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## SGA to buy new \$5,700 Govs head, presents new legislation

SGA proposed legislation at the first meeting of Fall 2015 on Wednesday, Sept. 2

» By **WILL FISHER**  
Contributing Writer

The Student Government Association’s Executive Committee agreed to spend \$5,700 on a Governors head logo to hang over the MUC plaza after discussion with Public Relations and Vice President for Advancement, Communication and Strategic Initiatives Derek van der Merwe.

Two resolutions were proposed during the first SGA meeting of the year on Wednesday, Sept. 2 which will be voted on during the next meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

One resolution seeks to lower the number of scholarship work hours students need to complete per semester and the other suggests a crosswalk be placed on Henry Street between the Kimbrough and Marks buildings.

Wednesday officially marked the beginning of the legislative year for the 70th General

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## APSU to debate privatization, launch doctoral program

» By **CELESTE MALONE**  
Assistant News Editor

Gov. Bill Haslam’s privatization plans could result in multiple layoffs, affecting both staff and students.

The staff senate met on Wednesday, Sept. 2 to discuss the details of privatization and to elect new officers.

President Alisa White spoke at the meeting and gave her thoughts on Haslam’s plans.

White explained University of Tennessee President Joe DiPietro and Chancellor John Morgan have been assured campuses will have the autonomy to decide whether or not they want to outsource.

“It’s not always about the bottom line,” White said. “Sometimes it’s the quality of the service. Sometimes it’s how quickly you can get something resolved. If I have a fire, I want the person who can get to the house the quickest.”

The staff senate will draft an official statement in regard to privatization, which will be presented during the next meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 30, in MUC 308.

Staff Senate President Rylan Kean

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Official renderings of the new fine arts building from the southern perspective. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



## APSU breaks ground on \$16-million addition

President White, Chancellor John Morgan, others attended ceremonial turning of dirt in Trahern lot

» By **DAVID HARRIS**  
Senior Staff Writer

**A**PSU has broken ground on a new \$16 million fine arts building set to open for the spring semester of 2017. President Alisa White, Tenn. Board of Regents Chancellor John Morgan and APSU students were in attendance for the groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

During the ceremony, White explained the effort it takes to keep facilities as they should be and a new building is not designed without hard work by the design committee that’s right on campus.

White said she is very grateful for the work of the design committee.

Many faculty, staff, students, guests and officials were in attendance, such as Montgomery County Mayor Jim Durrett and Tenn. Secretary of State and Secretary of State Building Commission Tre Hargett.

Chancellor Morgan grew up on campus while his

father Joe Morgan served as APSU president from 1963 to 1976. Morgan said it was a pleasure to participate in the groundbreaking of the new fine arts building, and that it promises to make what is already a beautiful campus even more beautiful.

“It’s exciting to see construction anytime it happens on campus,” said Marc Brunner, Director of University Design and Construction. “The new space will provide upgrades to Trahern and will be real enhancements for APSU.”

The new fine arts building will include the following features: Eight design studios, a teaching gallery, a two-story display gallery, lecture halls, recital halls, faculty offices, an art education classroom, two general use classrooms, break-out spaces in the corridors for impromptu art critiques and pin-up space along the corridor.

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From left to right: Tenn. Board of Regents Vice Chair Emily Reynolds, Chancellor John Morgan, President Alisa White, Secretary of State Tre Hargett and State Representative Curtis Johnson. **DANI HUNTER | SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

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# APSU football loses home opener

## For the second time in two seasons, the APSU Governors fall to the Mercer Bears



Adam Noble tackling a Bear in APSU's opening game at the Governor's Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015. CHANEICE JACKSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Tyler Schneider and Gino Roberson watching a Bear attempt to complete a pass. CHANEICE JACKSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

NAME: ELIJAH WILSON



ELIJAH WILSON | LETSGOPEAY.COM

BIRTHDAY: NOV. 25, 1994

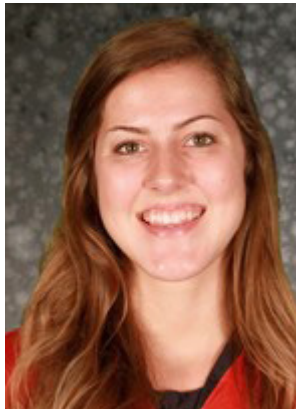
SPORT: CROSS COUNTRY

YEAR: JUNIOR

FAVORITE MOVIE: "REMEMBER THE TITANS"

SONG THAT WILL GET YOU ON THE DANCE FLOOR: "GET LOW" BY LIL' JOHN

NAME: SAMANTHA STROTHER



SAMANTHA STROTHER | LETSGOPEAY.COM

BIRTHDAY: APRIL 14, 1994

YEAR: JUNIOR

SPORT: VOLLEYBALL

FAVORITE MOVIE: "WE BOUGHT A ZOO"

SONG THAT WILL GET YOU ON THE DANCE FLOOR: "SHUT UP AND DANCE WITH ME" BY WALK THE MOON

» By LOUIS DEGEL  
Contributing Writer

The APSU Governors football team started out the 2015 season at home with their 24th loss in 25 games to Mercer University Bears (28-7) on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Permeating through the thick grey clouds, a sea of red and white filled the landscape of Governors Stadium.

