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Budget talks occupy SGA

Discussion leads to promoting transparency

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The latest SGA meeting included a conversation regarding SGA's budget and spending and a vote on ordering Homecoming 2016 T-shirts for the student body. Director of Student Transitions and Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Ashlee Spearman also spoke to the senate in the Wednesday, Sept. 14, meeting.

President Ryan Honea brought attention to the fact that the SGA is currently operating at a deficit. Sen. Jay Alvarez then voiced student concerns brought to him concerning SGA spending and the vagueness of the listed expenditures.

"I have received several suggestions regarding how the list is released publicly," Alvarez said. "I like how ours (the budget the senators receive) shows an exact breakdown. Advertising says \$22,000, but what does that include?"

Honea said he was open to discussing the release of a more specific budget, but also said the exact budget breakdown is complicated.

"The big reason that it is released like that, as opposed to a line-by-line, isn't because we are trying to hide anything from the students," Honea said. "It's that the line-by-line item is incredibly confusing."

The SGA budget released to the public via their website divides spending into categories, like events and development, to explain what the body spends its money on, instead of specific listings.

The publicly released budget is found at <http://www.apsu.edu/sga/guiding-documents>.

Associate Vice President, Dean of Students and SGA adviser Gregory Singleton said SGA has been under budget for nine of the past 10 years.

"We have a surplus of almost \$300,000 in our account. That is not shown [in the budget release,]" Singleton said. Singleton said almost all of the money SGA spends goes to the benefit of students, including events such as the Mudbowl and Homecoming shirts.

Singleton said the two most expensive events in the SGA budget are Mudbowl and Homecoming. The two events cost \$13,184.88 together.

"Mudbowl is a very expensive endeavor. Look at Homecoming, what do you think costs \$6,800?" Singleton asked. "Your T-Shirts, which, by the way, I haven't ordered them. We don't have to do them."

Singleton said most students would be upset if they did not have Homecoming T-shirts, and a specific budget breakdown does not properly convey exactly how the money benefits students.

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SGA PRESIDENT

GRADUATE STUDIES



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GRADUATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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Payment problems

Graduate assistants face confusion with financial aid change

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APSU Graduate Assistants (GAs) recently experienced miscommunication with the university when graduate studies changed the way Graduate Administrative Assistants (GAAs) are paid. Some GAAs were alarmed after not receiving their refund checks from financial aid as they did last year.

Most GAs are not usually paid until halfway through September and depend on a refund check they receive at the beginning of the semester from financial aid. With the new payment plan, GAs will now receive their refund over a series of eight paychecks.

GAAs still receive the same amount of money, but now it is taxed.

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) and Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs) fit under certain federal guidelines for being tax exempt, but GAAs do not. Interim Dean of Graduate Studies Chad Brooks said GAs were not always classified as tax exempt.

"GAAs are new for APSU and we are following the guidelines for state and federal rules and we have historically not done it that way, but it's OK because we are working on it," Brooks said.

Director of Human Resources Fonda Fields said upon realizing the university needed to distinguish between GTAs, GRAs and GAAs, they made the changes. Originally, the only classification was Graduate Assistants and the student's department determined the sub-classification of GTA, GRA or GAA.

"Tax exemption comes under IRS code and tells us that except for the cases of certain teaching and research assistants, exclusion from income provided by section 117D is limited to education," Fields said. "We had lumped all of our GAs together

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Graduate Assistant Positions

GAA: Assist with office duties such as writing documents, making calls and advising

GRA: Aids a faculty member research in their field of study.

