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Gay-Straight Alliance hosts the 14th installment of the semesterly event.



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Campus Police recieves accreditation award

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The APSU Campus Police has recently achieved a high standard in the role of law enforcement, by receiving accreditation, bestowed to them by the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP).

Accreditaton is given to certain precincts of law enforcement who have met or exceeded the set standards in the police force. It is given by the TACP, which consists of a composition of command-level police officers who form the organization that reaches all across the state of Tennessee.

“The TACP has over 160 established standards,” Chief of Police Michael J. Kasitz said. “To meet with these standards, we had to completely rewrite

our policy manual. The items in our policy include our use of force, traffic enforcement, pursuits, complaints against the department, evidence collection and storage, and many others.”

This is not only a reestablishing of the policies of the APSU Campus Police, but also of the attitude that the officers possess in order to enforce them adequately.

“Once we put a policy in place,” Kasitz said, “we have to train our officers in that policy and the correct procedures to follow to ensure compliance with the policy. In many cases, we were already complying with the new policies and procedures, but in some cases, we had to completely change the way we operated.”



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Strength in Unity



Motivational speaker, J.R. Martinez visits campus as APSU's Unity Celebration speaker. Martinez, a Iraq Veteran, has been featured on “Dancing with the Stars” and “All My Children.” The celebration was held on Wednesday, March 13, in the Clement Auditorium. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE

Motivational speaker, ‘Dancing With the Stars’ winner, Veteran, ‘All My Children’ actor, J.R. Martinez visits APSU

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In April 2003, 19-year-old J.R. Martinez was driving his unit in a Humvee in Iraq when the front left tire hit a roadside bomb.

“Within a matter of seconds, this Humvee was now engulfed in flames,” Martinez said. He was trapped inside the fire for five minutes.

In the years since the accident, Martinez took on a variety of roles. He became a motivational speaker, starred in “All My Children” for three years and won season 13 of “Dancing With the Stars.”

On Wednesday, March 14, Martinez was the keynote speaker for APSU's Unity Celebration. He spent the time talking about his life and urged students to make the most out of each phase of their lives, while also pushing themselves out of their comfort zones.

“All of you right now, you're in your box. It may have a shaky foundation

It may have a rocky foundation I don't know what it has. But it's your box and you're there for a reason,” Martinez said. “Own it. Make the most of it. at the same time, look at each other. This is called a Unity Celebration. Embrace each other. Embrace the differences that we all share.”

Martinez described his life as a series of boxes and goals, each box being his comfort zone. As a child, he wanted to be an NFL player and convinced his mother to move from Arkansas to Georgia to pursue his dream.

When those plans did not work out, Martinez joined the army. Martinez said that his life has shown him a series of challenges, but because he was willing to change, he was able to overcome.

“Change is not bad if you're willing to adapt,” Martinez said, later adding that life is a series of choices. “That's what life is, it's installments. You don't just make one choice, you constantly make choices.”

Now Martinez is back in school.

What is important, Martinez said, is staying true to oneself in every role life presents.

“I was a kid that grew up with nothing, but there was still so much there that taught me so much. At the same time, I found a voice, I have a voice, I have a platform. But it's important for me

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J.R. MARTINEZ
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

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SGA votes to not allow students to reapply for seats if rules are not met

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SGA presented and voted on the first legislation of the semester during their March 14 meeting.

Senator Natalie Cooper's Res. No. 10 suggests sending a letter of recommendation to place a crosswalk at the intersections of Henry Street and Jackson Alley in front of the Art + Design Building.

Senator Duane Kessler's Act No. 5

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SGA
LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 10

A formal letter of recommendation sent to Physical Plant for a crosswalk at the corner of Jackson Alley and Henry Street.

Passed

ACT 5

Prevents current senators from running for a seat next term if bylaws are not followed.

Passed

RESOLUTION 11

A formal letter to parking services to provide the option part-time student staff to purchase faculty/staff parking passes

Tabled

RESOLUTION 12

A formal letter of recommendation sent to Physical Plant for repositioning of the stop sign by Home Avenue and College Street

Tabled



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APSU receives Best Production Award from Miss Tennessee Organization

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As the year unfolds, an award for APSU arrives thanks to the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

APSU won the Best Production award from the Miss Tennessee organization.

As a result of the collaborative efforts of the professional and student staff in the Music and Mass Communication building, the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon were afforded the opportunity to put on the Miss Austin Peay Scholarship Pageant.

The MMC transformed the concert hall based on the theme chosen each year and created an incredible atmosphere.

“Because the Mabry Concert Hall is such a nice venue, it allows us to produce a spectacular show that includes state-of-the-art sound and light mixing, a great atmosphere, and friendly hardworking staff,” Associate Dean of Students and Director of Student Life and Engagement Victor Felts said.

The pageant hosted 10 contestants.

The planning for the pageant begins in January each year with the production

taking place in November.

The pageant is made up of professional interviews and competitions that highlight the contestants’ talent, poise, stage presence and public speaking.

