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# SGA

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Resolution No. 8 sent a formal recommendation to the Office of the Registrar to give ROTC members priority registration. Sen. Austin McKain sponsors this resolution.

Resolution No. 9 sent a formal recommendation to the Campus Safety and Roads Committee to disallow left turns at the intersection of Browning Drive and College Street. Sens. Gary Brewer and Plummer sponsored the bill.

Resolution No. 10 sent a formal recommendation to the Physical Plant to put lighting on the exterior of the Emerald Hills and Two Rivers area. Sens. Faith Merriweather and Amaha Teferra sponsored the bill.

Resolution No. 11, sponsored by Sens. Ryan Honea and Waqas Ahmed, sent a formal letter of support to the Sustainable Fee Committee for the installation of water filtration systems on water fountains around campus.

Sen. Edward Dziadon sponsored Resolution No. 12 to paint the speed bump on Drane Street.

Act No. 2 changed SGA bylaws so each senator must submit their own piece of legislation rather than sponsor a bill with someone else to fulfill the one mandatory piece of legislation for senators. Sen. Honea sponsored the bill.

Act No. 1, sponsored by Sens. Honea and Daniel Oswalt, aimed to amend SGA's bylaws to make SGA events mandatory for senators and justices. The act failed in tribunal because of unclear wording.

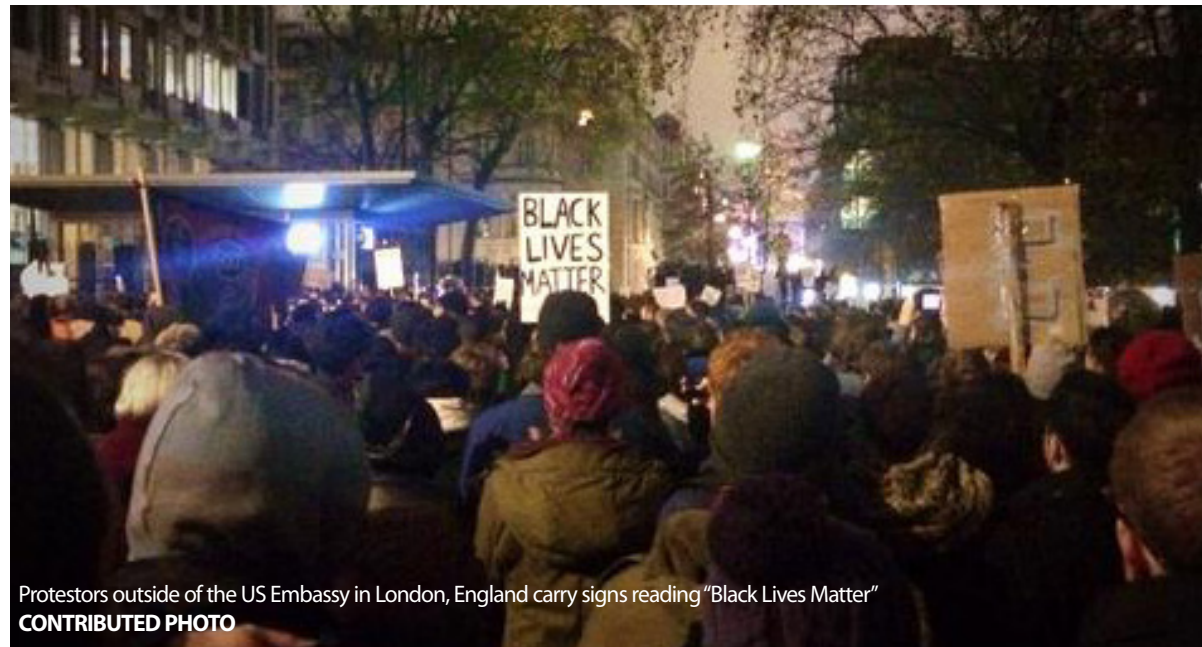
Pieces of legislation that were proposed:

Resolution No. 13 aims to send a formal recommendation to the Sustainable Fees Committee, the Housing Office and the Physical Plant suggesting that bike racks around residence halls be relocated and new bike racks be purchased for buildings that don't have them, such as McCord, Clement, Hemlock, Harned and Marks. Sens. Linda McIntosh and Faith Merriweather sponsor the bill.

Act No. 3 proposes to appoint an extra senate seat for international students and is sponsored by Sen. Kramer Reynolds.