GTA: Provide direct support to the instructors but do not necessarily teach





CRIME LOG

FALSE IMPRISONMENT
Blount Residence Hall
Thursday Sept. 15 - 9:44 p.m.
Report

DOMESTIC ASSAULT
Emerald Hills Apartments
Sept. 13 - 9:51 p.m.
Arrest

THEFT OF PROPERTY
McCord Building
Sept. 13 - 9:27 a.m.
N/A

THEFT OF PROPERTY
Shasteen Building
Sept. 12 - 1:53 p.m.
Report

THEFT OF PROPERTY
Marks Building
Sept. 12 - 12:50 p.m.
Closed

PUBLIC INTOXICATION
Foy Fitness Center
Sept. 11 - 1:15 a.m.
Report

THEFT OF PROPERTY
Blount Residence Hall
Sept. 10 - 12:53 a.m.
Ongoing

SIMPLE POSSESSION / CASUAL EXCHANGE
Hand Village Apartments
Sept. 11 - 4:03 a.m.
Report

SIMPLE POSSESSION / CASUAL EXCHANGE
Castle Heights Residence Hall
Sept. 9 - 1:04 a.m.
Report

Department forms community

Communications students can now work, live together on campus

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The Department of Communications has developed the very first Living and Learning Community (LLC) on campus. Last year, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Housing Joe Mills sent out an email to faculty and staff asking if there was any interest in forming an LLC on campus. Communications professors Amy Ritchart and Mike Dunn expressed interest and started forming an LLC for the department.

An LLC integrates students’ academic and personal lives by fostering learning in class and in residence halls. Students in the LLC share classes and the majority live in the same residence hall. The LLC aims at fostering a community and dialogue both inside and outside class.

Students in the program take block courses consisting of COMM 1200 (Introduction to Mass Communication) and APSU 1000. For the spring semester the department plans to have the students take COMM 2020 (Media, Society and the Individual) and a core math class.

At the moment there are no specific halls the students have to live in, but a majority of the students live in Castle Heights. In the next few years, Ritchart

and Dunn said they hope to establish a residence hall where all LLC members can stay.

“What we are looking forward to in the coming year, is that students are able to sign up for the LLC at the time they sign up for Housing. They would most likely be placed in Castle Heights,” Ritchart said.

Although the whole department is involved with the community, Ritchart and Dunn oversee the program and its students.

Ritchart said one of the main reasons the department started the LLC was to engage students and to give them a sense of belonging within the college environment.

“Our role is not to just teach them the material, we are also guiding them to a future,” Dunn said.

The community is open to any freshman student majoring or minoring in communications.

“All aspects from journalism, broadcasting, media technology, pop culture to event planning are allowed in the community,” Ritchart said.

Students involved said they enjoy having familiar faces in their classes and residence halls. Many of them find it beneficial when it comes to asking questions about classwork.

“There is more communication...

you can talk to the same group of kids about the same classes and get more work done,” Maxwell Hill, a freshman communications major, said.

Other students agree with Hill’s statements and point to other benefits the program offers them.

“Every student has a different aspect of how they want to major in communications which makes class interesting and allows us to learn more,” Tianna Jenkins, a freshman communications major, said. “Also you are seeing these students at least three times a week, as opposed to other classes where you might only see them once a week.”

In addition to the LLC, which is primarily focused on freshmen, Ritchart and Dunn said they want to expand the program into the students’ sophomore year.

A concern Dunn said he has is the idea of the sophomore slump, where students entering their second year of college may feel alone and less guided. As a result, Ritchart and Dunn want to create a second year seminar series for sophomores.

The freshmen involved in the LLC could transition to the seminar their sophomore year. The idea is to have at least three to four 90-minute seminars covering a variety of topics.



Students involved in the community may be able to live in the same residence hall next year. PHOTO COURTESY OF AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

BUDGET

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totality,” Singleton said.

Singleton’s statements resulted in SGA voting on whether or not to order Homecoming 2016 T-shirts. The Senate voted unanimously to buy the shirts.

Singleton also said SGA has brought in \$45,000 thus far into the Fall 2016 semester. He then said the current SGA fee is currently \$5 per student, and the school has not raised the fee in 10 years. The student body votes on fee increases through a memorandum process.

Guest speaker Spearman attended the meeting to talk about the QEP program.

The QEP program concentrates on involving students in High Impact Practices (H.I.P.) such as service learning, undergraduate research and studying abroad. These programs make student resumes stand out to potential employers, according to Spearman.

Spearman said the major issue facing the QEP is lack of awareness and said the fact only about half of the SGA members had heard of the program was proof of her statement.

Spearman said she is traveling around campus and meeting with different organizations to show the importance of H.I.P. to students’ futures.