Participants gain valuable interview skills, self-confidence and experience speaking and performing before a large audience.

“The campus and community benefits from the women chosen Miss Austin Peay through her personal appearances, presentations, and advocacy for causes important to her and the university,” said Felts.

This pageant is a franchise of the Miss America Scholarship Pageant, the largest provider of scholarships for women in the U.S. according to Felts.

In addition to earning valuable interview experience, coaching and a chance to showcase their talents, several APSU students competed this year for over \$3000.00 in scholarships.

The challenging work and dedication of the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity made this pageant possible.

“The members raise funds for the scholarships that are given to the



Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity stand with Miss Austin Peay 2018, Kayle Davis. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO: KRISNA GOODWIN | GOODWIN PHOTOGRAPHY

women who compete. The members sell tickets and ads in the program booklet to raise funds for the scholarships for the winners,” Felts said. “Our pageant ranks 5th in the state for the most

scholarships given.”

Sigma Phi Epsilon has been the sponsor of the pageant for five years.

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The instigation of a new policy requires the reestablishment of new physical enactments that are needed in order to firmly secure the new policies into their orderly potential. It is with proper training that the new becomes the natural for the APSU police personnel, in order to do their job effectively.

However, Kasitz described the reprogramming of this “rigorous” due to all of the reassessments that were demanded by the standards in order to meet them, as well as being evaluated during certain portions of the event by the TACP.

“It was rigorous because we had to rewrite the policy manual,” Kasitz said, “ensure our officers and non

sworn personnel were properly trained, ensure we had the proper documentation in place to prove compliance, complete a department self-assessment, have external assessors from the TACP conduct an assessment, and complete a review with TACP leadership.”

Through all of the re-working of so many principles of conduct for the Campus Police, it is a task that demands a gradual process.

It is a task that requires not only the leaders of the Campus Police Force but all who serve under the chain of command to rigorously participate. It is as the head does the reevaluation of things, it is the lower rank that executes the revisions.

“This is awarded to the department,” Kasitz said, “not one particular officer.”

APSU Campus Police will be reassessed for accreditation in three years.

I am a child of an immigrant I am someone who’s served. I am a veteran. I am a father. I am a friend.”

“I don’t know where I’m going, but I know that I’m going,” Martinez said.

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to represent what I am, and be true to myself,” Martinez said. “I am a Hispanic,

and College Street.

Chief Justice Waqas Ahmed spoke about elections coming up for the 2018-19 term and that most senate seats and all of the executive seats are open.

The deadline to apply is March 26 at 4:00 p.m.

The floor was opened to select members to serve on the Tribunal Selection Committee.

Senator Kessler was voted into the position.

President Frank Burns reported the Peayples Plate was now active and has a table in the Morgan University Center where students can donate meal swipes.

Burns also requested that senators get more students to register for the Big Event happening on April 7.

SGA meets at 5 p.m. every Wednesday in MUC 308.



FRANK BURNS

SGA

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suggests amending Article V Section 5 of SGA’s constitution which prevents students who have interests in holding an SGA office must meet the requirements of their term before running for another.

His legislation discusses that there are over 20 senators holding seats and referred to the mandate in the standing rules requiring them to submit one piece of legislation for individual terms.

Both the resolution and act passed through senate with little debate.

Senator Haley Crawford presented Res. No. 11 to allow part-time students employees to purchase Faculty and Staff Parking Pass.

Senator Rebecca Thomack presented Res. No. 12 to send a letter of recommendation to the Physical Plant to reposition the sign Home Avenue

Preserving our land

APSU Biology Professor, Dwayne Estes works with students to restore U.S. Grasslands

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Dwayne Estes, Associate professor of biology and Director of the Herbarium at APSU, began the Southeastern Grasslands Initiative to raise awareness about the shrinking prairies of the Southeast.

Hundreds of years ago the southeastern US was covered in millions of acres of grasslands.

Many modern conservation efforts emphasize forests, leaving the southeastern prairies defenseless against developers, Estes said.

“Right now there are some major conservation issues facing our nation. In fact, facing the world,” Estes said.

Some of these major global issues are climate change, habitat loss and pollution.

“When we think about things like habitat loss, most people in this country I think, would think of the loss of the Amazon rainforest,” Estes said. “We also don’t stop to think about habitat loss in the U.S., and if we do, we typically think about it in the loss of forests.”

While the loss of the rainforest is an important issue, Estes said there are issues in the U.S. that need to be addressed. Estes seeks to bring attention to a forgotten landscape.

“One of the leading threats to biodiversity is the loss of naturally open habitats and landscapes, so what we would describe as grasslands,” Estes said.

A reason for this, Estes said, is a lack of education and the long taught “myth of the squirrel” that exists in many children’s history books.

“They introduce the Eastern U.S. as this vast forest region, with trees extending from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River, that was so dense that a squirrel could theoretically go all the way without touching the ground,” Estes said. “That myth is really

dangerous because it paints a scene that is completely 100 percent false.”

