

Dine while campus is closed

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When Thanksgiving rolls around, many students head home to celebrate the holiday with family and friends. However, for various reasons, many students stay behind. APSU closes on the holiday, leaving students who stay on campus for the holiday without a Thanksgiving meal.

Many restaurants and stores will be closed on Thursday, but a few remain open, some with regular service and some with special holiday deals.

Here are six options for students who will not be able to travel home for the holiday.

WAFFLE HOUSE

All Waffle House locations are open 24/7, including holidays. Hungry students can choose from seven locations: 745 N Riverside Drive, 1931 Madison Street, 1683 A Fort Campbell Blvd, 3069 Wilma Rudolph Blvd, and 1114 State Road 76.

CHINA KING

The buffet at China King will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thanksgiving. The restaurant is located at 2088 Lowes Drive.

CRACKER BARREL

The homestyle restaurant will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, and Thanksgiving dinner will be served starting at 11 am. The classic Thanksgiving meal is \$12.99 for adults and \$7.99 for children. Cracker Barrel is located at 200 Cracker Barrel Drive.

GOLDEN CORRAL

Golden Corral will be serving a Thanksgiving Day buffet from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday. The restaurant is at 2811 Wilma Rudolph Blvd.

TARBOOSH

The Mediterranean resturant will be open on Thanksgiving from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. They offer lamb platters, hummus and tabouli as food options. They are located in downtown Clarksville within walking distance to campus on 117 Franklin Street.

WAFFLE HOUSE

The buffet-style restaurant will be open on Thanksgiving from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Shoney's is located at 791 N 2nd Street.

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and being restricted like that for a lot of students means forfeiting something that has a tangible cost associated with it” Nick Lee, a senior English major in the College of Arts and Letters said.

Other campuses serviced by Chartwells do not all face this three meal a day restriction, according to the company’s various DineonCampus.com webpages.

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SGA meets at 5 p.m. every Wednesday in MUC Room 305 and are open to the public. More information about SGA can be found at www.apsu.edu/sga/.



SGA LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Draft a letter of recommendation to the Office of the Registrar to align APSU’s academic calendar with Clarksville-Montgomery county school system.

Passed

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Draft a letter to Chartwell’s recommending allowing students to use more than three meals a day.

Tabled

23rd Annual Bread and Words offers soup, poems, short stories for students

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Every November, the APSU Department of Languages and Literature hosts Bread and Words, an event to raise money for the APSU campus food bank.

The event consists of dinner, pots of soup and bread provided by faculty, and a reading of student and faculty work. Barry Kitterman, Hannah Boyd, Tim Donahoo, Caleb Ervin, Arizona Hurn and Allison Parker read.

This year, the 23rd Annual Bread and Words was held on Monday, Nov. 20 in the MUC Ballroom. Crockpots of homemade soups and chili sat steaming on a long table.

Attendants are asked for a \$5 donation at the door.

Neesa Howard, a sophomore Chemistry major, went to the event for the second time to support her friend.

“My friend is reading a poem,” Howard said.

Howard describes Bread and Words as a “peaceful” event.

It was the first time Alicia Banman, senior Sociology major, had ever come to a Bread and Words event.

“I have Dr. Wright and Dr. Spofford’s classes, and they told me to come here,” Banman said. “It seems nice, I felt kind of awkward at first but it is not as awkward as I thought it would be. It feels really comfortable.”

It was a full event, as several more tables had to be set up as more people filed in. It was not long before ladles scraped the bottoms of empty pots and the readings began.

Allison Parker was first to read, choosing a short nonfiction piece. Senior Tim Donahue was next, reading several poems including “In the Morning” and “St. Martins.” Arizona Hurd also read a selection of poetry, including “In Which My Skeletons May Not Actually be in the Closet Anymore” and “Oceans.”

English major Caleb Burns read a poem about being a soldier, and graduate student Hannah Boyd read sections of a short fiction story about a girl growing up. Barry Kitterman, professor of creative writing, finished out the readings with a fiction piece inspired by his childhood in California.

For more information on the Language and Literature Department visit, <http://www.apsu.edu/langlit/>



CLARIFICATIONS

The All State would like to clarify stories that ran within the Oct. 25 and Nov. 8 editions of the paper. The first story, about AP Apollo, we would like to clarify the names within the story. The four contestants were Tyler Caldwell, who sung a medley of Drake’s song “Controlla”

Tyler Hughes, who sung R. Kelly’s “I Believe I Can Fly”

Hannah Clark, who sung “Who We Are”

First Place was between Harvey and Clark

Second place went to Clark Caldwell and Hughes tied for third place

Caldwell is the sophomore Chemistry major quote.

Hughes “there was so many great

performances and I could not believe that I actually won” quote.

Hannah Clark is a Freshman Music major.

The comedian host was Chase Anthony.

For the Nov. 8 edition, the Day of the Dead story we would like to clarify that Coordinator of the HCC was entered as “Coordinative Director.”

APSU Police brings back Food for Fines

CELESTE MALONE

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Have a parking ticket needing to be paid? APSU Campus Police is bringing back Food for Fines this Fall.