With 30 minutes prior to game time, the weather showed itself with a little thunder and lightning, delaying the start of the game.

After failing to capitalize on a plethora of turnovers, the Govs fell to the Bears (28-7).

When APSU played at Mercer last season, the Govs fell 28-0 in just the first half.

In the first quarter, the Govs defense began when junior Damien Whitfield forced a fumble inside the 40-yard line.

The Govs went three and out, forcing the defense back onto the field.

Freshman punter Nolan Chowbay filled in for injured punter senior Evan Toby.

Chowbay attempted a fake punt but was unsuccessful at the line of scrimmage, giving Mercer an excellent field position.

The end of the first quarter had a 0-0 tie.

Early in the second quarter, Mercer took 11 plays and 73 yards to take a 7-0 lead.

After the ensuing kickoff, the Govs found themselves trapped deep with their backs at their own end zone.

A pair of passes to freshmen Juwan Davis

and Jim Irwin pushed the Govs to midfield. A Mercer personal foul penalty allowed the Govs to get into Bear territory.

A strong Bears defense stopped the Govs' momentum, forcing Chowbay to punt.

“I thought our kids showed some mental and physical toughness.”  
— Kirby Cannon, head football coach

Despite a few penalties for the Govs, APSU eventually evened the score due to senior quarterback Trey Taylor on a 22-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Jared Beard.

Over the course of the game, Beard combined for a total of seven catches for 85 yards. During the first half, Mercer's offense led APSU with 21 attempts for 107 yards, compared to the Govs' 17 attempts and only 28 yards.

Opening the second half, Mercer picked up the tempo and their passing game.

The Bears eventually capped off a 62-yard drive in nine plays with a one-yard touchdown run, making it a score of 14-7.

After the Govs got the ball back, they gave it to Mercer at midfield when the Bears blocked a punt.

APSU held Mercer to only an attempted field goal, but for the second straight attempt, Mercer's kicker missed from 45 yards out, giving the Govs another opportunity to stay in the game.

The Govs started out the fourth quarter with a good field position, but Taylor's pass took a bad bounce off of sophomore Otis Gerron's hands and landed in the arms of a Mercer defender.

This set the tone for the rest of the game.

Mercer showed no pity when they drove the ball through the heart of the Governor's defense to score another touchdown making it a score of 21-7.

Just when the game seemed to be coming to an end, Mercer added some breathing room to the score, making it a final of 28-7 with 1:49 left to go.

Despite the 21-point deficit, Taylor defeated Mercer's quarterback 188 yards to 176.

"I thought our kids showed some mental and physical toughness," said APSU head coach Kirby Cannon.

Cannon said despite an increased effort, the team needs to step it up.

"It was certainly a different performance than we had a year ago," Cannon said. "In that regard, we're much improved on both sides of the ball, in some ways. But the offensive effort we had tonight isn't going to win many games." *TAS*

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### Next upcoming game

Saturday, Sept. 12 @ Southern Mississippi  
2:30 p.m.  
Hattiesburg, Miss.

## APSU women's soccer starts off season slow

» By EMMANUEL BELL  
Staff Writer

The Lady Govs soccer team could not slow down the South Alabama Jaguars in a 1-2 loss on Sunday, Sept. 6.

The Lady Govs' next match will be Friday, Sep. 11 against Western Illinois at home, which will be an important game to attempt to turn the season around.

Junior Gina Fabbro scored APSU's only goal of the game.

The first half was rough for the Lady Govs, who were outshot 13-2. The Jaguars controlled the pace and possession throughout the game.

The second half seemed to go differently when the Lady Govs made a valiant effort.

Despite the loss, APSU showed signs of life by keeping a better possession of the ball, leading in shots 5-3.

APSU tried to rally late with three corner kicks, but it was not enough to score a goal.

APSU is now 1-4 overall with a three-game losing streak, making it a slow start to the season. *TAS*



# Groundbreaking

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Upgrades to Trahern include repurposing spaces for Theater and Dance, heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades, creation of a black box theater (a smaller more intimate theater) and repairs to the concrete.