The myth of the squirrel promotes the idea that forest is the natural state of the southeastern region.

“It leads us now in our modern society to keep thinking that forest is always good and that we should be striving to plant trees everywhere,” Estes said. “In reality, many of the species that need our help don’t want the forest, and they don’t need the forest. They need open habitats.”

Most of the southeastern grasslands are already gone.

“In our estimations, there were over 100 million acres of those kinds of habitats in the Southeast as of about 1700. And today over 90 percent of that has been lost,” Estes said.

Forexample, Estes said that Clarksville was an ancient prairie. The land by the Governor’s Square Mall and Exits 1 and 4 was a prairie that extended 100 miles in every direction.

“Our southern grasslands have basically escaped everybody’s attention because they largely disappeared before the camera was invented, before they could be painted and before any of them could actually be described by naturalists,” Estes said.

Despite this, the southeastern grasslands maintain a uniqueness unseen anywhere else.

“Although we lost 90 percent of our grasslands in the South, the remaining 10 percent contain still more types of grassland communities and more species of grassland plants and animals than the entire Great Plains in the U.S. and Canada combined,” Estes said.

The goal of the Southeastern Grasslands Initiative is to educate the public, protect the remaining grasslands, restore some lost habitat and research. To learn more about the initiative and view a short documentary about the southeastern grasslands, visit www.segrasslands.org.



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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

Henrietta Lacks: An Immortal Woman



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The year is 1951. Six years after World War II. Harry Truman is President of the U.S., and one woman from Roanoke, Virginia is going to make history; the kicker? She did not live long enough to see it happen.

Henrietta Lacks was born Loretta Pleasant in 1920. She was a wife and mother to her five children. In 1951, she went to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, with complaints of vaginal spotting. The vaginal spotting turned out to be cervical cancer. Without the consent of Lacks, doctors took samples of her cervix for testing. What they would find would change modern medicine. When cells are taken out of one’s body, they are supposed to die. Lacks’ cells did not do that. Her cells did not die. Instead, they divided and multiplied over and over and over.

The discovery of Henrietta’s multiplying and dividing cells became known as “HeLa” which are the first two letters of Lacks’ first and last names. Everyone knew about the cells that were constantly multiplying and dividing, but no one knew the owner of those cells. The identity of Henrietta Lacks was covered up by Dr. George Gey who tried (tried being the key word here, folks.) to keep Lacks’ identity a secret; she was named Helen Lane or Helen Larson. Gey’s entire purpose for having these “immortal” cells was to find a cure to cancer, but even then he was going to take all the credit, though it rightfully belonged to Lacks; it was her cells that were doing all of the work.

From 1952 when the polio vaccine was discovered—thanks to HeLa—to 1984 when the HPV (Human Papillomavirus Infection) was discovered—also, courtesy of HeLa, this cell line became a household name, and no one even knew that it was all because some doctors at Johns Hopkins took cells out of a cancer ridden woman’s body without her consent.

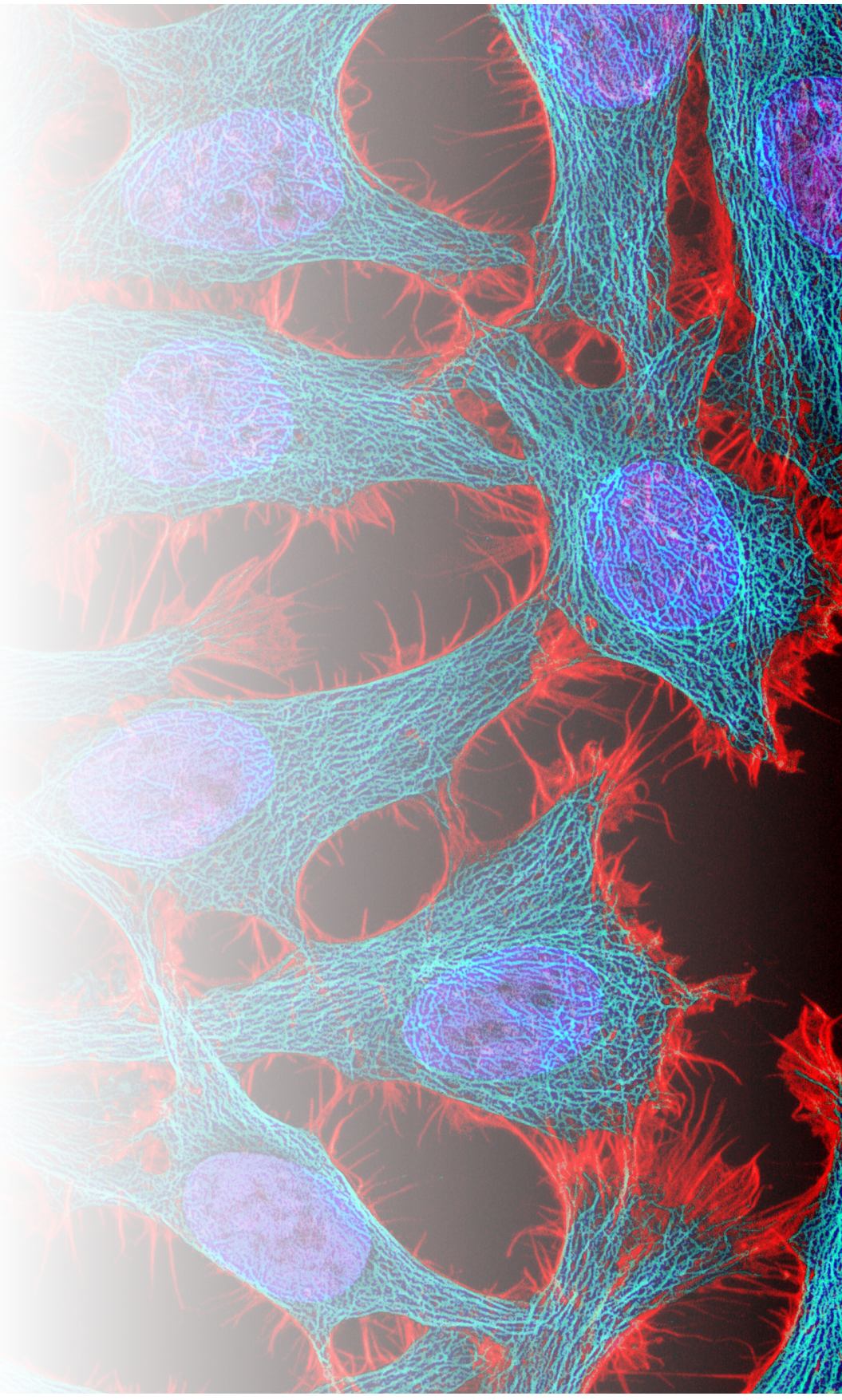
Lacks’ only family had no idea any of this was happening until the 1970s.