According to an email sent by TheGovSays, from Dec. 11-18 APSU Police will accept 10 non-perishable food items for one payment in place of a parking ticket given before Dec. 1.

All donations will be given to the APSU Save Our Students Food Pantry located within the APSU Center for Service Learning.

Donations can be a range of items, however Ramen Noodles will not be accepted.

APSU is not waving tickets given within ADA Accessible spaces and will not give credit for tickets that have already been paid.

Non-perishable donations will be accepted at the Shasteen Building starting at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 11. Any physical meat or perishable item must be taken directly to the S.O.S Food Pantry.

Upon arrival to either locations, students must have the physical citation with the donation.

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 - Fruit
 - Vegetables
 - Tuna or Chicken
 - Soup
 - Dry Goods
 - Rice
 - Pasta
 - Beans (any type)
 - Cereal
 - Instant Mashed Potatoes
 - Meat – Frozen or Capable of Being Frozen:
- 2 lbs of meat will be accepted as payment for one parking citation



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PERSPECTIVES

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”
— First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Black Friday is not Thursday

Thanksgiving tradition has been taken over by preparation for Christmas sales



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I am a very nostalgic person. I relish the more cliché aspects of the holidays as much as possible. I enjoy Christmas because of the fond memories of family, including dinner at Olive Garden on Christmas Eve and our evening church service. I enjoy New Year’s because of the sense of a new beginning, to see the passage of time unfolding. I also enjoy Thanksgiving because I can reconnect with my family of six. As noisy and chaotic as we can sometimes be, I always cherish the opportunity to remind one another we love each other and how much we appreciate everything we do for one another.

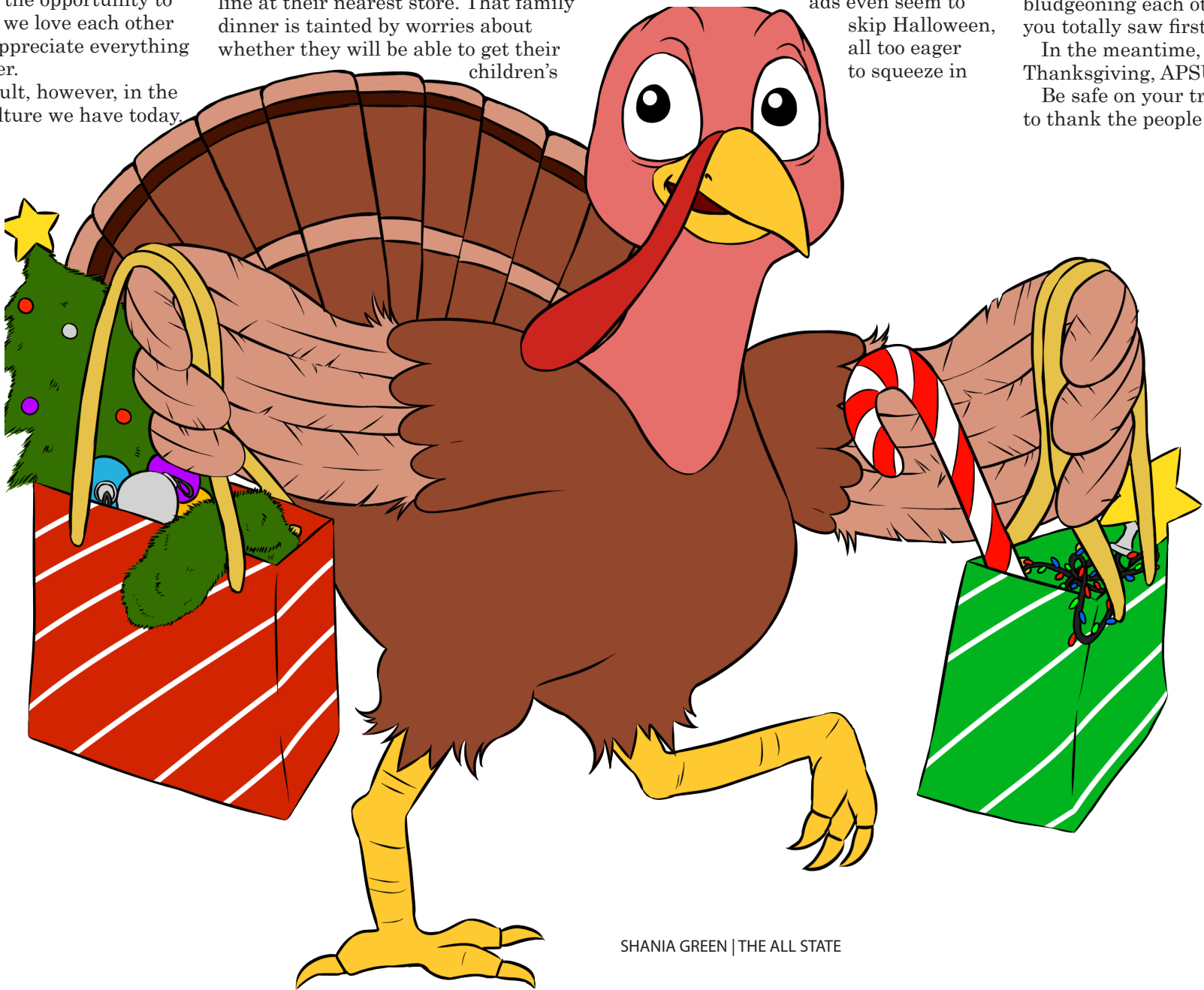
This is more difficult, however, in the consumer-driven culture we have today,