These pieces of legislation may or may not be passed during the last SGA meeting of the fall semester on Wednesday, Dec. 3. **TAS**

# Country reacts to the Ferguson decision, Obama proposes policies



Protestors outside of the US Embassy in London, England carry signs reading "Black Lives Matter" CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

» **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ST. LOUIS — President Barack Obama called Monday for \$75 million in federal spending to get 50,000 more police to wear body cameras that record their interactions with civilians.

The president made the announcement during a series of meetings with his Cabinet, civil rights leaders, law enforcement officials and others in the wake of a grand jury's decision last week not to charge the white police officer who fatally shot unarmed 18-year-old Michael Brown, who was black.

Elsewhere, some Americans walked off the job or out of school in support of the Ferguson protests. Here's a look at the latest developments in the case:

Obama proposed a three-year \$263 million spending package to increase use of body cameras, expand training for law enforcement and add more resources for police reform. The package includes \$75 million for the small, lapel-mounted cameras to record officers on the job.

The White House has said the cameras could help bridge deep mistrust between law enforcement and the public. It could also help resolve the types of disputes between police and witnesses that arose in the Ferguson shooting.

Brown's family wants to see every police officer working the streets wearing a body camera.

However, Obama is not seeking to pull back federal programs that provide military-style equipment to local law enforcement. He had ordered a review of those programs after critics questioned why police in full body armor with armored trucks responded to dispel demonstrators.

As part of a national protest, people walked off their jobs or out of school holding their hands up in a show of solidarity with Ferguson protesters.

Monday's walkouts stretched from New York to San Francisco, and included Chicago and Washington, D.C. At the University of Missouri-St. Louis, three dozen students rallied outside the library and walked out of class.

The protest came a day after five players for the St. Louis Rams entered the football field with their hands raised. The St. Louis Police Officers Association called for them to be disciplined and for the NFL to apologize.

An NFL spokesman said the league respects "the concerns of all individuals who have expressed views on this tragic situation."

The Ferguson Commission appointed by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon met for the first time. The 16-person panel will study the underlying social and economic conditions — from failing schools to high unemployment — that have gained attention since Brown's death.

Brown was unarmed when he was killed by Wilson following an Aug. 9 confrontation on a Ferguson street.

The shooting stirred racial tensions and led to numerous protests in Ferguson, a predominantly black community patrolled by a mostly white police force. A grand jury was assembled to investigate the shooting, and its nine white and three black members spent three months hearing more than 70 hours of testimony from 60 witnesses. Their decision not to indict Wilson was announced Nov. 24, prompting violent protests and looting that resulted in at least a dozen commercial buildings being destroyed.. **TAS**

## ICYMI: Nov. 26-Dec. 1

- Black Friday sales exceeded \$1 billion.
- Riots broke out after the decision to not indict Darren Wilson after the death of Michael Brown. The protests in Tennessee resulted in a short closure of Interstate 24.
- "The Walking Dead" shocks millions after the death of a main character.
- After allegations of sexual harassment came out, Bill Cosby stepped down as a Temple University board member.
- Kathy Griffin was announced as the new host of E! News' "Fashion Police" after the death of Joan Rivers.

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## Campus Crime Log

Date	Time	Crime	Location
Nov. 25	5:19 p.m.	Vandalism	Dunn Center
Nov. 23	9:16 p.m.	Theft	Blount
Nov. 20	2:39 a.m.	Domestic Assault	Governor's Terrace North
Nov. 18	10:29 a.m.	Disorderly Conduct	Kimbrough

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# Happy Intolerance

Society has become too sensitive about the use of “Merry Christmas” versus “Happy Holidays”

» By **LIZA RIDDLE**  
Assistant Perspectives Editor

As winter break quickly approaches, so does the annual debate of whether or not someone should say “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Holidays,” and it should not even be an issue.

The argument is whether a generic greeting, “Happy Holidays,” or a specific religious greeting, “Merry Christmas,” should be used.

However, the debate is not always interpreted that way. It often becomes an argument of “Merry Christmas” against all other celebrations represented by “Happy Holidays.” Because other religions are all categorized under the same generic greeting while Christmas is specifically used, offense and intolerance often occur when discussing this subject.

The implication that the only major options are “Happy Holidays” and “Merry Christmas” can be insulting to other traditions, because it does not acknowledge them.