Lacks died in 1951. That is two decades of secrets! How would you feel if a loved one was ridden with cancer, their cells were taken without consent, said cells make every medical discovery ever and you—the family—are kept in the dark? I imagine you would be pretty upset, right?

Henrietta Lacks came into this world a part of the roaring 1920s; she left it at the age of 31. Her youngest daughter, Deborah, was only two years old. Lacks’ legacy in those cells and those cells that have discovered vaccinations for herpes, leukemia, Parkinson’s Disease, HPV and the flu were taken from her without her permission. Those cells sit on ice and are still multiplying and dividing; they are still being used today in 2018, 67 years after they were first discovered. HeLa (scientific name: *Helacyton gartleri*) is the oldest and most commonly used human cell line. Let that sink in. These cells were discovered in 1951 and are sitting somewhere in the world right now on ice just to discover something new, whether it be today or five, ten even fifteen years from now.

The Lacks family has not been compensated at all for what their mother’s cells have done for modern medicine. Yes, you read that correctly. The Lacks have not seen a dime. In 2010, writer and author of “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” Rebecca Skloot founded the Henrietta Lacks Foundation, which according to the website “helps individuals who have made important contributions, particularly those used in research without their knowledge or consent.” The Foundation also seeks to provide assistance to individuals and their families who have been directly impacted by such research. (In this case, Lacks’ sons and daughters were tested themselves to see if they had the same immortal cells their mother had.)

Know the name of Henrietta Lacks. Make sure that her name does not fall and slip through the cracks. She is history; she is still continuing to make history and she should be treated as such. Her story is something that everyone should know, and it should not have been kept in the dark for as long as it was. Say her name.



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College is expensive; it should be free for all



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Going to college can be an exciting experience, but it is also expensive. One of the challenges that college students, even incoming freshmen, face today is expensive tuition.

Some colleges are so expensive they can be unaffordable for students looking for a decent education.

According to the “Average Estimated Undergraduate Budgets, 2017-2018” on collegeboard.org, a public four-year college for in-state students costs nearly \$9,970, and a two-year public school, such as community colleges, costs about \$3,570. For a public four-year college for students living outside of state, the tuition and fees cost nearly \$25,620, and for private four-year colleges it costs \$34,740.

That is a lot to pay for an education. Imagine putting a lot of money in for a degree. Of course, there are scholarships and financial aids that help pay for your tuition, but without them, you would have to pay it all. It is actually frustrating for those who have worked very hard for their money.

However, free college education can be a possibility, and there would be some advantages in that. According to the article “Should College Be Free?” on trade-school.net, a free college education can help people to find jobs that pay them well or suit them, and they can receive money and spend it to pay taxes that will reach the government that help pay colleges. This benefits the people’s education

and the government.

Another advantage of free college is that students would not have to worry about student loan debt, and they can pay their needs like housing, food, and textbooks. They do not necessarily have to be deep in debt. They can just enjoy their lives in college without worrying about financial crisis. Having a free education helps them to not rely on so much student loans.