The Trahern lot will be converted to a grassy area, and the purchase of the Jenkins & Wynne property will add to the parking inventory.

The estimated construction cost is \$16 million.

Junior graphic design major Matthew Hemby said he likes the current Trahern building, but is looking forward to a newer building.

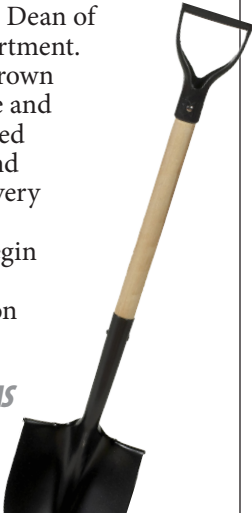
“I think this is a very exciting time for art and theatre here at APSU,” said Mike Gotcher, interim Graduate Dean of the Communication Department.

“The art department has grown significantly, so has theatre and dance, and they both needed to have the ability to expand into new facilities. This is very significant.”

Construction is set to begin in October 2015.

The estimated completion date is Fall 2016, and the building will be ready for classes spring semester 2017. *TAS*

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# Alpha Tau Omega takes home True Merit Award for third straight year

» By MEGAN OLIVER  
Contributing Writer

For the third consecutive year, APSU’s Eta Tau chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity won the True Merit Award at the 150th Celebration Banquet in Indianapolis on Aug. 8.

The True Merit Award is awarded to ATO chapters who exemplify a commitment to the mission of the fraternity, which is “to bind men together in a brotherhood based upon eternal and immutable principles,” according to the official ATO webpage.

“Eta Tau’s chapter success allows members to enjoy a strong ATO experience that enhances their college education and makes them more valuable as citizens, currently on their campus, but very soon, as

members of their respective communities,” according to the ATO National Fraternity Chief Executive Officer Wynn Smiley.

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“Leading a fraternity chapter is not easy, APSU has demonstrated why it is respected and why the brothers have every reason

to be proud.”

APSU’s ATO chapter was also acknowledged for their efforts in both campus involvement and leadership development.

ATO President Lucas Bearden accepted the award on behalf of the chapter, thanking the members of the fraternity chapter and Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Stephen Dominy for their hard work.

“Thank you to all the boys back home, this wouldn’t be possible without you,” Bearden said at the banquet. “I love and respect all my brothers.”

This marks APSU’s chapter of ATO’s fourth True Merit Award win after receiving it in 2011, 2013 and 2014. *TAS*

# SGA Coverage

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Assembly of SGA with the swearing in of all current sitting senators and officers.

During his report to the general assembly, SGA President Will Roberts informed the senators that the Executive Council has decided to purchase a large Govs head for \$5,700, which would hang over the MUC Plaza.

Roberts said the Govs head helps promote the university’s new branding, which was the primary factor in deciding to purchase the logo.

“[The Govs head] cost us \$5,700, so that’s not much at all for the money we have,” Roberts said. “van der Merwe approached me about it and I thought it was a good idea since it’s a high traffic area.”

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[The Govs head] cost us \$5,700, so that’s not much at all for the money we have.”

— Will Roberts, SGA President

Senator Peter Ponce proposed a resolution to recommend lowering scholarship work study hours from 75 hours a semester to 50 hours. Ponce’s resolution stated many academic scholarship holders are heavily involved in

organizations and activities on campus as a primary reason for lowering the requirements.

Roberts also reminded senators the voter registration drive will be happening during the third week of September and SGA will be partnering with Student Life and Engagement for Constitution Day events on Thursday, Sept. 17.

The upcoming SGA election was also discussed and a total of 47 applicants applied for the vacant freshman and graduate student senator seats. Voting in the election will be available through PeayLink and a total of five votes can be cast for the freshman seats and two for the graduate seats. Vice President Ankit Patel will appoint a replacement for the College of Business vacancy left by Artrice Pray. Check out the full story of Pray’s removal online at theallstate.org.

Another resolution was proposed by Senator Dylan Kellogg which would suggest a crosswalk between the Kimbrough and Marks buildings at the intersection of Jackson Alley and Henry Street for APSU to paint. Kellogg said the lack of a crosswalk at the intersection is dangerous for students who cross the street.