I realize I am not the first to spend hundreds of words at a time ranting against the mentality surrounding Black Friday and holiday shopping. However, it might be surprising for me to say I do not actually mind Black Friday in general. This is a general business phenomenon, and in general, I accept that. However, I believe we have since spiraled into something worse, since the chaos of Black Friday has transitioned into Black Thursday, intruding right into the family-oriented holiday itself. Now, when the family gets together to celebrate one another, if the modern family is even lucky enough to do so in the first place, the family must now plan the day’s festivities carefully so as to be able to get in the hours-long waiting line at their nearest store. That family dinner is tainted by worries about whether they will be able to get their children’s

gifts in time. Having the sales begin on midnight was one thing. Starting them earlier is another entirely. Further, it seems the very notion of Thanksgiving celebrations has diminished. All over campus, Christmas lights and lamp post decorations went up almost immediately after Halloween passed. Certainly, they are pretty, but why do we never see Thanksgiving decorations? Our family has them. We make it a point to spend the entire day after Thanksgiving swapping our turkeys for wreaths and the Christmas tree. We jump for joy when it is finally time, but we always wait until the day after Thanksgiving. We always let the holiday have its time in the light before moving on. Why do I not see offices or workplaces celebrating Thanksgiving the way we do Christmas?

Advertisements seem to disregard Thanksgiving’s existence entirely. Some ads even seem to skip Halloween, all too eager to squeeze in

that Black Thursday sale before its competitors grind them into dust. Some foods and other products would be great if marketed towards Thanksgiving: deli meats, foods, restaurant deals. Instead of immediately jumping to the Christmas deals. But we do not market them that way. We do not market Thanksgiving at all. Perhaps I should be grateful companies do not directly try and commercialize a holiday dedicated to family and thankfulness. However, the concept of Black Thursday appears to do just that: shoving “once-in-a-lifetime” deals and promotions in our faces and forcing us to spend our Thursday micromanaging just how to obtain that super-important tableware set for 50 percent off. It is difficult to celebrate thankfulness and family when you are too busy trampling Walmart employees and bludgeoning each other over that HDTV you totally saw first. In the meantime, Happy Thanksgiving, APSU. Be safe on your travels, and remember to thank the people who love you.



SHANIA GREEN | THE ALL STATE

GOVS ON THE STREET: What does Thanksgiving mean to you this year?

Zack Khan Senior Computer Science Major
“So the first part of my Thanksgiving will be spending with my buddy’s family. My family will be out of town, but they will be coming in. And then at 4:30 I will go to Best Buy to work, and then I will be there till 1:30 in the morning. So come and see me, please.”

Charles King sophomore computer science major
“I am going to spend some time with my family over Thanksgiving break...We all get together at my mom’s house and eat a lot.”

Chelsey Carter, sophomore English major Chelsey Carter
“I am going home for a family reunion I am not looking forward to. All sorts of little munchkins running around and adults that just want to gossip.”

Kelsey Parrish Junior graphic design major
“This week I will not be going home, but normally we go home, we all go to my aunt’s house, and we cook. We all watch football even though none of us like football. We just watch it because we’re all in the same room, eating. My cousins play in the backyard even though it is 50 degrees out. It is community.”

Bigger holidays distract from Thanksgiving



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Is Thanksgiving just skipped over? Between the Jack-O-Lanterns and the Christmas carolers, Thanksgiving seems to be lost in the midst of these dominating holidays. Halloween has movies, events and amazing costumes that spark the interest of those of all ages. Whether or not you are too old to dress up as a unicorn and go door to door asking for candy, you are still able to go to a corn maze and carve pumpkins with friends and family.

It is the holiday where you curl up on a couch with a loved one and cuddle together while you watch horror movie after horror movie. It is when you get to see your children’s faces light up while they dump their bags of goodies on the living room floor. Halloween can be stretched out over the month of October with haunted houses opening on the first of the month. Christmas is a beautiful time of year. It is filled with festive lights that are laced all around town, and you are not able to drive down the street without spotting someone decorating something. Christmas is stressful. You must find the perfect Christmas tree, think about who is going where and what family members you will be able to share this

time of year with. You are having to shop, then shop and then shop some more. You must look for presents for everyone: your mom, dad, kids, cousins, friends, siblings and your child’s best friend. You start buying presents in November, and decorating only comes shortly after, Christmas not only took over the last two months of the year, but it remains in the back of everyone’s minds throughout all 12 months. Although Thanksgiving is a great time of year to eat enthusiastically with loved ones, it is not a holiday that can stand alone like Halloween or Christmas. When you think of turkey day your mind will also travel to Black Friday. When you think of Black Friday you

think of all the Christmas gifts you can buy or try to think of all the people you still must buy for. After Halloween your mind is constantly preparing itself for the next big holiday. Although Thanksgiving is an amazing day of the year, that is all it is, a day. It is a day where you stressfully cook a dinner to supply your family with a feast fit for royalty. Then you eat for two hours, clean and then start pulling your Christmas lights out of the closet you hide them away in. It is hard to make a big deal out of a holiday when you do not have things such as music, movies and presents. It is a fun day, but Halloween and Christmas are fun months, so it is easy to look ahead to things that are filled with nonstop enjoyment.