Free colleges do exist in the world. In fact, there is already free college education in the U.S. From an article by Abigail Hess on the CNBC website, there is now free education for four-year public schools in New York. In order for students to get access to free colleges, they have to sign up for the Excelsior Scholarship, which helps those who make up to \$125,000.

California officials are also thinking about free college. In the city of San Francisco, city residents can now enter the City College of San Francisco with the help of a city transfer tax that pools nearly \$5.4 million annually.

Even Tennessee is offering free community colleges. According to the Tennessean article by Adam Tamburin, Governor Bill Haslam proposed Tennessee Reconnect, which helps residents without college degrees to enter community colleges. This is a great way for residents to start on their higher education.

Although most colleges would stay expensive, there is hope for a free education. Time after time, more students enter colleges later on, getting their degrees and entering a more educated workforce. In the future, most people could have a greater access to a college education.

FEATURES

Family game day bonds with students ‘Palooza’ forms familial bonds

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While the Adult and Nontraditional Student Center provides outreach to the nontraditional population at APSU, there is also another organization that provides similar outreach, yet without official ties to the university: the Nontraditional Student Society, or NTSS.

“In the past, [NTSS] tried to focus on supporting nontraditional students specifically, but we’ve found it’s important to be intersectional and interact with the entire student population,” junior nursing major Mary Richards said.

Richards said she has experienced difficulties in being a nontraditional student herself, realizing that she cannot bring her son to many events as he is not an APSU student.

“A huge barrier for nontraditional students to get involved is that on top of school work, they sometimes have entire families to take care of and full-time jobs to work,” Richards said. “However, we work around that.”

NTSS understands that there is a lot that goes into being a nontraditional student and works to better the community in being a flexible and accommodating organization for anyone willing to join.

“I think I’m a very ‘nontraditional’ nontraditional student,” freshman management major Sarah Petrie said. “They really opened up to me, and they make me feel so comfortable. There is always a shoulder to cry on and an ear that will listen.”

NTSS said one of the factors that makes them special is their ability to make anyone feel welcomed without labels or stigmas. While nontraditional students are in charge of the organization, they said they do not want to separate themselves from the campus. Through the work they do, and the environment they create, NTSS has attracted many other students.

NTSS hosted a family game day Saturday, Mar. 17, from 1 to 6 p.m., highlighting several games geared to all ages. The goal was to establish an intermingling community with both traditional and non-traditional students on campus, making sure they are welcoming to as many students as possible.

“I remember following my friend into one of their meetings,” sophomore biology major Christopher Johnson said. “I’ve been a part of NTSS ever since. I really like the things they do, like helping YAIPaks.”

Standing for “you are important paks,” YAIPaks is a ministry that helps

See NTSS on page 5 The Gay-Straight Alliances hosts the Drag Show every semester, bringing half a dozen or more drag queens to perform. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE



Drag got swag

Drag Show brings LGBTQ culture to center stage Friday

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A community gathered together of all ages, watching queens perform to songs from different generations, in Clement Auditorium, can only mean one thing. The APSU Drag Show hosted by the Gay-Straight Alliance is back for its spring presentation.

On Friday night, Mar. 16, at 7 p.m., a crowd gathered to watch the show.

Drag queens put on performances to many pop hits, old classics and monologues to entertain a diverse audience.

“I have performed here at APSU three times now,” one of the performers Amber Rose said. “It is really great because kids can come out, and a younger generation can see it. If we were just at a bar, only adults could see us perform, so we get a wider community viewing.”

The drag show had an audience mixed up with children, elders and college students that came to see a show where queens express themselves through characters.

Each person viewing the show had their own reason for being present and the audience could tip the performers if they wished to.

“Our culture is so media based, and since drag is well-known through media, it is one of the ways people really learn about the LGBTQ community,” junior studio art major Matthias Lea said. “You can go into any gay

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Wrinkles in the fabric of success



Disney’s film adaptation of “A Wrinkle in Time” features several setting changes from the book, including the removal of Christian-specific references and modern setting. IMAGES FROM DISNEY

Adaptation of ‘A Wrinkle in Time’ changes setting to enhance storytelling

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“A Wrinkle in Time” is a science fantasy adventure film, directed by Ava DuVernay and based on the 1962 novel by Madeleine L’Engle. Four years after the disappearance of her astrophysicist father, thirteen-year-old Meg Murry (played by Storm Reid) meets three astral travelers, Mrs. Whatsit (played by Reese Witherspoon), Mrs. Who (played by Mindy Kaling), and Mrs. Which (played by Oprah Winfrey). They tell her her father is trapped within the Camazotz, a planet possessed by a universal darkness that reflects the worst traits of humanity. With the help of her friend, Calvin, and her adoptive

younger brother, Charles Wallace, Meg embarks on a journey to not only save her father and her world, but also to redeem her sense of self.