The university created the QEP in 2014 to gain accreditation with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

No senators introduced new legislation and the newly elected senators were sworn into office.

The new freshman senators are Haley Adkison, Haley Palmeri, Cameron Peña, Joseph Spear and Ella Weiss. The graduate senators are Erika Adams and Rebecca Jacks.

The next SGA Meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 4 p.m. in MUC 307 and Mudbowl is Oct. 2, from 1-4 p.m.



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Read about the Gay Straight Alliance at www.theallstate.org.

GRADUATE

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into one big pool. We realized there needed to be some distinction.”

The university held orientation for all GAs in August, where it explained it would change how GAs are paid. Kyle Thompson, a GAA for the Adult and Nontraditional Student Center, was one of the graduate students the changes confused.

“When I accepted that loan amount, I did not know that financial aid didn’t know that I was going to be a GA,” Thompson said. “They applied that \$3,000 loan to my tuition and left me with a balance.”

Thompson said the changes were not clearly communicated during orientation.

“When we went to orientation, they explained how they were changing the pay this year, but the people in charge didn’t really do a good job of explaining it and a lot of first time and returning GAs were very confused,” Thompson said.

Associate Provost for Research



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between the departments involved then there would be better communication to the students, but its all settled now”

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GRADUATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies Karen Runyon was in charge of financial aid portion of the orientation. Runyon was unavailable to comment.

“I wasn’t mad, just very confused,” Thompson said. “I feel like if there was better communication between the departments involved then there would have been better communication to the students, but it’s all settled now.”

“Any time changes are made, there will likely be some confusion,” Brooks said. “The only thing we can do from here is to learn from mistakes and get better.”



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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

Students need access to pepper spray



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Pepper spray should be allowed on campus so students can properly defend themselves from potential attackers.

Currently, pepper spray is technically labeled as a weapon under Tennessee law, which defines a deadly weapon as “a firearm or anything manifestly designed, made or adapted for the purpose of inflicting death or serious bodily injury.”

Since pepper spray is designed to inflict temporary blindness on its subject, it would be categorized as inflicting “serious bodily injury.”

According to Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) policy, “possession of firearms or other weapons on institution property is prohibited.” Since APSU falls under the TBR umbrella of schools, carrying pepper spray on campus is prohibited.

Recently, full-time APSU faculty members have been able to conceal carry on campus.

The law, HB 1736, came into effect in June, and allows “Employees of any state college or university operating under the state board of regents or the University of Tennessee board of trustees [to carry a concealed handgun] if the employee is authorized to carry a handgun and carrying the handgun only on property owned, operated or in use by the college or university employing the employee.”

Currently, 27 faculty members are carrying concealed weapons on campus, according to Campus Police. If faculty members can carry guns to protect themselves on campus, why are students not allowed to do the same with pepper spray?

While some may mention faculty members who conceal carry have to go through licensure and training, using pepper spray is not rocket science and it does not have the potential to kill several people at once like guns do.

Pepper spray is nonlethal so its

definition as a weapon under state law should change.

Without this change, APSU cannot allow pepper spray on campus. The current APSU student code of conduct specifically mentions “mace and/or pepper spray” as being prohibited on campus.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, the average amount of sexual assault of women on college campuses is between 20 and 25 percent.

With an estimated 1-5 chance of becoming a sexual assault victim, female students, as well as male, should be allowed to protect themselves from the threat of an oncoming attacker.

Although the rates of sexual assault of men are significantly lower (1-71), students regardless of their gender can still be victims of robbery or assault. Campus police are a great resource in combating these crimes, but they still happen.

As an APSU student, walking to your car at night while on campus can be a stressful experience. Each shadow looks like a predator and footsteps become menacing.

Having access to pepper spray will help students be less fearful of becoming another crime statistic.

As students who deserve the right to protect ourselves, we should take a stand and let both the university and the state know that pepper spray should be allowed on campus.

The Student Government Association can send a suggestion to the state legislature to change the status of pepper spray as a weapon.

In the past, SGA has sent recommendations to the legislature regarding guns on campus, the Focus Act and the HOPE scholarship, according to SGA President Ryan Honea.