The debate should be about whether specific holiday greetings or generic ones are more appropriate, not whether Christmas or generic greetings are appropriate.

Generic holiday greetings do not encourage true religious tolerance. If anything, the requirement of them encourages a lack of understanding and acceptance.

Notice the word “requirement.” Someone can truly want to include all religions by saying “Happy Holidays,” but when it becomes a social requirement, it breeds intolerance.

If someone cannot accept being told “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Kwanzaa,” then he or she is not actually tolerating other religions.

“Happy Holidays” then becomes less of a way to include everyone and instead is used as a politically correct method to not acknowledge the differences in religious traditions for fear of causing offense.

Instead of requiring “Happy Holidays” to be used in schools,

the traditions of many holidays should be taught. This allows for many different traditions to be taught and tolerated, but people are also able to celebrate based on their own beliefs.

Using a specific holiday can also become an insult if someone does not celebrate the holiday and sees it as an attempt to take over his or her own beliefs and traditions.

If someone feels his or her own beliefs are being attacked, he or she will not recognize the intention of the statement as bringing joy and will go on the offensive.

That being said, people need to stop being so sensitive and prepared for a verbal attack and stop to consider the actual intention and meaning behind the statement.

It is easy to become self-involved and see harmless statements as personal attacks, so it is important to recognize that the person on the street who told you, “Happy Holidays,” probably just wanted you to be happy over the holidays and is not trying to destroy your religious beliefs.

Another factor that should be considered is whether or not this should even be a major debate.

Why do we live in a society where people are greatly offended by someone attempting to be polite and giving well-wishes to the people around them?

When someone says “Happy Hanukkah,” “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Holidays,” he or she is often not trying to insult religious beliefs, but to include the person in the feelings of joy associated with the winter season.

Accept the intention behind the statement. If you want to express your particular beliefs, then return the greeting and add your own.

Do not just verbally attack the person who was only trying to be polite.

Verbally attacking people about their beliefs will only push them further away from acceptance of your own beliefs. Completely ignoring someone's beliefs will not change their mind either. It will just mean the person has to go to more and more extreme methods in order to have their beliefs acknowledged.

During the holiday season and the rest of the year, feel free to express personal beliefs, but also be considerate of other people.

Everything said does not need to be a completely politically correct generic statement, but it should also not be highly offensive and derogatory to other people.

Recognize the instinct to jump to conclusions in yourself, and be calm and level-headed when these situations occur.

Have a wonderful holiday season and respectfully use the greeting you prefer. **TAS**

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## YOUR TAKE

### What is your favorite holiday tradition?



“Holidays are very special for my husband and me. When he isn't away, we celebrate by inviting over some other soldiers ... and just have a big meal together.”  
»» **Lauren Shores, sophomore psychology major**



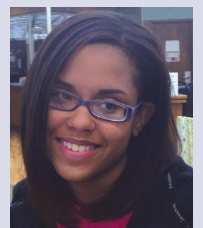
“I have a very large family, so when we all come together, we try to make as many memories as we can. We like to tell each other what we're thankful for while eating delicious food and spending time with one another.”  
»» **Kellina Huffstead, freshman special education major**



“We open presents on Christmas Eve, as well as attend church events, as a family.”  
»» **Tim Donahoo, freshman undecided major**



“My family gets together and we eat a bunch of traditional food while we catch up on things we missed out on through the year.”  
»» **Johnathan Stags, sophomore business management major**



“My family attends church for every holiday. We also celebrate by watching football and eating a lot of food.”  
»» **Chelsea Shutes, freshman health and human performance major**

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EVENTS

Wednesday,  
Dec. 3

Last Day of  
Classes

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Affairs Holiday  
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MUC Lobby

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Free  
Lunch and  
Conversations,  
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CL 120

Thursday,  
Dec. 4

Study Day

MSC End  
of Term  
Celebration,  
11 a.m. - 1  
p.m.,  
MUC 120

Friday,  
Dec. 5

Final Exams

NCAA Division  
I Women's  
Volleyball  
Tournament

Housing  
Checkout,  
7 - 9 p.m.

