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Joy Ladin serves as 2015 Asanbe Symposium speaker



» By **DAVID HARRIS**
Staff Writer

Joy Ladin, transgender scholar and poet, analyzed gender issues at The Asanbe Diversity Symposium on Thursday, April 15.

In the address “Second Genesis: The Transformation of Gender,” Ladin spoke about what the stories of the creation of human beings in the opening chapters of Genesis teach us about gender and the function of gender in human lives and society.

Ladin said she thought the Asanbe Diversity

Symposium was wonderful, and the planners, sponsors, panelists and audience members who spoke did an extraordinary job.

Ladin’s accomplishments include holding the Gottesman Chair in English at Yeshiva University; her seventh book of poetry, “Impersonation,” recently being published; writing a memoir of gender transition, “Through the Door of Life,” which was a finalist for a National Jewish Book Award; receiving a Fulbright Scholarship and an American Council of

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Social Work Club and Golden Key Honors Society assist homeless veterans



CHRIS MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» By **AALIYAH MITCHELL**
Staff Writer

The Social Work Club donated 119 hygiene boxes for homeless veterans to Operation Stand Down in collaboration with the Golden Key Society on Monday, April 20.

The boxes contained shampoo, conditioner, deodorant,

toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors and other personal hygiene products.

Students from both organizations presented their donations at the ceremony held at 11:15 a.m. at the Operation Stand Down location on Madison Street in downtown Clarksville. “It is always great to see students come

out to help the community,” said President of the Social Work Club Nicole Rabenda.

The students exceeded their original goal of donating 100 boxes with 19 extra gathered by the time of the donation.

Students at the ceremony from both organizations wore matching T-shirts and spoke to the Operation Stand Down workers as they presented donations. “[These veterans] have given so much to this country, and we need to give back to them,” Rahenda said. “It was amazing to see students come together to help this great organization.”

Contributors to this effort included Clarksville Dental Center, Williams Adkins in Hopkinsville, Ky, Westgate Inn & Suites of Clarksville, the FRG for Charlie Battery 2-44 Air Defense Artillery Battalion and St. Bethlehem Dental Care. **TAS**

Significant wage gaps exist among academic departments

» By **CANDICE SNOW**
Assistant Features Editor

The Tennessee Board of Regents reports the highest paid educator at APSU is President Alisa White, who makes \$252,409, followed by Head Basketball Coach Dave Loos, who makes \$208,603 annually. Assistant Professor of Allied Health Shelley Latchen and Assistant Professor of Teaching and Learning Vicky Smith make the lowest teaching salary at APSU of \$25,000 each. That is an estimated \$12,000 less than a Clarksville-Montgomery County public school teacher with a bachelor’s degree and no prior experience.

“It isn’t right that [APSU] coaches make so much more than professors,” said sophomore Tiffany Fields. “The focus of a university should be education, not sports.”

The four highest-paid professors at APSU teach accounting, finance and

economics as well as management, marketing and general business, each making annual salaries of \$104,604, \$101,045, \$100,989 and \$100,764, respectively.

The highest-paid APSU Languages and Literature professor is Linda Barnes, who makes \$84,687, almost \$20,000 less than a professor of business

“We live in a largely capitalist society that respects money and power over an ability to think critically.”

— **Kenneth Cervelli, assistant professor of English**

or economics, according to TBR.

APSU is not the only school that pays its humanities professors less than professors of other subject areas. According to

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AΣA raises \$2,687 for Special Olympics

» By **DAVID HARRIS**
Staff Wrkter

The Zeta Omega chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha raised \$2,687 for the Special Olympics during their Dodge Like a Champion event on Wednesday, April 15, in the Red Barn.

Dodge Like a Champion is an annual dodgeball tournament ASA has hosted for five years to raise money for the Special Olympics of Tennessee.

This year the fraternities and sororities Fiji, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta and Chi Omega all participated.

Teams from the Clarksville community also took part.

Sigma Chi won the men’s division and Chi Omega won the women’s division.

Stephen Dominy, coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, said he is proud of Zeta Omega’s year-round efforts to support the Special Olympics. The chapter also travels to volunteer with



Members of Alpha Gamma Delta sit courtside at Dodge Like a Champion on Wednesday, April 15. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Special Olympics programs across the country.