SGA will also be sponsoring or co-sponsoring events throughout Academic Integrity week starting Tuesday, Sept. 7. *TAS*



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## LEGISLATIONS

Proposal	Proposing Sen.	Vote
1. Purchase a Govs head logo	1. Pres. Roberts	1. N/A
2. Lower Scholarship hours	2. Peter Ponce	2. N/A
3. Paint a crosswalk between Kimbrough and Marks	3. Dylan Kellogg	3. N/A



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6:41 p.m.	Aug. 31	Foy Fitness Center	Theft Of Property	On Going
8:53 a.m.	Aug. 31	Dunn Center	Theft Of Property	Report
11:01 p.m.	Aug. 30	Hand Village	Aggravated Assault	Arrest

Privatization

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discussed how Provost Rex Gandy has presented up to 20 new academic programs to the Tennessee Board of Regents and Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

There are higher education options including a master's degree in media management and APSU's first doctoral program in psychology.

Some of the lower-level programs include bachelors degrees in science, technology physics, internet technology and media technology.

A handful of minors will be potentially available for students, including art entrepreneurship, film studies and information insurance and security.

These new programs will help APSU increase the diversity of campus and give students more options to choose from.

The staff senate also had elections to appoint members to open office seats.

Ryan Millard from the Office of the Registrar was elected as vice president. Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Stephen Dominy was elected as secretary. Administrative Assistant Carrie Harris was elected as treasurer. Janet Wilson from Athletic Administration, Shanon Manly from Accounts Receivable, Tammy Cunningham from Academic Affairs and Debbie Shearon from the College of Arts and Letters were all elected to the executive committee. *TAS*

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— Alisa White, APSU President



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The speaker, Kate Veseth, an active duty military pilot with over 400 combat flights, has a political science degree from the Air Force Academy and a Master of Theology degree from Liberty University. She is currently studying for her masters degree in philosophy at Columbia University in New York City. She has studied at Oxford University in England and Wheaton College in Chicago.

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## Sixteen Republicans and a Socialist walk into a bar...

Rand Paul



R

**Facts:**

- Crowdpac ranked most conservative Republican
- U.S. Senator representing Kentucky
- Worked as a physician

**For:**

- Absolute right to gun ownership
- Vouchers for school choice

**Against:**

- Same-sex marriage
- Obamacare

Ted Cruz



R

**Facts:**

- Absolute right to gun ownership
- Vouchers for school choice
- Pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens

**For:**

- Vouchers for school choice
- Absolute right to gun ownership

**Against:**

- Abortion rights
- Military expansion

Scott Walker



R

**Facts:**

- Forty-fifth governor of Wisconsin
- First governor to survive recall

**For:**

- Legally requiring hiring women and minorities
- Expanding military
- Vouchers for school choice

**Against:**

- Abortion
- Same sex marriage
- Obamacare

Ben Carson



R

**Facts:**

- Crowdpac ranked fourth-most conservative republican
- Retired pediatric neurosurgeon
- No prior political experience

**For:**

- Vouchers for school choice
- Absolute right to gun ownership
- Staying out of Iran

**Against:**

- Legalization of marijuana
- Expanding the military

Jeb Bush



R

**Facts:**

- Son and brother of former presidents

**For:**

- Vouchers for schools
- Absolute right to gun ownership

**Against:**

- Abortion rights
- Obamacare
- Staying out of Iran

Chris Christie



R

**Facts:**

- Crowdpac ranked third least conservative Republican
- Governor of New Jersey

**For:**

- Obamacare
- Expanding the military

**Against:**

- Absolute right to gun ownership
- Higher taxes on the wealthy

Carley Fiorina



R

**Facts:**

- Chairwomen of Hewlett-Packard from 1995 to 2005
- No prior political experinece

**For:**

- Military expansion
- Vouchers for schools

**Against:**

- Abortion rights
- Same sex marriage

Donald Trump



R

**Facts:**

- No prior political experience
- Entrepreneur, real estate mogul

**For:**

- Vouchers for school choice
- Higher taxes on the wealthy

**Against:**

- Abortion rights
- Obamacare
- Pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens

Mike Huckabee



R

**Facts:**

- Governor of Arkansas from 1996 to 2007
- 2008 presidential candidate

**For:**

- Vouchers for school choice
- Prioritize social security

**Against:**

- Higher taxes on the wealthy
- Abortion rights
- Legalization of marijuana

Bobby Jindal



R

**Facts:**

- Crowdpac ranked tenth most conservative Republican
- Governor of Louisiana

**For:**

- Vouchers for school choice
- Support, expand free trade

**Against:**

- Abortion rights
- Obamacare

Lindsey Graham



R

**Facts:**

- Served in House of Representatives for South Carolina from 1995 to 2003

**For:**

- Absolute right to gun ownership
- Privatize social security

**Against:**

- Abortion rights
- Staying out of Iran

John Kasich



R

**Facts:**

- Served in Senate from 1979 to 1983; House of Representatives from 1983 to 2001

**For:**

- Absolute right to gun ownership
- Privatize social security

**Against:**

- Higher taxes on the wealthy
- Staying out of Iran

George Pataki



R

**Facts:**

- Crowdpac ranked second least conservative republican
- Governor of New York from 1995 to 2007