Monday,  
Dec. 8

Final Exams

MSC Texts  
for Vets Book  
Drive,  
8:30 a.m. - 4  
p.m.,  
MUC 120

Wednesday,  
Dec. 10

MSC Military  
& Veteran  
Recognition  
Ceremony,  
5 - 7 p.m.,  
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Thursday,  
Dec. 11

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# Not so 'Silent Night'

## Foreign language students carol for President White



Foreign language students and professors gathered together to sing Christmas carols at Archwood on Monday, Dec. 1. President White hosted the event in her home. PHOTOS BY MEAGHAN MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Help-an-Elf spreads cheer

» By **ANDREW WADOVICK**  
Staff Writer

Shopping for Christmas gifts every year is a challenge. Having to figure out what every family member wants and deciding how to balance it with your budget can be a tough endeavor. It is especially challenging when you don't necessarily have the resources required to get what your children want. However, APSU has a program designed specifically for those kinds of families who take on a little extra stress when Christmas rolls around.

“More than 78 children of eligible APSU students were ‘adopted’ by staff, faculty and students.”

Help-an-Elf was created in 1994 by the Office of Student Affairs with the intention of providing for families who can't always afford a part of the Christmas celebration every year. According to the registration page on APSU's website, “More than 78 children of eligible APSU students were ‘adopted’ ...

by staff, faculty and students in 2012 and 75 children in 2011.” In order for families to be accepted, they must go through a verification process held by the Office of Student Affairs. Eligible students must be full time and meet minimum salary requirement. Once the student is verified, a list is compiled of their children's wish list, and it is then up to student volunteers to deliver on that wish list in time for the holiday season. Help-an-Elf, on average, accepts 60-70 families. As of Monday, Dec. 1, they only have about four or five open families who have not been adopted by volunteers. Help-an-Elf hopes to serve this need until it is no longer necessary. Like many charities, Help-an-Elf relies heavily on volunteers. Volunteers are supported by many campus departments, and as the program reaches its 20th year of helping families, it still proves its importance to the APSU community. Student Affairs hopes to continue this tradition in the future. The program offered applications for prospective families starting on Thursday, Nov. 27, and plans to continue to accept them until Friday, Dec. 12, when it hopes to deliver the presents to the “adopted” children of APSU students. **TAS**



The streets of downtown Clarksville are adorned with lights, garland and ribbon for the holiday season. MEAGHAN MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» By **MARINA HEAD**  
Staff Writer

Christmas is considered the “most wonderful time of the year” by many Americans, but there are many different ways to celebrate the wonder of the season. In America, the standard way to celebrate is to decorate a tree, put presents under it and, like any other holiday, get really drunk. The kids believe Santa has brought all of these wonderful things to them, and he may have even eaten a cookie on his way out. The family gets together for a meal, generally involving ham, and people make merry. In fact, this way of celebrating has begun to spread to other countries, but some places spin the holiday tale a little differently. According to Martin Rejman, a sophomore political science and French major, the Czech Republic does not believe in Santa Claus. “We believe ... people would bring [Jesus] presents in Bethlehem, so we believe that Jesus brings us presents to return the favor,” Rejman said. According to Deya Ortiz, an office assistant for APSU's Office of International Education, the same is believed in Venezuela.

Just like in Vatican City, the center of the Catholic Church, families open presents at night on the 24th. They then celebrate a midnight Christmas mass because they believe that was when Jesus was born. Another common practice in Venezuela is to have a nativity scene, which is a depiction of Jesus in the manger. After Dec. 25, the three wise men are moved, little by little, closer to baby Jesus. “We start moving them as if they are walking closer to where baby Jesus is,” Ortiz said. “And then on Jan. 6, we celebrate the arrival of the three wise men. We put them close to baby Jesus and then the kids get presents in the morning.” Receiving presents twice for one holiday seems like a pretty awesome deal until it is compared to gift-giving Hanukah traditions. Some Jewish families give gifts or money, called gelt, for every one of the eight nights of Hanukkah. That's eight gift-giving opportunities. Hanukkah is celebrated by those of Jewish faith to commemorate the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem to Jewish worship. The eight days represent the days that a menorah in the temple stayed burning against

all reason. To celebrate, a family needs a candelabra with eight candles to light and blessings to speak for each one. The candles are generally lit at night, and that is when presents are exchanged. There are also games played with a dreidel and feasting with the family. Another holiday celebrated with candles is Kwanzaa. There are seven days in this celebration, with seven candles to go with them. It was designed to help African Americans get back in touch with African culture. The seven days each represent a basic value of some African cultures, according to the official Kwanzaa website. The candles are all different colors, each representing the people, struggle and hope. They are lit in that order to symbolize the hope that comes from struggling. Even though there are hopes that Kwanzaa will help African Americans learn more about where their ancestors came from, it is an inclusive holiday and can be celebrated in conjunction with Christmas or by others of any race. Like the other winter holidays, it ends with a gathering of family and friends for a traditional feast and the exchange of gifts. **TAS**