“This event is always exciting and extremely fun,” said Zeta Omega president Kaitlin Roe. “This year, we even added a silent auction with items donated from local businesses. We are hoping next year’s Dodge Like a Champion will be bigger and better by involving more APSU students and the Clarksville community.” **TAS**



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Student Leadership Awards

Student Affairs gives over 40 awards to students, faculty, staff



Members of the Student Organization Council were recognized for their service among other students and faculty at the Student Organization and Leader Awards on Wednesday, April 15. JONATHAN YOUNGBLOOD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salary

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Bloomberg News, “Tenured law professors [across the nation] make a median \$143,509 a year—nearly twice what professors teaching English, history, the arts and theology make.”

Middle Tennessee State University pays Doctor of Internal Medicine Stephen Geraci a salary of \$497,350, which is double the salary of MTSU’s president. The highest paid professor of Languages and Literature at MTSU is Donald Johnson, who makes \$98,854.

Tennessee State University’s highest-paid professor is Millicent Lownes-Jackson, who teaches business courses and makes \$150,000. The highest-paid Languages and Literature professor at TSU is Lucas Powers, who makes \$95,785, which is \$54,215 less than the highest-paid TSU professor of business, according to TBR.

“Being able to speak and write in one’s native language with precision and grace

is not easy,” Professor of English Kenneth Cervelli said. “It takes dedication, and I would argue that many out there do not want to dedicate themselves to something unless there is an obvious payoff.”

“On the simplest level, I believe English professors are paid significantly less than professors in other disciplines because we live in a largely capitalist society that respects money and power over an ability to think critically.” Cervelli has also taught classes in Canada. “Generally speaking, professors, including English professors, and elementary, middle school and high school teachers are paid much better in Canada,” Cervelli said.

Not surprisingly, Ivy League schools ranked highest in professor salary, with Columbia University in New York [being] the best-paying college in the country with average full professors there making \$212,300 a year.

Columbia is followed by Stanford, the University of Chicago, Harvard and Princeton, according to American Association of University Professors. *TAS*

Ladin

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Learned Societies research fellowship; and speaking about transgender identity around the country.

After the speech, APSU students Miller Armistead and Aden Hester and Languages and Literature Instructor Barbara Lee Gray joined Ladin in the “Trans Identities in Social and Institutional Spaces” panel discussion.

Ladin said she was moved by the dignity, courage, generosity and openness of her fellow panelists. She was honored to sit beside them.

“I hope everyone who struggles with gender identity issues finds and feels the kind of love that I have been blessed with,” said Ladin, “The love of family members, even when they don’t understand or approve, the love of friends, the love of the God, who made transgender people, and all of us: Who and what we are.”

Senior music major Tyler Stevenson and other students took the opportunity to ask Ladin questions in an open forum. “I had never heard a transgender person speak in this academic sort of setting before,” said Stevenson. “It was definitely new. I’m glad I got to ask my question in a safe way and that [Ladin], as well as others, are able to express themselves and bring awareness to create a community for people to feel safe.”

Senior English major Shay Robertson said the event focused on how APSU is not only open-minded, but also culturally diverse.

“I think it just goes to show just how diverse and accepting APSU is,” said senior broadcast media major Melissa Arrington. “Because transgender issues are still really pushing the boundaries, even for people who do consider themselves to be open-minded. To have an event that had a transgender speaker and have almost 200 people show up goes to show that APSU really wants to progress.” *TAS*

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April 15	10:20 a.m.	Contempt of Court	MUC
April 15	10:20 a.m.	Resisting Arrest	MUC
April 14	5:04 p.m.	Underage Possession	Eriksson Hall
April 11	1:35 a.m.	Property Theft	Castle Heights
April 10	12:58 a.m.	Vandalism	Main St.
April 10	10:58 a.m.	Burglary	Shasteen
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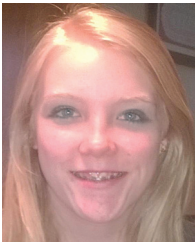
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YOUR TAKE

Is it OK to use casual slurs in conversation?