EXTRAS



Dear Tailor,
The other day I overheard someone talking about networking. What exactly is networking? Is it something I should be doing? I want to start looking into internships and jobs, but I do not know where to start. I don't know anyone to even ask. Would networking help me with this?

Gratefully,
Lonesome Job Seeker

Dear Lonesome,

Networking is the act of interacting with others to exchange information and develop contacts. Networking is extremely important in the real world especially when you are seeking employment or internship opportunities. If someone has met you and knows that you are looking for a certain position in a particular career field, they may contact you about a job opening they are looking to fill. If you had never networked with them then that is an opportunity you most likely would have never known about.
A great place to meet potential employers and others in your field is at career fairs. The whole purpose of a

career fair is for potential employees and employers to network in hopes of obtaining a position in a particular company or career field. The Office of Career Services has put on several career fairs this semester, and we will be offering more in the spring so make sure you keep an eye out for those dates!
LinkedIn is another great resource to use when you are networking. LinkedIn allows users to make a profile and add others to their network, much like Facebook. What makes LinkedIn different, however, is that it is more career focused. Users can list skills they possess and people in their network can endorse them on these skills. They can also share business related articles and post about any career updates. By adding people to your network on LinkedIn, they can see your accomplishments and career history which could lead them to contacting you about future employment.
As always, if you have any questions concerning Career Services or would like to schedule an appointment, please feel free to contact us at careerservices@apsu.edu or 931-221-6544.
Sincerely,
Tailor Y. Career

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Romano embracing his relative after his last football game at APSU Saturday, Nov. 18. JEFFERY HOOPER| THE ALL STATE



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Student Affairs' HELP AN ELF Holiday Gift Program

WANT TO ADOPT AN APSU ELF FAMILY?

ADOPTIONS BEGIN NOV. 22



What: Assisting APSU families that have a financial need by providing gifts for their children.

Who can adopt: Student organizations, university departments, and individual staff, students and faculty

When: Adoptions begin November 22 & gifts need to be turned in by December 8.

How: Contact Student Affairs at (931) 221-6570 or forted@apsu.edu or stop by UC 208.

The holidays will be brighter for these children and their families thanks to your generosity!

Student Affairs' Help an Elf program has been a part of celebrating the holiday season and assisting APSU students and their families since 1994. More than 60 children of eligible APSU students were adopted by staff, faculty and students in 2015 and 38 children 2016!

FEATURES

Battle of the Future

*“You come in as strangers;
you leave as friends.”*

DANIEL CAMPOS
GOVS PROGRAMMING COUNCIL
COORDINATOR



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Govs gear up for laser battles of skill, friendship

DOMINIC GONZALEZ
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Despite being in the ballroom of the Morgan University Center at APSU, the dark lights and emulated gun shots transported curious participants into a battlefield, where communication and teambuilding separates life from death, and sheer fun distracts students from their daily struggles.

Marking a first for the Govs Programming Council, Tropical Extremes hosted a four-hour laser battle event, free to APSU students. The Florida-based company holds events like this one for universities, churches, corporate team building groups and birthdays. Laser battles are not all they specialize in as they also have archery, hydro battles and dart battles. They are mobile which allows them to set up shop anywhere from ballrooms to football courts to backyards.

“You come in as strangers,” GPC Coordinator Daniel Campos said. “You leave as friends.”

Tropical Extremes prides themselves on being different and bold. Rather than having a simple laser tag game with plastic guns, they use steel, military decommissioned weapons. Another aspect that separates the laser battle from the more common laser tag is the main goal for each player: score points with only headshots.

After waiting in line, 14 random students are selected for the next round. They put themselves in their own teams

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Around the world

APSU celebrates cultural diversity during International Night Thursday

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STAFF WRITER

Take a bite of foods from Taiwan to El Salvador and more, all in one room. APSU’s International Night hosted this opportunity and more.

APSU hosted International Night at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 in the Red Barn, gathering different cultural themed booths together to serve diverse foods and drinks.

“America is a melting pot, and International Night gives us the opportunity to see the cultures that make up that pot. If I am Irish then I do not really know what a German might like but I could check their booth out and see, so this night helps teach people those diverse parts of culture,” Hopkinsville High School junior working the El Salvador booth Casie Rohwer said.

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International Night took place in the Memorial Health building, bringing a wide variety of different cultures together to celebrate one another in one place Thursday. HALEY PALMERI | THE ALL STATE

Emotional chaos

‘Cripple of Inishmaan’ plays with emotions, challenges expectations



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This review contains spoilers for the plot of “The Cripple of Inishmaan.”