**For:**

- Same-sex marriage
- Prioritize Social Security

**Against:**

- Obamacare
- Absolute right to gun ownership

Rick Perry



R

**Facts:**

- Crowdpec ranked fifth most conservative Republican
- Governor of Texas 2000 to 2015

**For:**

- Vouchers for schools
- Absolute right to gun ownership

**Against:**

- Obamacare
- Higher taxes on the wealthy

Marco Rubio



R

**Facts:**

- Crowdpec ranked eighth most conservative
- Served in House of Representatives from 2000 to 2008

**For:**

- Vouchers for school choice
- Lower EPA restrictions

**Against:**

- Legalization of marijuana
- Higher taxes on the wealthy

Rick Santorum



R

**Facts:**

- Pennsylvania Senator from 1995 to 2007
- Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1991 to 1995

**For:**

- Obamacare
- Vouchers for school choice

**Against:**

- Abortion rights
- Legalization of marijuana

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# And then there were five: Democratic candidates

## Martin O'Malley



**Facts:**

- Crowdpac ranked second most liberal Democrat
- Served as governor of Maryland


**For:**

- Abortion rights
- Expanding the military

**Against:**

- Absolute right to gun ownership
- stricter punishment reduces crime

## Bernie Sanders



**Facts:**

- Crowdpac ranked as the most liberal democrat
- Independent member of the US Senate from Vermont


**For:**

- Abortion rights
- Expanding Obamacare

**Against:**

- Privatize social security
- Expand the military

## Hillary Clinton



**Facts:**

- Secretary of State from 2009 to 2013
- U.S. Sen. from New York 2001 to 2009


**For:**

- Abortion rights
- Expanding Obamacare

**Against:**

- Expanding the Military
- Absolute right to gun ownership

## Lincoln Chafee



**Facts:**

- Crowdpac ranked least liberal democrat
- Former Governor of Rhode Island

**For:**

- Abortion rights
- Higher taxes for the wealthy

**Against:**

- Legalizing marijuana
- Absolute right to gun ownership

## Jim Webb



**Facts:**

- US senator from 2007-2013

**For:**

- Abortion rights
- Absolute gun right to ownership

**Against:**

- Support and expand free trade
- Pathways to citizenship for illegal aliens

# Republicans have a paradox, Democrats have scandals

» By ELENA SPRADLIN  
Perspectives Editor

Sixteen presidential hopefuls have already emerged from the Republican Party and voters seem decidedly non-pulsed by all candidates with perhaps the lone exception of Donald Trump.

The Republicans seem to have a paradox on their hands with a plethora of candidates but no one emerging as a strong voice of conservative reason.

It looks like Trump, Ben Carson or Carley Fiorina will receive the nomination at this point, none of which have any prior political experience, whatever that says about the current state of the party.

Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton are the obvious top prospective Democratic nominees.

Sanders self-proclaimed socialist beliefs may prevent him from being on the 2016 ticket, but Sanders' supporters may find it difficult to compromise with Clinton if she receives the nomination.

She's dominating in the polls and has been in the public sphere for over a decade but she comes from big money, and class division is a hot-topic issue right now, never mind the ongoing email scandal and hit she took from the attacks on Benghazi in 2012. *TAS*



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# Flame, Nuts, West, 'Oh my' Era of spectacle campaigns

» By ELENA SPRADLIN  
Perspectives Editor

The presidential campaigns of DeeZ Nuts, Waka Flocka Flame and Kanye West are highlighting the exasperation many Americans feel about politics today.

These campaigns are also in keeping with a new trend in politics: Campaigns for the spectacle, rather than the substance.

Deez Nuts, whose real name is Brady Olsen, is a 15-year-old from Iowa.

Olsen is ineligible for the presidency, but that didn't stop him from filling out the necessary paperwork with the Federal Election Committee in July.

It began as a joke born out of frustration with the two-party political system in the U.S. Then DeeZ Nuts began to appear in the polls in a significant way. Reaching poll numbers of 9 percent in North Carolina, 8 percent in Minnesota, and 7 percent in Iowa, according to *NY Daily News*.

He's just one of several "joke" campaigns such as Cap'n Crunch, who is topping him in the polls as of late.

Rapper Waka Flocka Flame, real name Juakin James Malphur, has also thrown his hat in the ring for the presidency.



Left: Waka Flocka Flame Middle: DeeZ Nuts Right: Kanye West CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Like DeeZ Nuts, he doesn't meet the minimum age requirement, but that hasn't stopped him from collaborating with Rolling Stone for two campaign videos.