“I believe words that could possibly offend someone should not be used. I know it’s hard to unlearn slang, but being aware and trying to use other words that actually mean what is being said is a step in the right direction.”
>> **Kristen Green,**
sophomore radiologic technology major



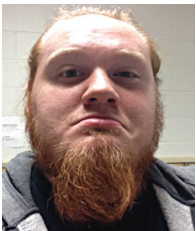
“I think this is America, and we’re given our right to free speech by the First Amendment. Nobody should be in a position to tell a person what they can and cannot say, regardless of the setting.”
>> **Tyler Elliott,**
junior broadcasting major



“It makes me feel uncomfortable when people talk this way aloud in public; it isn’t something that should be joked about.”
>> **Hunter Amsler,**
senior communication major.



“I think society has formed to using words like these. We use them without realizing, which isn’t always a good thing. We should work toward some kind of change.”
>> **Rosemary Gibson,**
sophomore nursing major



“I feel there is a time and a place for words like these, and public conversations are neither of those things.”
>> **Matt Robertson,**
junior communication major

“Your Take” quotes and photos gathered by COURTNEY DIGGS | STAFF WRITER

Slurs should be eliminated

» **By COURTNEY DIGGS**
Staff Writer

Slurs are sometimes used in everyday conversations, but this is not OK. As many different cultures and languages come together, slang and slurs are developed. Some people may deem derogatory words or comments acceptable when not directed at someone specific, but they never stop and think of how their words might hurt others. Whether you’re in class, at work or in public, some words are just too harsh. There are words geared to harass races, genders, sexual orientations and so many more. On an average day, most students could sit down and eavesdrop on another’s conversation and pick out several different slurs that are offensive to others sitting nearby. Americans are so used to talking this way, they don’t consider the consequences. Americans are trained to understand and pick up phrases like “that’s so gay” or “wow, she’s a retard,” when, in reality, neither of these things should be an insult. Human beings who have these traits are discriminated against and oppressed by phrases like these. Not only are they disgraceful, but they can also hit home a lot harder than people consider. All of the terms and phrases that are considered derogatory can be extremely hateful. Situations like homosexual students being around when people tease their friends and call them “faggot” or girls being called “fat” from afar can lead to a plethora of mental and emotional problems for those who are affected by these slurs.

“Some people don’t think before they speak, which is where the problem originates.”

“I don’t like the use of these words,” said junior broadcast major Miranda Salters. “The people who say these things are bullying and abusing others with their degrading terms [whether] they realize it or not.” Some people don’t think before they speak, which is where the problem originates. The website for the Think Before You Speak campaign is geared toward creating awareness of LGBT slurs among students and the means to prevent them from happening. According to the website, “over half of all students report hearing homophobic remarks often at school,” and “nine out of 10 LGBT students report being harassed at school in the last year.” This is unacceptable. Not only are there slurs geared toward the LBGt community, but there are also racial slurs. The Racial Slur Database lists almost every racial slur known to man. The fact that this offensive database exists suggests the world has an extremely jaded view on how to treat others who are unlike them. Americans, Asians, Europeans and many others have a list of slurs that describe who they are not based on culture, but on what they look like or where they come from. In the South, there is lot of hostility between white, black and Hispanic people since they all exist in the same area with different cultural backgrounds. However, a lot of promotional videos have been made by different demographics that these words belong to. Words like “gay” or “retard” are not inherently bad words, and the communities that have these characteristics want their words back. There are over one million words in the English language with several definitions. A lot of those words, when used in a different context, can mean something completely

different from its true definition. Claiming and taking back these words while raising awareness could eliminate derogatory slurs from casual conversation. It is time to stand up for those on the receiving end of derogatory comments, regardless of whether the words and phrases are being said specifically to others. APSU students need to listen and care about what words come out of their mouths. “I think we should take back [slurs] and make them powerful,” said junior public relations major Michelina Sparks. “These words shouldn’t be synonymous with degrading terms but terms that are positive to other human beings and who they are.” The next time you’re out with your friends and you all talk, really consider the words you are using. You may never know who is listening or how you may affect someone’s life. **TAS**



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Political correctness belongs to politicians



JOHNATHAN YOUNGBLOOD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» **By ALAINA DAVIS**
Staff Writer