There are plays where I can predict the general direction of the plot. When a play is listed as a romantic comedy, you can generally predict the kinds of antics that take place. Tragedies generally use plot twists and misunderstandings to drive home the suffering and loss of main characters. Walking into “The Cripple of Inishmaan,” I thought I had a general idea of the kind of plot I could expect from a dark comedy.

I was dead wrong.

The play is set in 1934 on the Aran Islands, off the western coast of Ireland. Based of the real-life screening of the documentary “Man of Aran,” the play focuses on “Cripple” Billy Claven, an orphan and social outcast, as he yearns for the opportunity to audition for the movie and escape the grueling life he has on the island.

From the beginning, I could tell this was going to be an authentic telling

of the story, because everyone spoke in an old Irish accent; the brochure even had a small dictionary of terms that were not strictly English. For those not accustomed to thicker accents and dialects, the opening few minutes can be a little daunting, but once I did acclimate to the dialect, I discovered the dialogue was top-notch. The actors on stage were just as adept at portraying emotions through Irish accents as they were with U.S. accents. Not even the differing vocabulary as a true deterrent to understanding the story, as the primary offenders are accompanied by plenty of context to grasp their meaning.

One of the play’s biggest selling points is the characters. “Cripple Billy” is a very relatable young man who just wants the best out of his life without being judged for it. Though everyone in the town calls him “Cripple Billy,” he does not want to be defined by his disability. “Could you just call me Billy?” he says. My favorite character, though, is Johnnypateenmike, the town gossip and possibly the most unlikable character I have seen in years. Johnnypateenmike is always

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Governors and elves come together

Help-an-Elf provides toys, gifts to families in need thanks to students

MARKAYLA BEDFORD
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Looking forward to the holidays and the spirit of giving? Student Affairs is hosting a charity program called Help an Elf. This program’s sole purpose is to assist fully enrolled APSU students with children during the holidays. It is open to anyone looking to donate to those in need of assistance.

APSU Student Affairs has been sponsoring this event since 1994. It has grown over the years and has become a tradition for the students at APSU, and it continues to benefit the community.

Every year has had some students who are just looking for a little help with supporting their children during the holidays.

One of the benefits of the program is it is a way for the organization’s staff and faculty to give back to students in need. This is not just limited to the staff though. Any student can sign up and help with giving back to the community.

“I just thought it would be great to give back,” freshman psychology major LaQuinta Hunt said. “I am so used to just receiving, but never giving.”

Many families have been heavily

impacted by the effects of this charity program. Student Affairs makes it their job to ensure that they have something under the tree. Whether it is just the basic necessities or just something that they have had on their Christmas lists.

Not only is there gift-giving for the children, but family adoptions by different APSU departments as well. There are many departments that prefer to make it a tradition to adopt a family, rather than just giving gifts.

Adoptions begin on Nov. 22 for any offices, individuals, or departments to adopt families.

The purpose of adopting an elf is to have a particular group of people or person give to a specific family in need. Packages for this will be available until Dec.8. In 2015, more than 60 children

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LAQUINTA HUNT
FRESHMAN PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

were adopted by either faculty, staff or students. Coordinator of the Help-an-Elf program, Diana Forte, said last year saw roughly 38 individual adoptions.

“I am really in awe of the outcome of the event and at how many are willing to give, including APSU students,” Forte said. “Committing time and money really speaks to the community.”

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barging into any conversation that may earn him some juicy information. He is also trying to kill his 90-year-old mother with alcohol throughout the play, despite the doctor’s stern warnings against the beverage. No one takes him seriously, since he mostly spreads news about the neighbors’ pets dying.

The most engaging part of the play, however, was the unpredictability in its plot. Billy gets to audition for the play by giving Babbybobby, the local boatman, a note we, the audience, do not get to read. We assume this is something serious, even life-threatening, because Babbybobby promptly disregards the superstition of allowing cripple people on boats. The last act is perhaps one of the most violent emotional roller-coasters I have ever witnessed. Billy, when he returns, reveals the letter, a doctor’s note about his condition, was forged. Desperate to escape his life on the island, he lied so he could escape. Babbybobby, furious, remains silent as Billy apologizes profusely, explaining he needed to find purpose and meaning in his life. We assume this is going to be a touching, bonding moment. Instead,

Babbybobby silently pulls out a metal wand, and pounces on Billy, beating him senseless toward stage-left as the lights go out. It looks like the play is over.

Instead, the lights come back on, with the doctor tending to his wounds, which look minor considering how brutal they sounded. This rollercoaster continues for the next twenty minutes, and it is only the superb acting on Billy’s part that makes the whole thing work. The joy on his face when he learns his parents killed themselves, not because he was a cripple, but because they wanted to take out their life insurance to pay for Billy’s medical bills; the anguish upon overhearing the truth, that his parents actually tried to kill Billy instead of themselves and how Johnnypateenmike was the one who paid for his medical bills; the confused relief when the girl he has had a secret crush on, a seemingly self-centered woman who enjoys beating people with raw eggs, actually agrees to go out with him, all of this manifests itself in Billy’s mannerisms. He whimpers, he laughs, he pleads and he cries. He is expressive, dramatic. He is real. He wears every terrible and heart-wrenching moment like any one of us in the audience would.