Taylor Swift performs onstage at the 42nd annual American Music Awards at Nokia Theatre L.A. Live on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014, in Los Angeles. AP IMAGES  
Bottom, left to right: Hozier: 'Hozier,' The Black Keys: 'Turn Blue,' Pharrell: 'G I R L' and Alt-j: 'This Is All For You.' CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



» **By LAUREN COTTLE**  
Assistant Features Editor

10) Jack White – “Lazaretto”  
“Lazaretto” is a high-energy rock and roll album, more so than anything from The White Stripes. Some could say this album is rock and roll for hipsters. It features electric guitars sometimes infused with pianos and is, overall, a success for White. “Lazaretto” is White’s second solo album, although he has been featured on many other groups’ albums since The White Stripes broke up.

9) St. Vincent – “St. Vincent”  
St. Vincent is a poppy, techno album. It features poetic, almost cryptic lyricism. The songs are upbeat and simply pleasant to listen to. “St. Vincent” has electric vocals that shock the listener, as you stay grounded with the brisk beats. This album is St. Vincent’s fourth studio album.

8) Pharrell Williams – “G I R L”  
“G I R L” is a classic hip-hop album that closely rides the line of pop. Williams shows off his production skills and smooth vocals in the album. “G I R L” features artists such as Justin Timberlake and Alicia Keys. Some songs are reminiscent of Michael Jackson. Overall, the album sounds “happy.”

Williams has been featured on many tracks from other artists, such as “Get Lucky” by Daft Punk and “Blurred Lines” by Robin Thicke, but with this album, he gets to take the front seat.

7) James Vincent McMorrow – “Post Tropical”  
“Post Tropical” is an indie album from James Vincent McMorrow. The songs are slow but juxtaposed with crescendos that are upbeat. McMorrow makes good use of percussion and has an impressive vocal range that stops you in your tracks. The album features layered tracks that build up natural imagery and sweet melodies.

6) Alt-J – “This is All Yours”  
Alt-J is a British alternative rock band. “This is All Yours” is reminiscent of The Black Keys and sometimes Radiohead (sounds weird, but it works). The songs are funky and jazzy with techno influences. The album is whimsical, but solid. Slow songs are contrasted with upbeat, catchy songs.

5) The Black Keys – “Turn Blue”  
“Turn Blue” is a soaring success for The Black Keys’ musical career. It mixes their old sounds with the new. “Turn Blue” sounds like a refined version of their first few albums. The album creatively mixes

rock and blues and is refreshingly minimalistic. Some songs will make you get out of your chair and dance. And don’t we need more of that in our lives?

4) Ed Sheeran – “X”  
Ed Sheeran is like a British Drake. He sings. He raps. He’s sensitive. “X” is the most developed of Sheeran’s albums so far. It’s a dynamic pop album with hip-hop and rhythmic influences. Sheeran’s tunes are catchy, whether it’s a ballad or a poppy track. One downside (or upside) of the album is that there is a lot of talk of alcohol. The ballads on the album show Sheeran’s sensitivity, while the pop tracks show his ear for rhythm and beat.

3) Hozier – “Hozier”  
Hozier’s sound is characterized by deep vocals and a smooth rhythm. His self-titled album is his first, and it almost sounds like it doesn’t fit in this decade of music. However, this doesn’t take away from the goodness encapsulated inside the album. The album features “Take Me to Church,” which was playing on the radio just about every time you turned it on for the last six months. The song is popular, but it doesn’t scratch the surface of Hozier’s sound, which is bluesy, soulful, punching rock. Many

songs on the album are catchy but profound.

2) Beck – “Morning Phase”  
“Morning Phase” is an album that detaches from the rest of Beck’s work. It’s both whimsical and deep. The album is vocal oriented, and the use of strings makes it seem slightly outlandish. The album is a hodgepodge of different instruments and vocal styles. “Heart is a Drum” might give you the feeling of soaring while “Wave” drags you under into the depths of the sea.