It is time to stop being excessively politically correct about everything and let developments in society transpire. Merriam-Webster defines political correctness as “agreeing with the idea that people should be careful to not use language or behave in a way that could offend a particular group of people.” However, do we put a restraint on individuality when we are trying to be careful of every action we make? Being professional in certain settings and being politically correct are two different things. People can be professional while adding their personalities to an event or situation, even if it goes against the status quo. It is about expression. If everyone was completely politically correct, life would be

boring. When someone is spontaneous and true to themselves, it makes human interaction interesting. According to Debate Organization, 71 percent of Americans said there is too much censorship and too much control over speech and actions, while 21 percent of Americans said we are not politically correct enough. Just like this survey shows, it is impossible for everyone to fully agree, and it can also be said that it is impossible to make everyone happy. Some people would say they are suffocated by having to say or do something a certain way in order to not offend other people. “I think there is too much political correctness,” said junior computer science major Chantel Hart. “As long as it isn’t hurting anyone, we shouldn’t care. People try to dig to find anything that could possibly offend them.” There comes a point when enough is enough, but that doesn’t mean people get to

be rude when someone else doesn’t have the same opinion. “Any time you can avoid saying something or doing something that would negatively or adversely affect someone, it should be avoided,” said senior English major Robyn Weaver. “That being said, I think there comes a point in time where people begin to look for something to be offended about.” However, there is a way to avoid being offended. No one is perfect and sometimes things are said or done unintentionally. People are easily angered when something they take pride in is insulted, whether it’s intentional or not. “If people would consider the things they say and how they could be misinterpreted and how often that happens, maybe they wouldn’t be as hard on other people,” said sophomore computer science major Benjamin Goble. Fortunately, people are learning to adapt to what society throws their way, and even the most politically correct are becoming more tolerant of society’s lack of political correctness. “I believe people can be a little too sensitive,” said freshman pre-nursing major Chelsea Fust. “As we change and become a more modern civilization, we discover more things about people. Things like gay marriage were not accepted a few years ago, but it is now. We keep finding new ways to express ourselves and to ultimately grow as a country.” When it comes down to it, society is tired of being politically correct. It takes a heavy toll on Americans to make sure everyone is pleased. Living should be more about people figuring out who they are and expressing it than trying to figure out what the vast majority wants and being politically correct about it. Trying to be politically correct about everything wastes too much time when people could be living their lives. Leave political correctness to the politicians. People should live their lives the way they want. **TAS**



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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By: rj johnson

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5 With fervor
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7 Casino patron
8 New England seafood
9 Melt
10 Leak slowly
11 Mimic
19 Read quickly
20 Legislation
23 Apprehend
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26 Chapeau
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

GIVE ME A BREAK. BY THE TIME I FINISHED GETTING ALL THIS, I HAD NOTHING LEFT TO GET THE BIKE.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- Wednesday, April 22**
 Plant the Campus Red, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., MUC Plaza
- Thursday, April 23**
 WNDAACC Hot Topic: Qualities of a Good Man/Woman Relationship Panel, 4:30 - 6 p.m., CL 120
- Hispanic Cultural Center Trivia Night, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., CX 103
- Wednesday, April 29**
 Last Day of Classes
- Thursday, April 30**
 Study Day
- The Final Countdown, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Intramural Field
- Military Student Center End of Term Celebration, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., MUC 120
- Govs Programming Council Let's Glow Peay, 7 - 10 p.m., MUC Ballroom
- Friday, May 1**
 Final exams begin
- Friday, May 8**
 Graduation ceremony, Dunn Center, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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'Ghosts' haunts Trahern stage

Play review: heartbreaking story of mother, son told with great acting



» **By ANDREW WADOVICK**
Staff Writer

I recently had the privilege of attending the Friday night performance of “Ghosts,” which was performed in the Trahern building from Wednesday, April 15, to Sunday, April 19.

The first thing I noticed was the slanted stage. It was like the house was sliding down a hill, and I couldn’t help but wonder how the actors would be able to cope with the uneven footing. To my surprise, however, they didn’t seem fazed whatsoever. They moved through the set like nothing was wrong, and in time, I managed to forget it was unusual at all.

Scenic Designer Ben McCormack, a senior theatre design and technology major, said the slanted floor was the toughest part of building the set.