I can say, without a doubt, the acting is what sold this play for me. To the



The main success of “The Cripple of Inishmaan” was the cast of characters. Everyone on stage controlled the stage with every word they spoke, making the emotions real. BERTRANG JOSEPH | THE ALL STATE

well-meaning aunties Billy lives with, to the insufferable Johnnypateenmike, their characters came to life in ways I did not expect.

Perhaps to drive the point home, Billy is alone on the stage as the play closes, as yet another bombshell drops on the audience: he has tuberculosis, and probably only has a few months to live.

After all his successes and failures, he has seemingly lost the battle with his life, despite his efforts.

Instead, as he is coughing up blood, he looks at the blood on his hand, looks towards the audience and smiles. Despite it all, he has chosen to live, to push through, to survive.

And in that moment, so did I.



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of seven. Like real military operations, students are required to form bonds with people they would otherwise not likely speak to, to come out victorious.

“I have never met these people before,” sophomore broadcast media major Logan Sodan said about the group of four behind him. “I have played about three games with them specifically, though, because we all mesh well.”

Once the teams are picked, coordinator Daniel Campos explicitly states the rules to the game with a high emphasis on no physical contact. Next, the players pick a bandana to wear on their heads because to get the head shots required for points in the game, each student must place a sensor on their head that is connected to the gun, and as Campos said, the sensors have never been washed in fear of

damaging the electronics within it. After all the prerequisites to the game have been met, the players are sent out to the dark, obstacle-filled university ballroom.

“The adrenaline rush is real,” sophomore agriculture major Mikaela Trembley said. “It is dark, people are shouting, it is fun.”

Tropical Extremes’ mission is to separate the individual from the stress of reality. With a high emphasis on team building, students are expected to form bonds with other students and carry out the connections even after the games have come to an end. In a survey conducted by the Associated Press in 2008, eight in 10 college students reported feeling stressed daily. The events hosted at universities are expected by Campos and the company alike, to serve as a potential outlet for students.

Coordinator Daniel Campos said they are “the alternative” to doing other, less engaging activities.

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During International Night, guests saw many booths and watched dance performances themed around different cultures. The event consisted of not only international booths but a photo booth as well. Each nation presented pieces for different reasons.

“Our booth is showing off bubble tea because it originated from Taiwan. Not everyone knows where it came from, and International Night brings all the cultures together to show items like bubble tea,” junior accounting major Yi-Fan Huang said.

Other booths told guests not only about the food but the countries themselves. The food mixed with new knowledge created an educational atmosphere.

“El Salvador is a very tropical place and full of volcanoes but it uniquely does not have a coastline, unlike other Spanish countries. It is one of the few that does not,” Rohwer said.

The melting pot of America opens up all kinds of opportunities to learn about different nations as well as languages or cuisines. Guests and vendors both experienced this throughout International Night.

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LANE TANKERSLEY
JUNIOR HISTORY MAJOR

there are so many different cultures and it is a really rich experience. Bringing everyone together creates the atmosphere, especially the different languages,” junior history major from the France booth Lane Tankersley said.

“Just tonight, I even got to speak with someone from the Haiti booth in French, and that is so amazing to me,” Tankersley said.

Miss Austin Peay and the Study Abroad Department made appearances that night as well, and Study Abroad took votes on the best booth.

International Night merged all cultures together like a melting pot into one Red Barn.



International Night included booths showcasing different cultures. Displays included bubble tea from Taiwan and taught visitors about their respective cultures and countries. HALEY PALMERI | THE ALL STATE

SPORTS

ROBBED

APSU community reacts to Playoff snub, FCS leaves Govs out of 24-team field

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SPORTS EDITOR

Early Sunday morning the NCAA's Football Championship Subdivision announced their 24-team field for the 2017 NCAA FCS Playoffs. Amongst the list is defending champions James Madison, 5-time National Champions North Dakota State and the reigning Ohio Valley Conference Champions Jacksonville State.

Not among the field of 24 is 8-4 APSU. The Govs entered this season on a 27-game losing streak that grew to 29 games. The Govs then put that streak to bed with a dominating 69-13 win over Morehead State. APSU then found themselves on a three game win streak in route to a 8-1 FCS record.

However, that was not enough to get the Govs selected over other at large bids such as: Samford (8-3), Nicholls State (8-3), Elon (8-3), Western Illinois (8-3), Furman (7-4), Northern Arizona (7-4), New Hampshire (7-4) and Northern Iowa (7-4). A 5-6 Lehigh also made their way into the postseason due to a Patriot League Conference Championship as an automatic qualifying bid.

"I feel like it was an exercise in favoritism," said senior graphic design major Lewis West.

Needless to say, the APSU community was disappointed with the snub.

"With me formerly being on the team, I know how far we came to get to the point we are at today," senior criminal justice major LaRon Golden said. "In the past four years before the winning streak we only won one game."

The Govs only FCS loss is to three seeded Jacksonville State.