To speak at an SGA meeting during their allotted time for campus community, students can go to Morgan University Center room 307 at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Faculty members should not be the only people on campus who can protect themselves without the help of campus police. As students of the university, we deserve safety and peace of mind, and being able to protect ourselves is vital to that right.

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#Peaylection16: You are not who you vote for



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In an election with such drastically different candidates, voting is crucial and no voter should be judged based on who they vote for.

Voting is important because every vote helps to decide the direction the country will go toward. In the Republican and Democratic parties, many people feel very strongly about the party they are tied to and the candidate they prefer.

On the radio and on social media, people are constantly promoting one candidate and beginning arguments with anyone who disagrees with their opinion, especially in the current election. If anyone so much as mentions

the names Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, someone has a comment about how they cannot understand how anyone could vote for either.

Immediately, both the candidate and voter are insulted. In many cases, people might not even vote because of this.

One explanation could be that people are looking to the other person’s reaction to find affirmation for their own choices. Many people fake confidence in choices to get others to believe them. Of course a person wants people to agree with them, but shooting others down for their beliefs and opinions is not a valid way to accomplish this.

Instead, people should voice their opinions in a discussion, not a rant.

Any person who supports Trump or Clinton is immediately stereotyped with the negatives of that candidate.

You cannot mention Clinton without someone mentioning Benghazi and emails or Trump without some comment on how he does not know anything about politics. The person is automatically assumed to be OK with whatever aspect the candidate ‘did wrong’.

Those who vote for Clinton are not necessarily supporters of big business, just like those who choose to vote for Trump are not necessarily racist.

People often make assumptions about others that are completely dependent on one choice that they have made. Not everyone who votes for either candidate is exactly like that candidate, nor do they have to agree with them 100 percent.

Many people would rather keep quiet about politics or even stay home on Election Day because they are afraid or tired of being judged and ridiculed.



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Because of being judged, many people do not seem to realize they are allowed to vote for someone without agreeing with every part of their chosen candidate’s platform. They may also not know it is OK to vote for whom they believe is the lesser of two evils.

A person is not who they vote for. They can vote however they want and do not have to feel ashamed of their choice. Most people have strong opinions, but those strong opinions should not lead to ridicule or judgment.

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EXTRAS



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

APSU students register to vote at voter registration table hosted by members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. in the Morgan University Center. HENRY KILPATRICK | THE ALL STATE