“The era of novelty campaigns is upon us. It's easy to point to Donald Trump as the ultimate presidential candidate troll, but DeeZ Nuts certainly raised the bar where joke campaigns are concerned.”

It's hard to take Flame seriously since he

hasn't elaborated on any of his ideas outside of legalizing marijuana and banning dogs from restaurants.

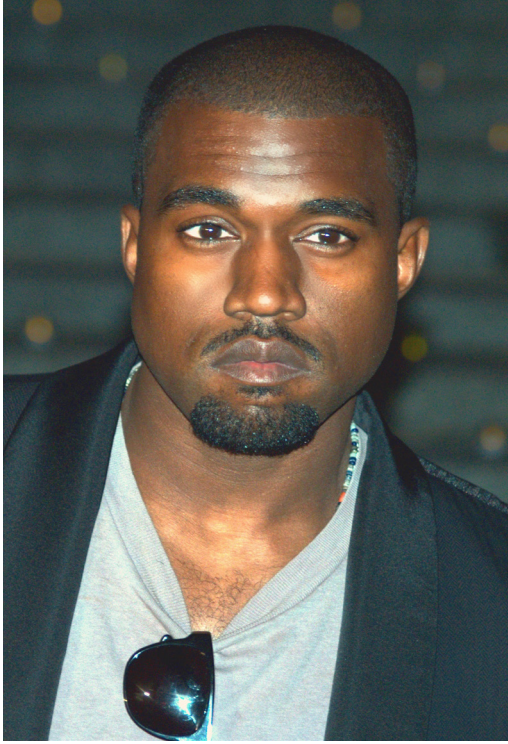
He doesn't seem to be polling anywhere though, and while there's something to be said for the entertainment value of a rapper's presidency or campaign, Flame seems content with keeping his campaign an unfounded novelty.

Then there's Kanye West, who announced his 2020 presidential campaign at the VMAs on Sunday, Aug 30. During the same speech, however, he informed audience members that he "rolled up a little something" before the awards show began.

At this point it's nearly impossible to tell how serious West is, but he certainly sounded impassioned during his acceptance speech.

The era of novelty campaigns is upon us. It's easy to point to Donald Trump as the ultimate presidential candidate troll, but DeeZ Nuts certainly raised the bar where joke campaigns are concerned.

Flame's and West's campaigns are still in their developing stages but perhaps we can look forward to a Flame, Nuts, West cabinet in the future. *TAS*



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## In review: ‘Voices’ actors, musicians powerfully grasp APSU in death hold

» **By ANDREW WADOVICK**  
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What if, when you went to a cemetery, you could actually hear the dead? What if they could tell you their life stories, their biggest triumphs, their greatest regrets? On Friday night, Sept. 4, students heard those voices.

The Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts held the play ‘Voices’ at the George and Sharon Mabry Concert Hall in the Music Mass Communications building.

The seating was as convenient as similar performances in the Trahern Theatre and the crowd was excited. Multiple chairs were arranged on platforms at different heights. As the lights dimmed, the actors took their seats onstage to shadow the audience.

Director and former APSU professor George Mabry discussed the performance.

“‘Voices’ is a musical drama written for seven solo voices, two actors, two pianos, one clarinet, one cello and one percussionist,” Mabry wrote in the performance’s informational brochure.

“Voices” is based on the published poetry

of Stark Hunter entitled “Voices from Clark Cemetery.”

“‘Voices’ incorporates 15 of the epitaphs from Hunter’s book along with freely adapted text to produce an one hour and 15 minute musical drama,” Mabry wrote.

The performance lived up to its description. The actors became the tombstones as they sang their solos.

Meanwhile, narrator Marcus Settle, played by John Ignacio, tied the individual narratives together to form the tapestry of a story. All the characters originally resided in the conservative town of Whittier, Calif., 16 miles east of Los Angeles.

Their tales, however, were far from conservative. In perhaps one of the most powerful moments of the night, Settle said, “In life, you find out who you want to be. In death, you find out who you are.”

Perhaps ironically, the darkness of death was bright enough to expose the various truths about the residents of this town. Stories focused on various aspects and walks of life: The faithful husband who loved his wife; the young and curious lad who drove himself to suicide; a sexual scandal;

a woman’s complete denial of Christianity because “God didn’t believe in [her].”

While each character played a completely unique role, all the stories came together in a spectacular fashion.

“These great souls who founded, lived and thrived in the small town of Whittier were connected by a common religion and shared beliefs,” Mabry wrote. “They shared the gossip central to human nature and knew the intimate details of their neighbor’s existence, and they relied on one another for their daily sustenance, their social contacts and endearing, lasting friendships. In other words, the folks in Whittier formed a microcosm of the late 19th century small town America.”