It should be noted the film deviates from the original novel. Instead of taking place in New England in the 1960s, the film takes place in modern-day California. The astral mistresses are portrayed as older figures in the novel whereas, in the film, they look relatively young in comparison to their literary counterparts. The most prominent change in the film is the removal of Christian symbolism in place of a more generic depiction of good versus evil. While fans of the book may be disappointed, it is oddly appropriate for a story based on nonconformity to refuse to conform to its source material.

This is by no means a perfect film.

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NTSS

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the homeless communities across the nation. They provide micro homes for the homeless and provide basic living necessities for both women and children in encampments and shelters. For one of their meetings, NTSS went out to assist YAIPaks. This moving experience proved beneficial to all who attended, realizing that helping the less fortunate, is crucial. Since the NTSS is open to students and families of students, little children were able to learn this lesson as well.

NTSS says people are often confused about the definition of nontraditional. Individuals who do not come straight to the university after high school and instead take a year off or went to a community college first would be categorized as a nontraditional student. Similarly, individuals who are parents or have dependents they are taking care of at home while attending classes are nontraditional.

“Nontraditional students are everywhere,” Richards said. “The older

students are just easier to spot in the crowd.”

Separate from the ANTS center on APSU, NTSS is a student-run organization whereas the former is a cultural center run by the university with staff members.

Both groups have a similar goal in establishing a ground for the nontraditional students to feel invited and welcomed; however, being student led, NTSS prides themselves on providing a more inclusive atmosphere.

“The palooza we’ve set up today is meant for everyone,” Richards said. “The goal was for nontraditional students to feel okay with bringing their kids, or for traditional students to bring their brothers and sisters or friends.”

Open to all APSU members and their families, the Palooza had numerous board games set up, Twister and Kahoot running, an arts and crafts table as well as a food buffet, shirts and prizes to be won. Prior to the family game night palooza, there was an event called the Gov’s Ball.

“The Gov’s Ball was more adult-oriented and we wanted to be more inclusive and



Students and their families both attended Saturday’s “Palooza,” during which families played games like Twister with each other. IMAGE PROVIDED BY THE ADULT AND NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT CENTER

family friendly this time around,” senior leadership major and NTSS president Loreli McCole said.

After seven years of being active, the non-traditional student society is still trying to find their place within the APSU community. After three years

of being apart of the NTSS, McCole is already president of it. However, after events such as the family game night, and their willingness to help volunteer around the community, the organization hopes to get more widespread awareness and attraction.

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club or straight club and see drag shows. It helps the average person get a new perspective on drag and LGBTQ culture.”

The queens and kings spoke about how the image helps people to see them in a different way.

Anna Freeze, who performed for the tenth year at APSU, talks about being

able to become a different person in shows. Freeze changed image recently by adding a beard into it.

“I am a Gemini, so I have different personalities, and I love the stage presence of the glamour, lights and being a new person. I can be whoever I want to be and not worry about the pressure to express myself,” Freeze said. “You can explore different personalities every time. I have many and I like to say ‘Anna’ is one of them.”

There were people tipping the queens and kings while volunteers moved around to gather the tips and tried to not disrupt the show. At times, the performers would also travel through the audience and gather his or her own tips.

“We came here because they slay,” freshman psychics and math major Tionna Robinson said.

The performers put time and effort into each presentation, and the audience plays a huge role in making the show

more atmospheric.

“It is definitely a different kind of show to see, but I think it is also exciting to see something so unique on our campus,” first time watcher freshman sociology major Breana Gibson said. “The show brings together a very diverse community that is not always seen in schools.”

The show ended as it normally starts with sparkles, glamour and lots of jokes made to break any silence between the various performances.

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The film is heavily reliant on CGI, to the point where it could potentially inundate audiences. Also, the story can be hard to follow at times due to lapses in plot consistency. However, “A Wrinkle in Time” serves as a fitting Disney adaptation, because it emulates the charm of Disney’s first animated films. “A Wrinkle in Time” does not solve its conflict with logic, but rather with imagery and emotion.

Even if you are aware of its faults, it is so emotionally rich and resonant that you get sucked into the drama as opposed to trying to rationalize it.

Many reviews have brushed this off just because it is a children’s film or it focuses too much on its diverse aspects (particularly women of color, in this case). However, when DuVernay confirmed the film is not meant for cynics expecting a masterpiece, critics slammed her for this, implying she said no effort is required because it is a film for kids.

This “kid’s film” touches on issues

such as self-worth, family, and the balance between light and dark. The fantastical elements and characters represent a genuine struggle to remain centered between sensitivity and self-love, as well as anger and judgment. The main character is a young black girl who is frequently bullied and conditioned to hate herself, and at one point, she finally admits to herself that she deserves to be loved. This is something many young girls, especially young black girls, are not told often enough by mainstream media.

This is what people mean when they

say representation matters. It is not just about representing a single person out of the preconceived norm; it is about seeing different experiences and emotions normalized.

Not everything has to exist for intense male consumption and not every film has to be dark, gritty and cynical to be regarded as a good film. The more stories like this exist, the more others can empathize with stories unfamiliar to their own, and this film encapsulates that success. “A Wrinkle in Time” serves as a perfectly imperfect love letter to those with the heart of a child.