“It was easily the most time- and labor-intensive part of the set,” McCormack said. “Each piece of flooring was individually created and installed, almost making the floor a work of artistry and craftsmanship. I’m very pleased with how the entire set turned out, which in large part is due to our Scenic Charge Artist Abigail Elmore.”

The play was described as “a family drama in three acts” and held true to this description. The play remains in the same setting, the living room of the widow, Mrs. Alving, whose story is slowly revealed on the anniversary of her husband’s death, who was renowned for his contributions to the small town in which they live. In honor of his achievements, the widow and the local reverend have built an orphanage, which will be christened in Mr. Alving’s name the next day.

The pastor unintentionally causes Mrs. Alving to reveal that her late husband was actually a horrible person, and this realization slowly trickles down

into the other characters, from her son Oswald and to her maid. “Ghosts” plays like a family drama one would find on TV, but often touches on aspects that are more controversial, including incest, venereal disease and women’s role in society during this time period.

“[The actors] turned a potentially boring sitcom into something worth crying over.”

Eventually, things come to a head when the orphanage burns to the ground and Oswald learns the truth about his father, who was a drunken womanizer and illegitimately fathered Regina Engstrand, Mrs. Alving’s maid.

Overall, the actors handled themselves very well, never over-acting. The dialogue was excellently done, and I would find myself secretly urging a couple on through the play. Then my heart would drop out of my chest when it was oh-so-subtly revealed the couple I was secretly supporting was actually incest. This play on my emotions was well done, and I found myself riding the emotional rollercoaster by the beginning of Act II.

My favorite aspect of the play, however, wasn’t necessarily the plot, but the actors themselves. Steven Howie played Reverend Manders, who plays the unfortunate role of having his world crumble around him every few seconds, and his reactions

to these revelations felt genuine. He’s been living in a fantasy world without even realizing, despite his best intentions, clinging to the ideals that have been destroying everyone else from the inside, and I applaud Howie for playing the character’s good-heartedness and naïveté extremely well.

Regina, played by Lauren Proctor, was the maid of the household, and while she didn’t play a substantial role, I rather liked those moments when she was encouraged to relax a little yet continued to remain formal and slightly stiff. Jakkob Engstrand, her father, was the one character I wanted to punch in the face repeatedly, for all the right reasons, of course. I enjoyed Alex Maynard’s portrayal of the local scoundrel who played the reverend for a fool the entire play.

However, my favorite aspect of the play was the interaction between Mrs. Alving and Oswald. I could not get enough of these two. Played by Megan DeWald and Josh Webb, respectively, the two were the main focus of the play, and I absolutely loved Webb’s portrayal of a broken man, having tried to explore his “hunger for life” and failed, who inherited what is presumably syphilis, a mind-deteriorating disease. Mrs. Alving’s well-played stiffness dissolves throughout the play, giving us just a little more humanity to work with, bit by bit, just to stab our souls at the very end.

The ending is what sold me. Everything dissolves all at once, and Webb’s and DeWald’s acting was flawless to the very end, right when we heard him say, “Mother, give me the sun.” I cannot give them enough praise for their performance.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the play, specifically the incredible actors who played in it. They turned a potentially boring sitcom into something worth crying over, and that’s a plus in my book. *TAS*

International Education honors graduates at Global Govs Banquet



Graduating students who have studied abroad or are international students received stoles at the APSU International Education banquet on Tuesday, March 31, in the MUC Ballroom. The banquet honored 61 study abroad graduates and 7 international students. The total number of participants at the event was 165.