The display of this interconnectedness was passionate and executed brilliantly. The audience laughed, cried and sat in wonder as the voices of the dead entertained us with their songs.

In the end, we grew to love those who had been lost, and were forced to abandon the stage when it ended, like a cold, winter’s day at the cemetery, with nothing but our minds to replay their words. **TAS**



Actors narrate the voices of the dead at the George and Sharon Mabry Concert Hall on Sept. 4. **JONATHAN YOUNGBLOOD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

## Back up dancers get ‘Weird’

## APSU alumae talk dancing with ‘Weird Al,’ joining work force

» **By MARINA HEAD**  
Features Editor

APSU Theatre and Dance alumae Kaitlyn Williams and Maggie Jackson performed as back up dancers for “Weird Al” Yankovic’s Mandatory World Tour days after they graduated from APSU in May 2015.

Williams and Jackson danced in cheerleader outfits for Yankovic’s performance of “Smells Like Nirvana” at the Horseshow Casino in Tunica, Miss. on Sunday, May 24.

A few months beforehand, a family friend who worked at the casino had tipped off Williams about the opening, asking Williams to find another back up dancer to accompany her onstage.

Williams and Jackson worked together previously in classes and performances held at APSU.

“The real reason I picked [Jackson] is because she’s an incredible dancer, she knows her choreography spot on and she reminds me so much of myself when I dance,” Williams said. “And I’m like, I need this girl up there with me, doing this routine.”

Over spring break of 2015, Williams and Jackson created original choreography in Jackson’s kitchen and practiced dancing on their own.

Since new performers are picked up for this number on each leg of the tour, the cheerleaders’ routine varies every show.

“If you look on YouTube, you’ll see two different back up dancers for every show,” said Jackson. “Depending on

the back up dancers, the quality of the routine is different.”

The first time Jackson and Williams saw “Weird Al” was before the show began. There was no dress rehearsal.

“We were basically already performing the first time we actually made eye contact and interacted with ‘Weird Al,’” Jackson said, adding it was a very different experience than performing at APSU.

The show sold out with 1,500 people in attendance, which was the largest crowd Jackson and Williams had ever performed in front of.

“It was one of the hugest adrenaline rushes,” Jackson said. “Feeding off of a crowd of 1,500 people was like, oh my god, what is this?”

After the show, Jackson and Williams waited backstage to meet Yankovic to take a picture with him.

“He was very much a gentleman,” Williams said. “[He was] very sweet and kind ... and I wasn’t nervous.”

Williams and Jackson are now both acting for the Nashville troupe of the Murder Mystery Company, which specializes in impromptu performances for customers to solve fictional crimes over a plate of lasagna at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

“I’m blessed to have majored in theater because it gave me the opportunity to learn acting so I can be in all different things, not just theatre,” Williams said. “I can be in a commercial, in a feature film, in a music video and just have that ability and knowledge of being an actor.” **TAS**



Jackson (left) and Williams (right) pose with “Weird Al” after their performance. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



# A ghostly performance: Photos from ‘Voices’



“Voices” was held in the George and Sharon Mabry Concert Hall in the Music Mass Communications Building. Actors included John Ignacio, Erin Ramsey, Jeffrey Williams, Gail Robinson-Oturu, Karen Crow, Daniel Christian, Hollie Dueker, Lisa Conklin-Bishop and Sharon Mabry. Instrumental ensemble included Patsy Wade, Justin Fitch, Eli Lara, Ming Wang and David Steinquest. JONATHAN YOUNGBLOOD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Students throw 50,000 water balloons to raise money for Children's Miracle Network. TREVOR MERRILL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» **By BRITTANY ALEXANDER**  
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Fifty thousand water balloons flew between a crowd of 200 APSU students and faculty members on the intramural field for the annual Splash Dance on the sultry summer evening of Friday, Sep. 4.

In addition to the water balloon fight, event organizer Student Life and Engagement provided a water slide and music for the crowd.

A \$5 fee to attend the event was donated to the Children's Miracle Network Hospital.

"I enjoyed the water slide most," said freshman chemistry major Rae Campbell. "I fell the wrong way twice and still managed to get wet."

Student Life and Engagement workers spent three days filling up the water balloons in preparation.

"It took a lot of people putting this together independently, and they

were still able to pull it off while going bigger than last year," said senior biology and sociology major Geoffrey Beaudin.

Approximately 62 children enter a Children's Miracle Network Hospital every minute, according to their website, or one child per second.