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SPORTS

SURVIVE AND ADVANCE

Govs top ULM in CIT Tournament, Awarded Coach John McLendon Classic Hardware

NOAH HOUCK
SPORTS EDITOR

APSU Basketball accomplished something that had not been done since the 2002-03 season on Thursday, March 15. The Govs 80-66 thumping on the Warhawks from the University of Louisiana at Monroe served as the program's first win past the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in 15 years.

The game also served as the Coach John McLendon Classic, giving the Govs a piece of hardware to commemorate Head Coach Matt Figger's first year at the helm.

Defense is the Key

When asked what about APSU makes them a team that can win the 2018 CIT Tournament, freshman forward Terry Taylor said "our defense."

APSU's Chris Porter-Bunton buried a 3-pointer in the first thirty seconds of the opening round.

Then the boys in the white jerseys with red and black trim never looked back.

A strong defense outing saw the Govs ahead 17-7 in four and a half minutes.

"We wanted to come out and set the tone and play aggressive," said Taylor, who finished with 15 rebounds.

The Govs' tone and defensive pressure slowed the visiting Warhawks to a 42.9% field goal shooting in the first half, and seven missed shots on 14 attempts in the games opening 10 minutes.

"We play harder and we rebound harder then any team in the CIT," said Taylor. "We feel we can win this thing, and we will play every game like it is our last."

Ugba is the centerpiece to a team that is versatile and tested

Senior forward Averyl Ugba was voted as the John McLendon Classic MVP by members of the media in attendance at the game.

The 6-foot-7 transfer netted a game high 27 points, three steals and one block in the Thursday night appearance.

Following on the score sheet with 11 points respectively were Taylor and Porter-Bunton.

Taylor's outing served as his eighth double-double of the season while Porter-Bunton matched senior Tre' Ivory in most



APSU Basketball hoists the Coach John McLendon Classic trophy following their 80-66 defeat of University of Louisiana at Monroe on Thursday, March 15 at the Dunn. BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

assists with six each.

The fifth starter, freshman Dayton Gumm, dished out six points, four rebounds and two assists of his own.

"We have tenacity, and we got to have heart," Ugba said.

Following a tone set by the starting line-up, APSU's bench produced 21 points with a double figures performance by Steve Harris and six points a piece for Zach Glotta and Richard Henderson.

"We had a tough non-conference schedule that got us here," Ugba said. "I think we had the toughest non-conference schedule in the OVC. It got us physical and prepared."

Figger's boys are physical, so why not them?

When Figger came into APSU in the tail end of the spring semester he had a plan to create a team that was physical and aggressive.

Within one season with the former South Carolina associate coach in charge the goal is already evident.

The Govs raked in 38 rebounds against the Warhawks, behind Taylor leading the charge with 15.

Taylor was the only athlete who saw the court to record more than seven rebounds in the game.

"It is a credit to the good kids I have in the locker room," Figger said. "We have a young team, but we have some real talented kids."

APSU also flexed their muscles in the paint by dropping 44 points from the close-range rectangle.

"Why not us [to win the CIT]?" Coach Figger asked. "We just have to take them one at a time, and hopefully at the end of the day we are up and we have the ball."

Survive and Advance

The squad will return to the Dunn Center on Wednesday, March 21 to tackle the Flames from the University of Illinois at Chicago at 7 p.m. in the quarterfinals of the Collegeinsider.com Tournament.

The Govs and the Flames share one common opponent in Troy.

APSU topped them 75-73 in mid-December while UIC faltered in the late stages of November 87-66 to the Trojans on the road in Troy, Alabama.

Softball finishes first in Mercer Bears Classic

RILEY GRUBBS
STAFF WRITER

The Govs softball team faced a busy weekend as they traveled to Macon, Georgia, to compete in the Mercer Bears Classic, competing in five games from Friday, March 16, through Sunday, March 18.

The team faced off against Bucknell and Mercer Friday, Bucknell and Rutgers on Saturday and competed against Mercer once again Sunday.

APSU (15-8) came into the tournament riding a five game winning streak, and continued the hot hand starting out the tournament with four straight victories before falling in game 5.

The first game of the weekend ended in a narrow, 4-3 win.

The Govs found themselves trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the fifth, however that changed when they were able to get two runs in, taking the 4-3 lead.

The team was then able to hold off an attack long enough to secure their first victory of the weekend.

The second game, facing off against Mercer, saw a 7-1 victory for the Govs.

The game was much closer than the score indicated.

The Govs found themselves up 3-1 in the top of the seventh, before having a monster four run inning to help secure the lopsided victory.

The seventh inning saw two, two-run

home runs.

Heading into Saturday, the Govs continued to see more winning.

Bucknell came in looking for revenge from Friday's loss, however they would be undone once again, falling 2-0.

The only two runs of the game occurred in the second inning, while stellar pitching from APSU ensured that Bucknell would not get any runs in.