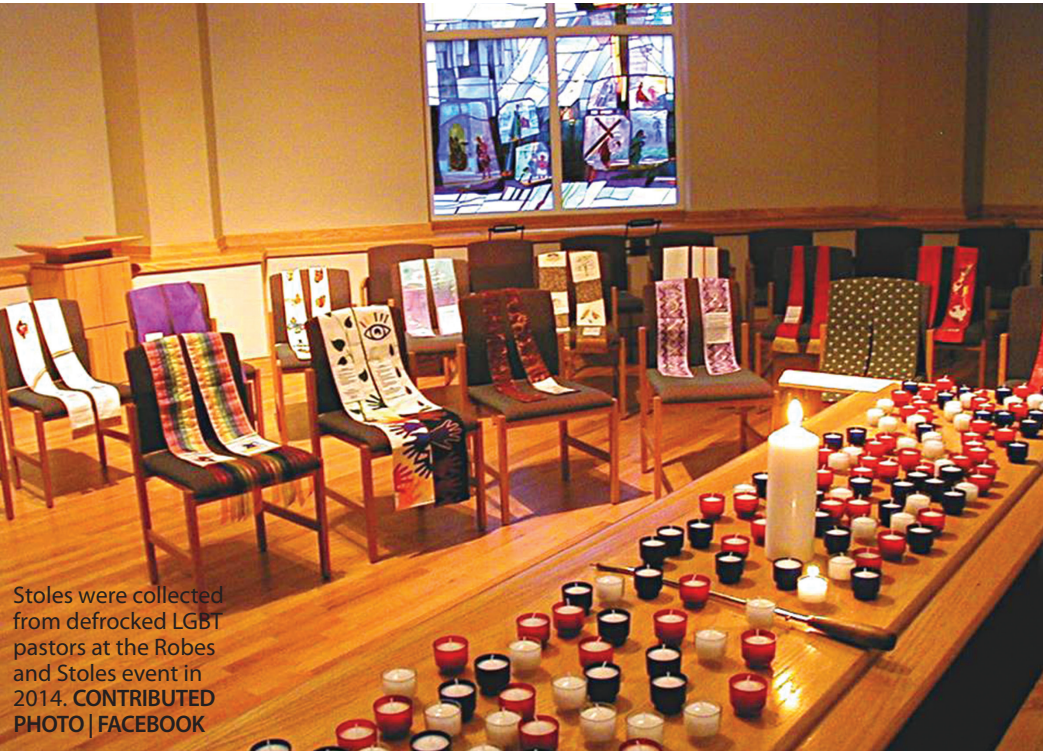
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Senior art exhibits: ‘Forget Me Not,’ ‘Sui Generis’



Top two: Lauren McKinney created the exhibit “Sui Generis” that was featured in Trahern gallery 108 the week of April 13.
Bottom two: Samantha Black’s exhibit “Forget Me Not” was inspired by her experience working in a nursing home. It was featured in Trahern gallery 108 the week of April 6.
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LGBT pastor talks acceptance, being defrocked for sexuality



Stoles were collected from defrocked LGBT pastors at the Robes and Stoles event in 2014. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO | FACEBOOK

» **By ELENA SPRADLIN**
Staff Writer

Megan Hodge is the pastor of the local nondenominational Whosoever Church, a former Army chaplain and a member of the LGBT community who was defrocked because of her sexual orientation.

Hodge had served as an Army chaplain for almost 12 years when she was stripped of her credentials.

Hodge became the pastor of the Whosoever Church after she left duty as an Army chaplain. She saw that there was an unmet need in the Clarksville community for LGBT people who needed a church. She and her friends and colleagues wanted to create an “open and affirming church” that extended to members of the APSU community who might be struggling with rejection because of their sexuality. Hodge struggled with this rejection herself when she was outed while an Army chaplain.

“I understand many of [my former colleagues] have a conservative theological interpretation of scripture, and by no means do I fault them or judge them for how they believe,” Hodge said. “The difficulty came in losing close friendships, receiving hateful and threatening emails, and the secret conversations by a few on how they would ensure my career failed and how I was now considered a pariah.”

Hodge said her wife was an “emotional rock” during this time and helped her cope. To those who currently live in fear of not being accepted because of their sexual orientation, Hodge said, “I am sorry you have been hurt and that others have slapped one label on you that has covered the million others about you that make you a beautiful person created in the image of God.”

Hodge’s is one story among others that will be told during the Shower of Stoles exhibit on Wednesday, April 22.

The exhibit will be in MUC 306 open from noon to 7 p.m. and is free to the public. The exhibit will feature the stoles of dozens of defrocked ministers, pastors, rabbis and other clergymen who have been discharged for being LGBT.

“We believe it is important to recognize the loss of leadership of men and women

who were called by God, but whose calling is denied simply because they were born LGBT,” said Jodi McCullah, director of the APSU Wesley Foundation.

Additionally, Hodge leads service under the supervision of McCullah at the Whosoever Church located in the basement of the Wesley Foundation building across the street from campus. Service is every Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

“If you are in the local community, know that one of those places [to feel safe] is Whosoever Christian Church, where each week we share testimonies, prayer requests, and we confess our fears and struggles openly to one another,” Hodge said.