"I really appreciated the event due to the support of the faculty and staff on campus to put together a campus-wide event," said sophomore sociology and political science major Andrew Woodard.

The Children's Miracle Network has raised money for 170 different children's hospitals around the U.S. since 1983.

The nearest Children's Miracle Network hospital is Vanderbilt's Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

Student Life and Engagement has previously hosted events for Children's Miracle Network, such as Dance Marathon in fall 2014. *TAS*

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## Editorial

» **By DEVON RODRIGUEZ**  
Contributing Writer

It has been too long since the Tennessee Titans have put a winning product on the field. After enduring a franchise-low season (2-14) last year, Coach Ken Whisenhunt and the Titans are ready to move forward.

The bright side of the struggles of last season came during the NFL Draft in May when they selected the number two overall pick. Enter Heisman-winning quarterback from Oregon, Marcus Mariota.

The former Duck and Hawaiian native brings a lot of buzz to Nashville and can hopefully bring the Titans back to winning football games.

The Titans brought in Dick LeBeau from the Pittsburgh Steelers to take over the struggling defense. LeBeau is well known for his 3-4 defense and aggressive play calling.

The Titans went heavy on defense during the free agency period, resigning Derrick Morgan and signing Brian Orakpo, Perrish Cox and Da’Norris Searcy. Orakpo is a former All-Pro outside linebacker with the Redskins and is looking promising heading into the new season.

The offense this year belongs to rookie Marcus Mariota. He has turned heads this

pre-season with his veteran-like presence and his razor sharp accuracy.

Coach Ken Whisenhunt has said Mariota will run his offense and the team will use Mariota’s stregnths seen during his time at Oregon. Mariota will be accompanied by second round pick, Dorial Green-Beckham, a physical giant who measures 6 feet 5 inches tall and 240 lbs.

Green-Beckham, if he can stay out of trouble off the field, will have an immediate impact for the Titans this year.

The pre-season is over. The final 53-man roster is set, and the preparation for week one at Tampa Bay has begun.

The matchup is set between the top two overall picks: Jameis Winston and Marcus Mariota. The Buccaneers are coming off a 2-14 season as well, but boast some of the biggest wide receivers in the league.

A win against the Buccaneers could give some life to the franchise and build momentum for the season.

They will be on the road during week two against the Cleveland Browns before they come home to Nissan Stadium for a four-game home stretch.

With their new quarterback primed and ready to go, the Titans will start their climb to the top this Sunday, Sept. 13 in Tampa, so buckle up for the ride. **TAS**

## Intramural game of the week

Wednesday, Sept. 9 @ 9:00 p.m.  
Co-rec flag football  
Intramural football  
Alpha Tau Omega & Alpha Gamma Delta vs. Sigma Chi & Chi Omega

# APSU volleyball spikes 2 wins

» **By DEVON RODRIGUEZ**  
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Everything was there for the Lady Govs volleyball team in their home opener except for the win.

The fans in the Dunn Center made their presence known by supporting the Lady Govs as they battled to the wire against the University of Evansville Purple Aces. The Purple Aces overcame the Lady Govs in five alternating sets (21-25, 25-17, 23-25, 26-17, 14-16) in the Dunn Center on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

After the Purple Aces took a 2-1 lead, the Lady Govs headed into the fourth set dominating the court with 18 kills without an attack error, forcing a fifth and final set.

The Lady Govs had an opportunity to take the final set until they missed a serve wide, giving the Purple Aces the point, the ball and the momentum.

The Purple Aces finished the match with a kill to give the Lady Govs their fourth loss of the season 3-2.

Sophomore Ashley Slay posted a career high of 18 kills with eight blocks while junior Samantha Strother continued her strong start to her final season by

adding 14 kills.

The Lady Govs put themselves in the win column for the first time this season when they traveled to Birmingham, Ala. this past weekend to participate in the University of Alabama at Birmingham Invitational.

The Lady Govs got things started with a 3-0 win against Savannah State on Friday, Sept. 4. APSU carried the momentum into Saturday, Sept. 5, when they swept Florida International in three sets. Senior Sammie Ebright and sophomore Peyton Walker were credited by Volleyball Head Coach Taylor Mott as players who brought the team much needed energy in the game.

Ebright finished with 13 digs and Walker chipped in with two service aces and seven digs.

Despite the momentum built after winning their first two games, APSU couldn’t get going in their final match of the Blazer Invitational as they fell to UAB in three sets on Saturday, Sept. 5.

Slay continued to dominate, leading both teams with 11 kills.

The Lady Govs are now 2-5 for the season. The Lady Govs take the court next on Friday, Sept. 11 in Chattanooga, Tenn. **TAS**

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