APSU also sacrificed their bye week to play an extra game against FBS team #13 Central Florida (10-0). The Govs



APSU Football takes in their heartbreaking last second loss to Tennessee State in the 2016 season.
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scored 33 points on UCF in Orlando, Florida, the most amount of points scored on Central Florida this season.

"The football team got ripped off. There has been comments about them playing weaker teams to be able to make the playoffs, but in reality they played tougher teams," sophomore education major Brooke Ward. "So that be enough to make it right?"

"As a former APSU athlete, I closely follow all APSU sports programs, and to see the way that the football team has transformed over the past two years alone is nothing short of amazing," senior sociology major Christiana Howard said. "The football team has a number of accolades and accomplishments this year to add to their records, and the decision to not include them as an at large bud in the playoffs is like slamming the brakes on a train going 200 mph."

"I am mad and heart broken. When my best friend on the team texted me at 10:30 this morning to tell me the news I cried. Thats how I think it was for the fans," said Howard. "We had so many losses in the past and stayed supportive even when it seemed like a joke. When they succeeded we all succeeded."

Even through the disappointment, students are finding the positives.

"For them to go 8-1 in the FCS with their only loss being the number two team in the nation and not be included it was a smack in the face, but we all know there is more to come from Coach Healy and the newly improved Govs," said Golden.

The APSU community will now process the disappointment and focus in on the basketball season. The football team now begins preparations for the 2018 season.

The Govs will open the next season against Georgia on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018.

Williams and Healy up for national awards

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APSU Football Head Coach and sophomore defensive lineman Jaison Williams were announced as finalists for national awards following APSU's historic football season.

Healy is a finalist for the STATS Football Championship Subdivision Eddie Robinson Award, an award given to the best coach in the FCS for the previous season.

Williams is a finalist for the STATS FCS Buck Buchanan award, an award given to the top defensive player on the

FCS level.

Healy would become the third in the Ohio Valley Conference coach to capture the award, following former Murray State head coach Houston Nutt, 1995, and Southeast Missouri's former head coach, Tony Smauel, 2010.

This year is the 31st edition of the award named after former Grambling State head coach Eddie Robinson.

There are 18 finalists listed for the Eddie Robinson award. Joining Healy is fellow OVC coach John Grass of Jacksonville State.

Williams will look to become the first player from the OVC to be named the

Buck Buchanan defensive player of the year.

Williams, who is from Trussville, Alabama, racked up 24 sacks through the 12 game season. 9.5 of those Williams recorded on his own, the third most in the OVC.

The Alabama native was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week and TSWA Defensive Player of the Week on following Sept. 30. Williams earned these following his performance in APSU's 7-0 shutout over UT Martin.

The awards will be handed out at the STATS FCS Award Banquet in Frisco, Texas, on Jan. 5.



Jaison Williams reads the field in the Govs 28-13 final win over EIU. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE



Govs Games

VOLLEYBALL
NCAA Selection Show
Sunday, Nov. 26, 8 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
vs. Bethel University
Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Wednesday, Nov. 22, 3 p.m.

vs. Miami (Ohio)
Clarksville, Tennessee
Sunday, Nov. 26, 2 p.m.

at Oklahoma State
Stillwater, Oklahoma
Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
at Lipscomb
Nashville, Tennessee
Sunday, Nov. 26, 3 p.m.

Football wins final game over EIU

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After years at the bottom of the Ohio Valley Conference, APSU finally had a statement season, finishing 7-1 in the conference with an 8-4 overall record after defeating Eastern Illinois 28 to 13 during APSU's Senior Day on Saturday, Nov. 18.

The lone loss in the conference came from Football Championship Subdivision second ranked Jacksonville State.

The Govs other three losses came to Football Bowl Subdivision opponents such as Cincinatti, Miami (OH) and Central Florida.

Despite the eight wins and the losses to impressive opponents the Govs were snubbed from the FCS Playoffs.

Although the team missed out on the playoffs they accomplished many accolades this season.

The team snapped the nations longest losing-streak, won three games in a row for the first time since the 1980's, and broke the school record for conference wins in a season.

The year of firsts came to end with one more victory.

A cold and rainy evening did not stall

the Govs who were able to accumulate 403 total yards of offense with 325 of them coming from the ground game.

The defense was tough as nails as they have been all season holding the Panthers to just 270 yards of total offense and forcing three turnovers as well.

The Govs closed out their final drive of the first quarter with an Ahmaad Tanner 22-yard touchdown run.

The Govs took the early 7-0 lead after one quarter.

The Panthers answered back on the ensuing drive as Isaiah Johnson pushed the ball into the end zone on a one-yard carry.

The Panthers' extra point was no good, leaving the Govs with the 7-6 lead.

Kyran Moore found the end zone for the Govs' next score, running in for the score from ten yards out, extending the lead to 14-6 at the half.

Quarterback Jeremiah Oatsvall took a hand off in the third quarter and scored to extend the lead to 21-6.

Opening the fourth quarter the Govs lead 21-6 and aimed to put the final nail in the coffin against their conference foe.

The Govs broke onto the scored board just six seconds into the fourth after Tanner powered his way into the end

zone for his second touchdown.