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— Megan Hodge, pastor of Whosoever Church

Hodge will be at the Shower of Stoles exhibit on Wednesday, April 22, to further share her story.

More information on the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force’s Institute for Welcoming Resources, the foundation the exhibit belongs to, can be found at www.welcomingresources.org. Information on the Whosoever Christian Church can be found at www.whosoeverchristianchurch.com and the Whosoever Christian Church Facebook page.

“People are more complex than the labels we put on them, and we would all do well to seek to understand each other with more compassion and reserve our labels for things and our love for people,” Hodge said. *TAS*

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Lady Govs drop to 8-30



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APSU softball goes 0-4 over weekend after consecutive doubleheader sweeps

» **By PRESTON BOSTAIN**
Staff Writer

The Lady Govs softball team traveled to Cookeville, Tenn., to take on Ohio Valley Conference opponent Tennessee Tech University on Friday, April 17, for a doubleheader against the Lady Eagles.

APSU was held scoreless in the first game, losing to the Golden Eagles 7-0 and marking their sixth shutout loss this season.

TTU scored a run in the first inning and five runs in the second inning to bury the Lady Govs.

The second game of the doubleheader started off better for APSU as the Lady Govs drove in two runs in the first inning, giving them a 2-0 lead.

TTU matched the Lady Govs' runs in the second inning, resulting in a 2-2 tie heading into the third inning.

From there, APSU scored one run while Tennessee Tech scored five runs to take the lead and eventually the game. Tennessee Tech won 10-3, making them 26-21, with a 13-6 OVC record.

The following day, Saturday, April 18, the Lady Govs traveled to Jacksonville, Ala., to

take on the Jacksonville State University Lady Gamecocks.

The Lady Govs improved their hits by scoring five runs in the first game, still falling short of Jacksonville State's nine runs.

The fourth inning was big for the Lady Govs as they scored four runs, but in the following inning, the Lady Gamecocks scored five runs, which resulted in a 9-5 loss in the first game of the doubleheader.

In game two of the doubleheader, the Lady Govs couldn't stop the offensive power of Jacksonville State as the Lady Gamecocks cruised to an 18-4 victory over the Lady Govs. The Lady Govs scored one run in the third inning and three runs in the fifth inning, but the Lady Gamecocks scored three runs or more in each of their four innings.

Jacksonville State remains second in OVC standings after the wins, trailing Southern Illinois University Edwardsville by one game. The next outing for the Lady Govs will be Wednesday, April 22, as they take on another OVC rival Eastern Kentucky University. The doubleheader will be held at Cheryl Holt Field with game times at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. *TAS*

Grizzlies never trail, rout Trail Blazers

» **By ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MEMPHIS — Beno Udrih is doing his best to make sure the Memphis Grizzlies can ease Mike Conley and Tony Allen back into the lineup from their injuries.

Udrih scored 20 points in the best playoff game of his career, and the Grizzlies never trailed in routing the Portland Trail Blazers 100-86, on Sunday, April 19, in Game 1 of the Western Conference first-round series.

"Beno gets the game ball," Grizzlies forward Zach Randolph said. "With Mike being out, helps him get his confidence up and playing."

Udrih hit his first six shots coming off the bench late in the first quarter, and he allowed Conley to sit the entire fourth quarter in his first game back after missing four with a sprained right foot.

In his 44th career playoff game, Udrih finished with seven assists and seven rebounds.

He is the first reserve to do that in the postseason since Nick Van Exel in May 10, 2003, for Dallas at Sacramento.

Portland coach Terry Stotts called Udrih the "X-factor."

"He did a little bit of everything," Stotts said. "He's an NBA player. He's been here a long time, and he's effective."

Udrih said he knew Conley has had some problems with his foot and credited Kosta Koufos with setting good screens.

"I was wide open," Udrih said. "Shots like that I've got to take. I knocked down, and then two more times, I came out of the screen and knocked them down again. I was just being aggressive."

Randolph had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Marc Gasol added 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Mike Conley finished with 16 points and did not play in the fourth quarter. Jeff Green had 11.