1) Taylor Swift – “1989”  
The top album goes to “1989” for many different reasons. It’s catchy, spirited and inspired. “1989” is without a doubt one of the strongest pop albums of recent years. This album, much like Taylor Swift’s other releases, is one that defines and characterizes a specific time in your life. However, unlike Taylor Swift’s other works, it ventures into a new realm of pop, mixing the old sounds with the new. “1989” is Swift’s most cohesive and effective album yet. The tracks are both danceable and moving. The songs powerfully resound out of your speakers and showcase Swift’s growth as an artist. Strong tracks from the album include “Blank Space,” “I Know Places,” “Clean” and “All You Had to Do Was Stay.” **TAS**

# Gift-giving on a college budget



» **By EMILY DESPAIN**  
Staff Writer

College is hard, especially around the holidays. We have exams to get through, temporary goodbyes to say and approximately 43 questions to dodge at the dinner table on Thanksgiving.

One thing we almost always seem to forget until the last minute is buying gifts for everyone. It only makes gift giving that much harder when you’re on a college budget.

“I write out a list of people I’m getting gifts for,” said junior Erika Thomas. “That way I don’t get present happy while

shopping, and I can see how I need to budget my spending money. Also, I plan to add on smaller gifts to their original gift like their favorite candy.”

Budgeting is a great plan for the holidays. Another option is crafting. Sit down at your computer and log on to Pinterest.

Some great gifts ideas are personalized coupons, draw-on coffee mugs and anything hand knitted.

Personalized coupons are a great way to plan an entire year of memories in one gift.

Write things like “redeem for one movie marathon day” or “redeem for one

dinner out.”

Draw-on coffee mugs are a super easy do-it-yourself present. They’re usually bought at any craft store in a kit.

Draw a sweet message on the mug, pop it in the oven, and your loved one has a present every morning forever.

Knitting is also a cheap and easy way to surprise someone during the holiday. A handmade scarf or blanket will bring tears to the eyes of any mother.

These are just a few ways for college students to get through the Christmas season without breaking the bank.

Happy shopping, crafting and Happy Holidays. **TAS**



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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- 8 Atomizer output
- 12 “— Karenina”
- 13 Anger
- 14 Golden Rule word
- 15 Fleet from far away
- 16 Cistern
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- 20 Self-defense martial art
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- 8 Tundra creature
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- 10 Poker variety
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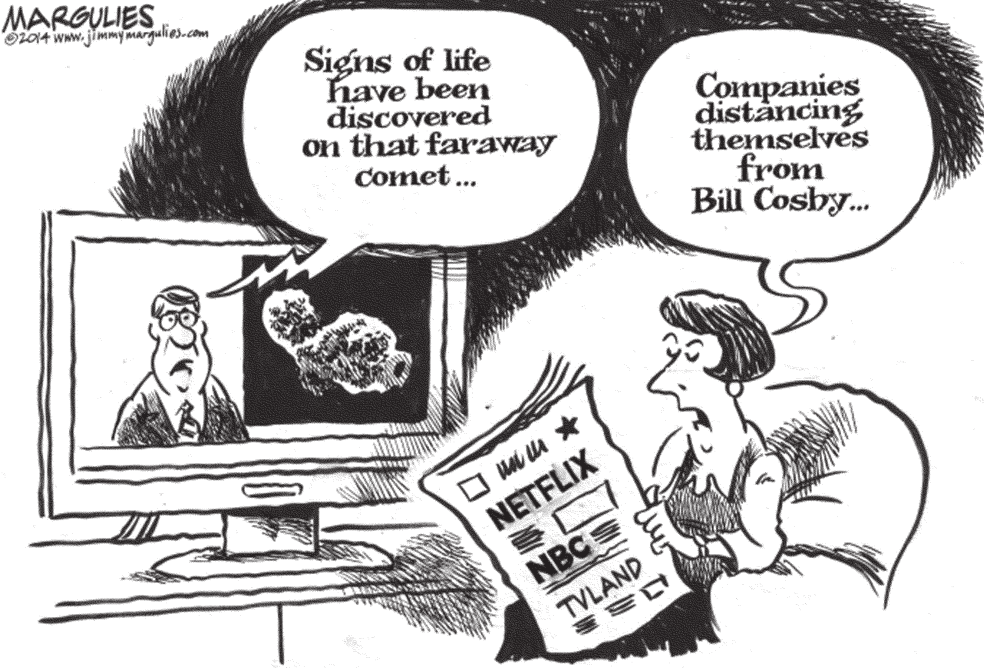
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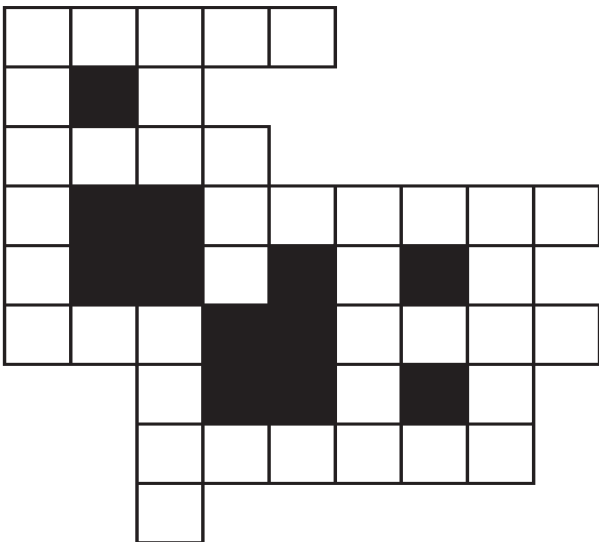