The Govs lead early in the fourth 28-6. Eastern Illinois did not back down as they eventually put more points up on the board.

Andre Harris caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from Bud Martin to cut the lead to 28-13.

The Panthers however did not find anymore success as the Govs came out victorious in the end of a long, cold and rainy night.

Tanner lead all rushers with 95 yards and two touchdowns.

Oatsvall ran for 49 yards and a score as well.

Oastvall ended the season with 453 yards on 94 carries and six touchdowns.

Tanner led the team in rush yards with 697 yards on 135 carries followed by sophomore Kentel Williams's 674 yards on 103 carries.

The Tanner and Williams duo combined for 10 touchdowns. JaVaughn Craig rushed for six touchdowns will passing for 3 and 366 yards.

Oatsvall threw for seven touchdowns and 1,148 pass yards on the season.

The Govs close out the season with eight total wins, tied for the most in school history.



CHAMPIONS

APSU Volleyball wins OVC Tournament, Earn automatic berth in national tournament

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The Govs first match of the Ohio Valley Conference semi-finals on Thursday, Nov. 16 ended with a victory.

According to letsgopeay.com, APSU took down Southeast Missouri in three sets (25-18, 25-19, 25-13).

The Govs’ offense was led by Christina White, who posted 14 kills on 25 attempts.

Freshman Brooke Moore followed White with 11 kills.

Moore also posted one block and an ace.

On Friday, Nov. 17, APSU moved on to Eastern Kentucky.

The Govs took this win in four sets (19-25, 25-12, 25-14, 25-12).

Moore was once again a standout player for APSU.

The freshman led her team to victory with a career best performance of 22 kills.

Senior Ashley Slay also moved into fifth place on the Govs career kills list with her 14-kill outing against the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.

“There is no better way to go out, with a championship ring; you can not ask for a better moment then this,” Slay said.

Slay now has 1,281 kills and only needs 19 more to reach 1,300, which only four other Govs have accomplished in program history.

The win over the Colonels also broke the APSU volleyball record for wins in a singe season.

APSU then faced Murray State in the OVC Championship match on Saturday, Nov. 18th.

“It feels surreal [to play in the

Championship gamel. We worked so hard,” said Slay.

The Govs took the title in five sets (21-25, 25-23, 20-25, 25-21, 15-10).

This team has made history by being the only APSU team to take both the regular season and OVC tournament.

“Christina White played phenomenal, Ally, Brooke, and Kristen played phenomenal,” said Slay. “Everyone came in and did their jobs and played phenomenal, and that is what it takes to be a championship team.”

Setter Kristen Stucker was a standout in the match by beating her season best with 60 assists against the Racers.

Moore was also named MVP of the tournament with her 48 kills throughout. Other Govs recognized were Senior Allie O’Reilly with a total of 59 digs and Stucker for her total 151 assists.

“It is amazing to be in this position. These girls have worked so hard, and they never gave up,” Head Coach Taylor Mott said.

“We settled down and played volleyball like we have all season long,” said Mott. “We did a good job.”

“This place [The Dunn Center] has been electric the past few days,” said Mott. “We appreciate the support from the students and local people. It was a great feeling.”

The Govs will now advance to the NCAA Division I Women’s Volleyball National Tournament. The selection show will take place on Sunday, Nov. 26.

APSU will be making their first appearance in the national tournament since 2010.



TOP PHOTO: Ashley Slay celebrates during APSU’s clash with Murray State. BOTTOM PHOTO: Christina White, Allie O’Reilly and Slay hold the OVC Championship Trophy. VALERIE LINERAS | THE ALL STATE

Stuart named STATS FCS national player of the Week

Devin Stuart was named STATS FCS National Special Teams Player of the Week following APSU’s 28-13 win over Eastern Illinois on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Stuart began his game by converting a fourth down fake attempt on a 21-yard run. Stuart then downed two punts in the EIU two yard line.

On four attempts, Stuart averaged 40.0 yards per punt, including a career long of 58 yards.

Player of the Week

Kristen Stucker
Setter, Volleyball

Stucker racked up an impressive 151 assists throughout the conference tournament, including 60 assists in the championship match. Stucker now has 1,489 assists this season.



OVC Standings

	FOOTBALL	MEN’S BASKETBALL	WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
1ST	JACKSONVILLE ST.	BELMONT	BELMONT
2ND	APSU	JACKSONVILLE ST.	SIUE
3RD	EASTERN ILLINOIS	MURRAY ST.	UT MARTIN
4TH	UT MARTIN	EASTERN KENTUCKY	MOREHEAD ST.
5TH	EASTERN KENTUCKY	TENNESSEE TECH	TENNESSEE TECH
6TH	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	EASTERN ILLINOIS	APSU
7TH	TENNESSEE ST.	TENNESSEE ST.	JACKSONVILLE ST.
8TH	MURRAY ST.	UT MARTIN	MURRAY ST.
9TH	TENNESSEE TECH	MOREHEAD ST.	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
10TH		SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	EASTERN KENTUCKY
11TH		APSU	EASTERN ILLINOIS
12TH		SIUE	TENNESSEE ST.