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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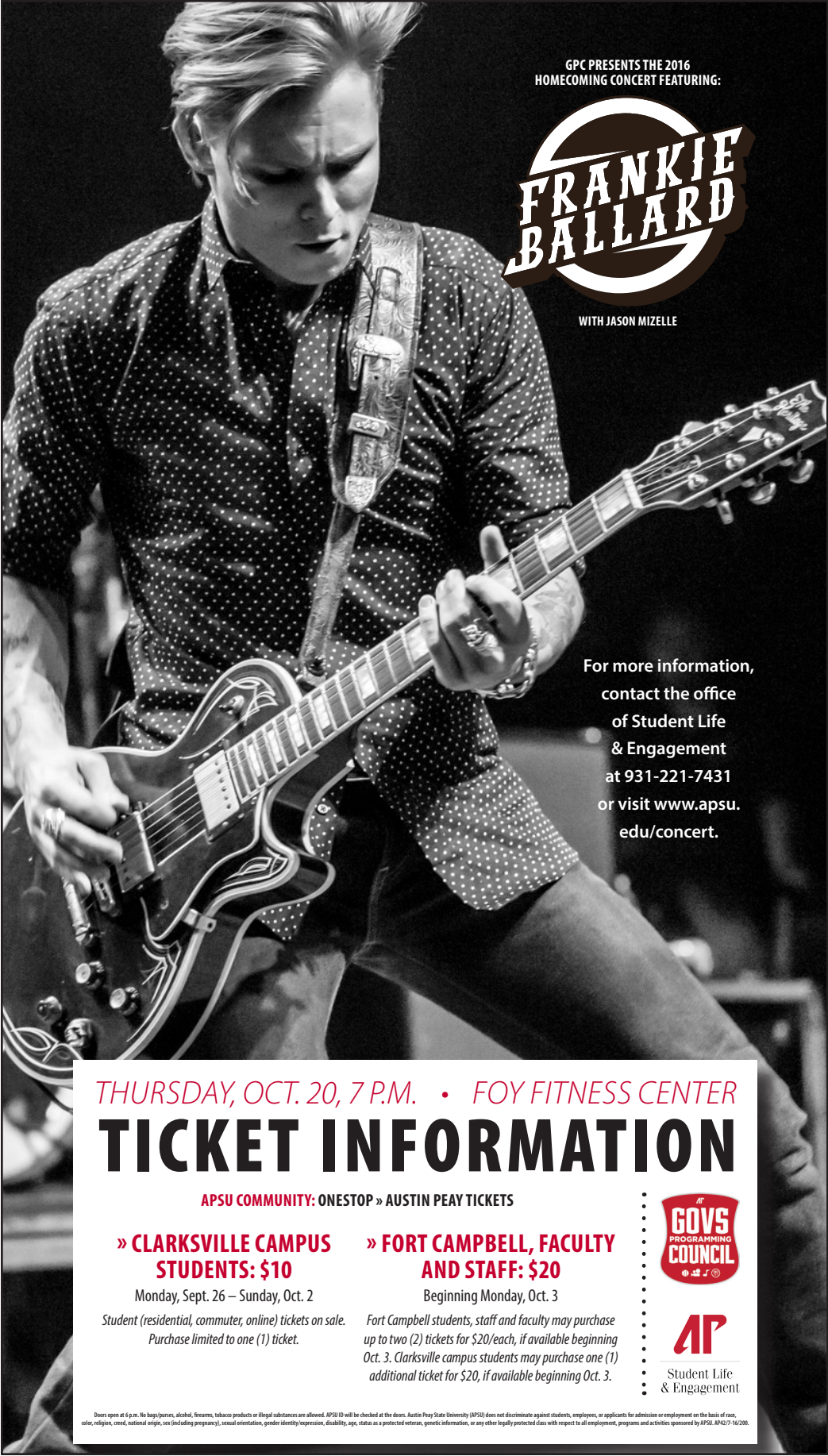
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Student Life & Engagement

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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FEATURES

U.S. history broken down

Constitution Day speaker discusses foundation of U.S. government

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As the 2016 presidential election draws closer, various opinions are coming to the forefront in speeches, workshops, and social media. Among these, Heather Richardson, professor of History at Boston College, gave a presentation on Constitution Day at APSU Thursday, Sept. 15.

Richardson covered topics on what she said is “the most important and interesting part of American history.” This included the reconstruction of America’s government and the amendments leading up to equal voting rights.

More specifically, Richardson narrowed down on the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution and the history behind the Democratic and Republican parties and how they separated into their current states.

“The government is stronger when it reflects the means of everyone,” Richardson said. “That’s how you move a society along.”

Richardson said her favorite part of this period in history is the rebuilding of the capital.

“The capital was a symbol of how America was not going to give up on change and reconstruction,” Richardson said.

CONSTITUTION DAY

- Constitution Day was first recognized by Iowa schools in 1911 on Sept. 17, the same day, albeit in 1987, when the Constitution was ratified in Philadelphia.
- Congress officially turned it into a national holiday in 2004, as an amendment to Senator Robert Byrd’s Omnibus spending bill.
- In May of 2005, the US Government mandated the celebration of this holiday to any school receiving any kind of federal funding.

Due to the political climate at APSU this semester with the 2016 election race underway, some teachers provided academic incentives for students to participate in these kind of conversations.

“I came partially because of the extra credit related to my professor, but in retrospect, I came for her presentation. I was interested in what she had to talk about,” sophomore psychology major Xavious Sims said. “It’s always interesting to learn about civil rights in the Civil War and what happened after that. Nobody ever talks about what happened directly after it. They just talk about what was bad and not

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HEATHER RICHARDSON
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT BOSTON COLLEGE

the parts that were good.”

Those interested in Richardson’s speech can visit her online American History magazine, titled “We’re History” at www.werehistory.org/.