LaMarcus Aldridge led Portland with 32

points while taking more shots than anyone had ever taken against Memphis in the postseason, going 13 of 34.

Damian Lillard added 14 points, shooting 5 of 21 overall and 0 of 6 beyond the arc. Nicolas Batum had 15 points.

The Trail Blazers have lost five straight overall.

"I think a good wakeup call for us," Aldridge said. "But definitely tonight they manhandled us."

The Grizzlies swept Portland during the regular season and have won 10 of the last 11, including the first playoff game between the teams.

Game 2 is Wednesday, April 22, in Memphis.

Memphis started the postseason with home-court advantage for only the second time in franchise history, thanks to finishing with four more wins than Northwest Division champion Portland.

The Grizzlies blew a 27-point lead in the

2012 series opener to the Clippers, and they topped that lead going up by 29 late in the third quarter.

The banged-up and short-handed Trail Blazers proved no threat to make that kind of comeback with Aldridge doing everything he could to keep them in the game. He played nearly 42 minutes.

Portland had its worst shooting performance this season and looked out of synch from the start.

Aldridge and Lillard combined to shoot 3 of 15 in the first quarter, and Aldridge even fell to the court when missing a dunk off an inbound lob at one point.

It didn't get much better as Batum threw the ball to the sideline missing Robin Lopez in the third.

"We tried to show Damian Lillard and LaMarcus Aldridge a lot of crowds and had people in front of them as much as possible trying to make it frustrating," Memphis coach Dave Joerger said. *TAS*

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Tennessee running back looks to help

» **By ASSOCIATED PRESS**

KNOXVILLE — Tennessee running back Alvin Kamara is ready to make the most of his return to the Southeastern Conference.

While so many of Tennessee's top returning players have been sidelined or limited by injuries during spring practice, Kamara has received plenty of attention as a junior-college transfer making a positive first impression.

Kamara started his career at Alabama, but he transferred after one year and rushed for 1,211 yards in just nine games last season at Hutchinson (Kansas) Community College. He's relishing the opportunity to play big-time college football again.

"Not everybody gets to do this," Kamara said.

"Not everybody gets the chance we get, to come out here and play in front of some of the best fans in the country. Just being out here and competing with my teammates and in front of these fans, it's amazing."

The Volunteers are counting on Kamara and Jalen Hurd to provide versatility to their

running game.

Hurd's power and Kamara's speed could form an ideal combination.

"They both know that they need each other," coach Butch Jones said. "You can never have enough running backs. I think that has been proven over time. Their relationship — they push each other. They coach each other. They help each other. They respect each other."

Kamara and Hurd believe they can produce enough first downs together that they already are referring to themselves as "CMG," which stands for "Chain-Moving Gang."

Kamara said the nickname came from running backs coach Robert Gillespie.

"We learn from each other," Hurd said. "If I do something good, he might pick up on something. If he does something good, I might pick up on something he did."

Kamara's impact already is apparent. The offense struggled when he sat out a week with a thigh bruise. When Kamara returned to practice, coaches said he made his presence felt. *TAS*



Lady Govs track wins invitational



» **By GLAVINE DAY**
Staff Writer

The women's track team finished first out of eight teams when they held an invitational for the first time since 2013, in the new Governors Stadium on Friday, April 17.

The Lady Govs set the bar high, ending the meet with 234 points, while Murray State University finished with just over 100 points to place second. Sophomore Kaylnn Pitts set an APSU record for the triple jump at 12.71 meters, winning the event.

Right behind her was sophomore Chancis Jones with a personal best of 12.46 meters.

Pitts also won the long jump with a distance of 5.87 meters, finishing ahead of Jones who made a 5.76 meter jump.

On the second day of the event—Saturday, April 18—the Lady Govs placed in seven different categories.

Senior Erika Adams won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.97 seconds.

Coming in second and third were APSU juniors Breigh Jones and Lamontra Robinson, who finished in 12.07 and 12.28, respectively.

Jones did not stop at her 100-meter dash win. She took home a win in the 200-meter dash, and helped APSU take wins in the 4x100 and the 4x400 relays.

APSU took the top three spots in the 100-meter hurdles, and senior Natalie Olberding brought home a win for the 200-meter hurdles.

The Lady Govs' next meet will be in Des Moines, Iowa, starting April 23. **TAS**



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