After the victory, APSU found themselves pitted against Rutgers.

This victory came with another lopsided score of 7-0.

The Govs jumped out at the top of the first with a 1-0 lead, and did not look back as they posted two innings with three runs batted in each.

The Govs looked to close out the Bears Classic by going 5-0, but came up just short, falling to the hosts 3-1.

Although the Govs lost the last game, they finished with the best record of the weekend after going 4-1.

The Govs were also able to extend their winning streak to nine games before faltering on Sunday.

APSU came one win short of the school record set in 1997.

The Govs return home for a quick two-game home stand before opening conference play against the Eagles of Morehead State.

The Govs will host the Lipscomb Bison (18-7) on Wednesday, March 21, at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. respectively.



Govs Games

MEN'S BASKETBALL
CIT Quarterfinal: vs. UI-Chicago
Clarksville, Tennessee
Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m.

BASEBALL
@ Tennessee Tech (OVC)
Cookeville, Tennessee
Friday, March 23, 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 24, 2 p.m.
Sunday, March 25, 1 p.m.

SOFTBALL
at Morehead State (OVC)
Morehead, Kentucky
Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m.

World Cup Watch: Germany

The defending world champions went 10-0-0 through UEFA qualifying while finishing with an outstanding plus 43 goal differential. "Die Mannschaft" allowed only four goals.

The Germans depth seems to be the biggest threat of the team entering Russia 2018. The squad won 2017's Confederations Cup using a squad comprised of under-23 players.


The tournament saw them top South America Champions, Chile, the African Champions, Cameroon and CONCACAF Champions

Mexico.

Germany's backline will miss the 2014 captain Phillipp Lahm, but the nucleus of the championship backline will feature in the 2018 edition.

The 2014 Best Goalkeeper, Manuel Neuer has missed all of 2018 to injury, but the German federation says the number 1 choice will be ready for Russia.

Lastly, this squad features something 2014 lacked, and that is through the emergence of Sandro Wagner and Timo Werner. An in form true striker who can grab late goals. This allows Thomas Muller and company to create more.



Briefs

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Beach volleyball went 0-3 in the Blazer Invitational in Birmingham, Alabama. The squad went 2-13 across 15 sets.

MEN'S TENNIS

Men's Tennis lost their opening conference matches of the season 4-3 to Tennessee State on Friday, March 16, and 5-2 to Belmont on Saturday, March 17.



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Baseball sweeps Mu**ay

NOAH HOUCK
SPORTS EDITOR

APSU baseball's three-game series resulted in a three-game sweep of the Mu**ay State Racers in the Heritage Bank Battle of the Border.

Mu**ay State 2, APSU 10
Friday March 16

The Govs (13-7, 5-1 Ohio Valley Conference) started off their series with the Racers by setting the offensive tone with a five-run bottom of the first. Imani Willis, who is batting 0.500 in conference, blasted a grand slam over the left field fence. The Govs added three more runs in the seventh before topping Mu**ay State (10-10; 2-4 OVC). Michael Constanzo recorded nine strikeouts and allowed only two hits in his fourth win of the season.

Mu**ay State 7, APSU 8
Saturday, March 17

A Kyle Wilson single knocked along the left field baseline, that scored Andrew

Flaherty and Malcolm Tipler, turned into the Game winner for the Govs. Following the game's only lead change, the Racers and APSU interchanged runs before Mu**ay State's Ramsey Scott struck out swinging to Harley Gollert. During the 9-frame tilt, Garrett Giovanelli brought in two runs and earned two hits of his own in five plate appearances. On the mound, Jacques Pucheu started the game off before leaving in the sixth with seven strikeouts. Gollert struck out six of the thirteen batters that visited the plate in his three-plus inning performance.

Mu**ay State 7, APSU 19
Sunday, March 18

APSU brought in eight runs in the bottom of the third to complete the sweep of Mu**ay State. Garrett Kueber knocked a grand slam beyond the right field fence, the second slam of the series, to put APSU ahead by eight after three innings. The Govs' next OVC match up features a three-game tilt against Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tennessee.



APSU Baseball started the weekend series against Mu**ay State with a 10-2 victory on Friday, March 16 at Raymond C. Hand Park. Imani Willis hit a grand slam early in the game. BRYAN SMITH | THE ALL STATE



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	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL	M TENNIS
1ST	TENNESSEE TECH	BELMONT	JACKSONVILLE ST.
2ND	APSU	EASTERN ILLINOIS	TENNESSEE ST.
3RD	MOREHEAD ST	MOREHEAD ST.	BELMONT
4TH	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	APSU	EASTERN KENTUCKY
5TH	JACKSONVILLE ST.	EASTERN KENTUCKY	EASTERN ILLINOIS
6TH	BELMONT	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	TENNESSEE TECH
7TH	MU**AY ST.	SIUE	APSU
8TH	UT MARTIN	UT MARTIN	
9TH	EASTERN ILLINOIS	JACKSONVILLE ST.	
10TH	SIUE	MU**AY STATE	
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