The magazine follows the different political parties as well as information on American history, with the slogan “Serious History for Regular People.”



Students hang from silk sheet tied to their wrists. Instructors encourage tight clothing to avoid snagging on the sheets during practice. HENRY KILPATRICK | THE ALL STATE

Govs take to the air with silk

Aerial fitness team presents new exercise opportunity

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Many people grow up imagining they could learn to fly and do tricks in the air, looking down on others from above. Aerial fitness is allowing many adults to feel some of what they imagined as they hang in the air suspended from silk, and in September 2015, head aerial instructor Taylor Amick brought this sport to APSU students for the first time.

“When I was accepted into a grad program here at APSU, this was my main exercise and my main form of creativity. I didn’t want to lose that,” Amick said.

The aerial fitness program at APSU holds a beginner class on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., intermediate classes on Fridays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from 3 to 4 p.m. The classes run on four-week schedules of eight classes and cost \$2 per class, or \$15 for eight classes.

Students are encouraged to bring yoga mats if they have them for stretching and warm-up exercises at the beginning of classes, and water to keep themselves hydrated.

Relatively tight clothes are recommended to avoid accidents. Though shorts are allowed, students can avoid fabric burn on their lower legs by wearing longer pants.

In the beginner lessons directed by Caity Watson, students are given a breakdown of the basics, like how to stand on and pull yourself up on the fabric. There is no weight requirement or need for previous experience with weight



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training.

“We have a range of very beginners who have never done a pull-up to people who are doing multi-level drops,” Amick said. The students learn exercises that can be done at home to help build their strength between lessons.

“Aerial here is a completely different experience than the first year I did it in Texas. The atmosphere is more welcoming and the routines are more challenging,” sophomore English major Joanna Gonzales said.

Students get to participate in a showcase on Nov. 6, and have another chance to participate in the spring semester.

“It’s a journey. As long as people have the patience to take the journey at their own speed, they’ll get somewhere eventually,” Amick said.

Any APSU student who is interested in joining the class can get more information at the table set up in the Morgan University Center the week of Monday Sept. 19.

“To take that risk and stick to it is extremely rewarding,” Gonzales said. “In the beginning I was hesitant, but if I had never tried I never would have realized my potential in the air.”

AERIAL FITNESS AT APSU

- Aerial Fitness is offered in classes similar in structure to dance or ballet classes. Beginner courses are Monday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., intermediate are on Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday from 3 to 4 p.m.
- There is no weight requirement nor a need for previous experience in weight training in order to participate.
- Classes run on four-week schedules of eight classes. Each class costs two dollars, or 15 dollars for eight classes.
- There will be an information table in the Morgan University Center main lobby during the week of Monday, Sept. 19, for students who require more information about aerial fitness.
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mats if they have them.

#Peaylection16: SGA encourages voter awareness

Registration Drive increases participation in political process

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Just under two months from now, the nation will vote to see which direction it will go for the next four years. That is why many organizations have made it a priority to educate students on the voting process.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, SGA and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity set up booths in the University Center kiosk area, though SGA had to move their booth outside the library due to a scheduling conflict.

“Many students would like to vote but they don’t know how, so that is why we are out here, so we can show students that they can get involved,” Dominic Critchlow, a senior physics major and SGA Senator who was helping run the SGA booth, said.

Both tables ran from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Alpha’s booth had about 50 students register to vote, and SGA’s booth had about 30 registrations.

“Voter drives on campus are important because it shows the student population that they can in fact get registered and greatly effect the general election,” Critchlow said.

Politics can be a hot button issue for a number of different people, so it is no secret that a registration drive will bring students together with varied opinions.

“When I was younger, I was taught that if you don’t vote, you should not complain about the system,” sophomore biology pre-med major and Alpha Phi Alpha member Arthur Williams said. “The only way we can change the system is by voting and changing the government for the better.”

In contrast, junior math major Tamera Niccum said he was avoiding the election due to a lack of information.

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ARTHUR WILLIAMS
SOPHOMORE BIOLOGY PRE-MED MAJOR

“I feel I don’t have enough time to research all of the candidates at the local or the federal level and that is why I do not want to get involved with this election,” Niccum said. “Voters should be fully educated on the issues and the candidates so they can make an informed decision when voting. Under-educated voters can actually do

REGISTRATION RESULTS

SGA: 30

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more harm than good sometimes.”