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# Rough start for Govs basketball

## An opinion regarding APSU men’s basketball 2-5 season thus far

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APSU basketball has gotten off to a rough start this year with a 2-5 record, but that is not a reason to be concerned. The Govs have played hard so far and only two of their five losses have been by more than seven points.

The Govs are not the ones to just play dead against teams that are considered better. The Govs get scores and great defensive plays at crucial times.

At times, the plays come a bit too late in the game to contribute to a comeback, but the constant fire shows that they will be formidable opponents to anyone on their schedule. The Govs have looked good in most, if not all, of their games thus far but it seems the trend is that they play their best basketball in the second half.

In their first two games against Western Kentucky University and Berea College, the Govs were outmatched in the first half in many categories, but they managed to fix it at halftime and came back to either win, like they did against Berea, or come close to winning like they did against WKU.

If the Govs can turn the trend around and play tough, hard-nosed basketball in both halves, they will be a dangerous team.

The Govs’ greatest strength is defense. They can make teams take shots before they want to and force them to play APSU-style basketball.

They have grabbed 240 rebounds on the

season and outnumber all their opponents in blocks by 20. They also have committed fewer turnovers than all their opponents thus far.

What they have to work on with offense is finding their rhythm earlier in games to match evenly with the defensive stoutness.

They are losing the scoring battle against opponents, allowing 517 points with a -6.9 percent scoring margin between the Govs and teams they have played. The Govs’ first seven games have indeed been tough, with facing teams like the University of Illinois, Indiana State University and Western Kentucky University, but they have been holding their own.

The Govs have no reason to hang their heads, as they are a good team with a rocky start, but they have a whole season to turn it around.

With the exception of Troy University and the University of Mississippi, the Govs schedule is going to slow down a bit and move into conference action.

Seeing teams they are used to will be good for the Governors to get things going and bring their win total up.

During winter break, the Govs face Lipscomb University twice, Troy, Southern Illinois University, the University of North Floridamand the first game of the New Year against Ole Miss. After that, the Govs will begin conference play.

This team has potential to go pretty deep into the Ohio Valley Conference tournament and possibly even further. **TAS**



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APSU defensive linemen look to stop the offense, BAILEY JONES | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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an 80-yard touchdown bomb to Wesley Thomas.

But even with the redshirt junior emerging late in the season, Cannon said the job is open to anyone once next season comes.

“In no way, shape or form would I say [Taylor] has captured a job,” Cannon said. “I think there’s a lot of things he can do better, as well as our other quarterbacks. That job is completely up for grabs, and he’s going to need to improve his game to be on the field. We need more consistent quarterback play to take that next step.”

As a fan of APSU football, you have to be impressed with the young skill players.

I noticed from the beginning there were several talented receivers, and it showed as

Malik Boynton and Thomas became vital parts of the offense.

Also, Rashaan Coleman will be back for a full season at slot receiver, while the running back spot will have plenty of depth.

Freshman walk-on Otis Gerron was the biggest surprise of the season, not because he wasn’t capable of becoming a work horse, but because he totaled just under 600 yards in seven games where he received a heavy dosage of carries.

Sophomore Justin Roberson played all 12 games for the Govs at tailback, having a solid first season on the offensive side of the ball for 484 yards.

