lady Govs track team set personal bests, led by Freshman Xiamar Richards and her 4:48:76 in the 1500 meter.

- Xiamar Richards — 4:48:76; 1500 meter
— 2:24:41; 800 meter
- Janelle Avery — 4:56:85; 1500 meter
- Kendra Kirksey — 5:00:08; 1500 meter
— 2:28:56; 800 meter
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Govs celebrate win 2 of 3 at JSU

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Senior Staff Writer

The Govs baseball team moved into a tie with Southeast Missouri at the top of the Ohio Valley Conference standings after winning 2-of-3 on the road against Jacksonville St., 9-5, 5-4 and 7-2.

Game 1, Govs win 9-5
APSU 100 051 101 - 9
JSU 110 010 101 - 5

Jacksonville St. (24-13 overall, 7-5 OVC) and the Govs (17-18 overall, 7-4 OVC) move into a tie at the top of the conference standings with Southeast Missouri with a 7-4 record.

In game one, the Govs (17-18, 7-4 OVC) came out the gates and took a 1-0 lead when sophomore first baseman John Hogan hit an RBI double into left center field.

However, the lead did not last. The Govs surrendered two runs to Jacksonville St. (24-13, 7-5 OVC) over the next three innings. The Govs jumped out to a 6-2 lead in the fifth.

Sophomore outfielder Cody Hudson started the inning off with a single.

Then, freshman second baseman Jordan Hankins cranked a 2 RBI triple down the right field line.

The Govs sealed the win behind a solid effort from junior left hander Jeremy Dobbs and the relief pitchers. Dobbs (7-1) pitched 6.2 innings, allowing four runs on eight hits.

He struck out three and walked only one batter. Hogan led the way from the plate going 2-of-5 with 3 RBIs. Hankins went 3-of-5, knocking in two runs.

Game 2, Govs lose 5-4
APSU 001 300 0 - 4

JSU 100 210 1 - 5

The Govs dropped the night cap 5-4.

Gov junior third baseman Greg Bachman tied the game, 1-1, in the top of the third when he hit an RBI single through the left side. The Govs pushed the lead to 4-1 after a big fourth inning that included Hudson hitting a two-run blast.

Jacksonville St. countered with two runs in the fourth and cut the Govs' lead to 4-3.

The Govs offense stalled the rest of the game, but Jacksonville State added two more runs for the win.

Govs senior lefty Jack Snodgrass (1-5) pitched six innings and picked up the loss.

He allowed five runs on 12 hits, struck out nine and walked three.

Hudson led the Govs with a 1-for-2 effort from the plate including a two-run homerun in the fourth inning.

Game 3, Govs win 7-2
APSU 000 100 015 - 7
JSU 000 110 000 - 2

The final game of the series was a pitching duel.

The two teams produced only two runs each in the first eight innings.

Jacksonville St. added runs in the fourth and fifth innings for a 2-1 lead, but the Govs rallied in the ninth. They scored five runs to win the game and the series.

Hankins got things started with a single after the Govs' first out.

Next, sophomore shortstop Reed Harper moved Hankins to third with a double.

The Gamecocks intentionally walked Hudson, and loaded the bases.

Junior outfielder Michael Blanchard hit a high



The Govs baseball team celebrates a home run by freshman catcher Matt Wollenzin against Eastern Kentucky on Saturday, April 9. The Govs have been on a roll lately and continued their hot streak with a win over Jacksonville St. this past weekend.

grounder for an RBI and beat the throw to the first. The throw got by the first baseman and another run scored.

Then, junior outfielder Jon Clinard and Bachman both followed up with RBI singles. The Govs final run came on a sac fly hit by Hogan.

Sophomore Zach Toney pitched 6.1 innings, allowing two runs on eight hits. He also struck out four and walked two in the

no decision. Senior Ryne Harper (1-1) picked up the late win in relief with yet another strong outing. *TAS*

Lady Govs softball swept at JSU, drop to 10-31



Lady Govs junior first baseman Shelby Norton stretches for the out against Murray Saturday, April 9, at APSU. The Lady Govs have fallen on hard times lately, losing eight out of their last 10 games.

By AARON FORSGREN
Guest Writer

The Lady Govs Softball team traveled to Jacksonville, Ala. for its final out-of-state road trip of the season. They played against the Jacksonville State University Gamecocks in a three-game Ohio Valley conference series beginning Saturday, April 16. Jacksonville St. capitalized on five errors by the Lady Govs to win all three games of the series.

Game 1, Lady Govs lose 5-2
JSU 001 130 X-5
APSU 001 001 0-2

In the first game, the Lady Govs (10-33, 5-16 OVC) trailed 2-1 with one out in the bottom of the fifth inning. Then, JSU's Abbey Stepp reached on an error by Lady Gov senior second baseman Randal Davenport. Stepp advanced to second on a ground out to first. Next, Hayden Crawford smacked a single into left field that drove in Stepp.

The Lady Govs' pain continued when Kaycee Crow hit her sixth home run of the season to drive in two more runs for the Gamecocks (31-11, 16-3 OVC) and make the score 5-1. Junior outfielder Catie Cozart hit her third home run of the season to help

the Lady Govs cut the Gamecock's lead to 5-2 in the top of the sixth inning. However, this was as close as the Lady Govs would get to the Gamecocks. Tiffany Harbin (19-5) retired six of the final seven Lady Govs to end to the game.

Junior pitcher Morgan Brewer (6-12) was tagged with the loss. She allowed eight runs (two earned) on five hits and struck out four. The Lady Govs produced only three hits in the game. Cozart led the way going 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Game 2, Lady Govs lose 5-0
JSU 300 003 X-5
APSU 000 000 0-0

Davenport and senior infielder Tiffany Smith opened the second game with back-to-back errors. The Gamecocks took full advantage of the opportunity when Amanda Crow sent a three-run shot over the fence.

The score remained 3-0 until the bottom of the sixth. Jacksonville St. added two more runs. The first was a home run by Sallie Beth Burch to open the inning. The second came on a single by Krystal Ruth. The Lady Govs had several chances to avoid the shutout. They left eight runners on base, including four in scoring position.

The Lady Govs improved to five hits. Cozart was the only player to get multiple hits in the game. Junior Pitcher Ashley Bolda (3-9) earned her ninth loss. She allowed five runs on seven hits, earning two with two walks.

Game 3, Lady Govs lose 1-0
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APSU 000 000 000-0

The Lady Govs battled to a 0-0 tie until the bottom of the ninth in the final game of the series.

In her second start of the series, Brewer subdued the Gamecocks, allowing only five hits in eight innings of work.

JSU's Harbin was equally impressive.

She struck out 10 and walked one while keeping the Lady Govs hitless for the game.

The pitching duel ended in the bottom of the ninth inning when the Gamecock's Hayden Crawford hit a single up the middle. She followed up by stealing second to get in scoring position.

The Lady Govs' second error of the game cost them the win.

Kaycee Crow reached on a throwing error by first base that allowed Crawford to score and the Gamecocks to earn the sweep. *TAS*

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Friday, April 22 vs. Eastern Illinois; 1 p.m.

Friday, April 22 vs. Eastern Illinois; 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 vs. Eastern Illinois; 1 p.m.