Another season of APSU football has come to an end, leaving us with a mix of questions and anticipation.

Don’t worry, though.

Only nine more months remain until we kick off again. **TAS**



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# Govs end season 1-11



Top: APSU players exit the tunnel before the game against Tennessee Tech University on Saturday, Nov. 22. Middle: Running back Otis Gerron carries the ball. Bottom: Wide receiver Wesley Thomas evades a defender. BAILEY JONES | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Thoughts on APSU’s season after first year in brand new stadium

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Despite the misfortunes APSU football faced this season, it was a ground-breaking campaign for the future.

The new \$19-million stadium opened Saturday, Sept. 13, and a pair of memorable games were on display at Governors Stadium.

Obviously, beating Murray State in Clarksville for the first time since 1991 is sweet, and the Racers eventually finished at the bottom of the totem pole in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Then there’s the Homecoming loss to Tennessee State, which is self explanatory, but the atmosphere on that day was unforgettable.

When people think back to this season, the fact that APSU was outscored 365-48 away from home will certainly stand out. But when you look at the young core of players still developing on this team, it’s clear APSU football is on the rise.

Athletic Director Derek van der Merwe patted players’ backs following the Saturday, Nov. 22, loss to Tennessee Tech, encouraging them to work even harder this offseason.

Head Coach Kirby Cannon has the team moving in the right direction.

His first recruiting class has seen several contributors emerge as quality players, and it’s only the beginning as Cannon was notified after the game he had gotten a new commitment.

“Our freshman class is full of OVC-level players,” Cannon said. “Now we’ve got to

get another class right next to it, and then another one after that. This program is in good shape right now. We’ve got a disciplined team, and we give great effort in everything we do.”

Replacing 18 seniors, seven of which are defensive players, will be difficult. But out of the 18 names, I bet you wouldn’t say a punter would be the most difficult to replace.

Senior Ben Campbell left his mark on the program in a big way, but leaves with records that prove how treacherous of a season this one was.

On Saturday, Campbell broke the single-season punts record in both APSU and OVC history, booting the ball an astounding 93 times in 12 games.

While the stock put into punters isn’t normally high, Campbell was as good as they come when you look at his ability to pin opponents deep.

“That’s the senior who will be toughest to replace,” Cannon said. “He didn’t hit every one of them 50 yards, but his consistency gave us a chance to improve defensively. A lot of that has to do with our punter in flipping the field. We’re really going to miss Ben Campbell.”

Going into the spring 2015 camp, the biggest question will be the quarterback.

Three different players took a significant number of snaps for the Govs this season — Darrien Boone, Mickey Macius and Trey Taylor — all showing signs of steady play.

It was Taylor who led APSU against the Golden Eagles, passing for 224 yards with

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## Outlook for Lady Govs basketball

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Lady Govs basketball is coming off a winless tournament in Hattiesburg, Miss., where they faced off against The University of Southern Mississippi on Friday, Nov. 28, and Oral Roberts University on Saturday, Nov. 29, in the Southern Mississippi Thanksgiving Invitational.

The Lady Govs lost to a tough Southern Mississippi squad 71-80, and then followed that up with a 60-73 loss to Oral Roberts the following day.

This was the first of two tournaments this season, as the Lady Govs will travel to Missoula, Mont. to face off against Saint Louis University and either The University of Montana or Utah Valley University on Wednesday, Dec. 19, and Thursday, Dec. 20.

The Lady Govs are looking toward a three-game home stand against Brescia University on Saturday, Dec. 6, Southern Illinois University on Saturday, Dec. 13, and Western Kentucky University on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The Lady Govs have never played against the Brescia Bearcats, but the Bearcats are 1-4 on the season so far.

Southern Illinois and the Lady Govs are familiar foes, as the Govs beat the Salukis last season.

Western Kentucky is also a familiar foe, as the Lady Govs played the Hilltoppers in Bowling Green, Ky., last year, the Lady Govs losing 78-75.

The Lady Govs will play 11 games over the winter break before school starts back on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

This includes five home games and six away games.

The Lady Govs also begin conference play on Saturday, Jan. 3., against Eastern Kentucky University.

Starting the season off 1-5 is rough, and the Lady Govs will need to string some wins together before the second tournament and the start of Ohio Valley Conference games to succeed in the conference.

The Lady Govs have not struggled this early since the 2012 season, when they also began 1-5. **TAS**