While some had a similar theory to Niccum, it is very clear that the heated campaign has changed some minds this year.

“Even though I had the opportunity to vote before, I never had because I never felt informed enough to vote,” junior math and applied physics major Jonathan Tully said. “However, I decided to register today because I feel this election is a critical one so I wanted to voice my opinion so I can feel represented.”

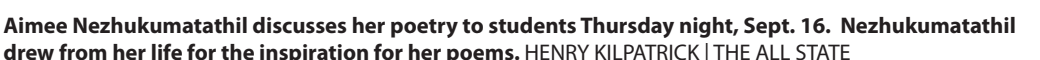
Williams had some more information for first-time voters in the general election.

“If it is a students first time voting they will need to go their hometown to vote,” Williams said. “If they have voted before, they can vote early at a voting center as an absentee.”

ANDREW WADOVICK
FEATURES EDITOR

Among the various works Nezhukumatathil presented, her poems included “Swear Words,” a piece about her mother’s use of foreign swear words whenever something went wrong in

Nezhukumatathil originally went to college to be a doctor like her parents, but a chance encounter with a poetry class convinced her to completely switch her



Her most recent work, “Lucky Fish,” came out in 2011, and Nezhukumatathil discussed some of the challenges she

Nezhukumatathil ended the night by saying poetry gave her a “different kind of richness I couldn’t even imagine.”

ASHLEY THOMPSON
FEATURES WRITER

“Model U.N. is starting off the ground

Model U.N. debates on different countries' political policies and models the real U.N.'s conferences. In these conferences, a group of students would act like one country and talk politics with the opposing side. For example, one group would embody the U.S. and the other would follow Greece's standpoint.

it interested me," freshmen political science major Taylor Scott said. "I didn't get to join Model U.N. in high school so I'm trying to make up for lost time. I

For more information on the new organization, students can contact Hunt at his office in the Clement building, room 143B.

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SOCCER

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Junior Kristin Robertson led the way for APSU with two goals of her own, totaling seven on the season.

The Lady Govs opened up the game, and found ways to put Chattanooga (2-6-1) under heavy pressure early in the action. As the back line for the Mocs bent it refused to break. Chattanooga found ways to generate offense, getting 5 first-half shots to APSU's 6.

In the 57th minute Robertson opened

up the scoring as she rebounded her initial shot with a follow up shot. This one finding the bottom left corner.

Within two minutes Pamela Penalzoza scored her first goal in Austin Peay colors. Robertson assisted a ball through the middle of the park, and Penalzoza placed it in the virtually open net.

It did not take long for the Mocs to answer to a 2-0 deficit. In the 71st minute, Ellie Myrick's free kick found the back of

the net, and put Chattanooga back in the ball game.

Robertson put APSU back up by two points again in the 81st minute. As her surging run down the left side lost space to work with she cut a shot inside to the far post, making it 3-1 Lady Govs.

Three minutes later Chattanooga worked themselves back into the game. Karina Jensen's header goal was assisted by a McKenzie Gregg corner, making the

score now 3-2.

APSU held the ball in the closing minutes to ensure a fifth win of the season.

Lindsey Todd played the full game, making her 3-0-0 on the season.

The Lady Govs will begin Ohio Valley Conference play at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 against the (3-5-1) Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky.



The Lady Govs and the Mocs were late bloomers in their contest this past Sunday, Sept. 18 with all five goals of the game happening in the second half. However, the Lady Govs were able to squeeze by with a 3-2 win. HENRY KILPATRICK | THE ALL STATE

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Titans come back

Pulls out win against Lions in fourth quarter

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Having shown they can rally in the fourth quarter and pull out a victory, the Tennessee Titans now face a new task of trying to win back-to-back games.

That's a big challenge for a franchise that last won consecutive games to wrap up the 2013 season.

The Titans hope their fourth-quarter comeback for a 16-15 win in Detroit is a sign that this franchise finally is turning around after a league-worst five wins combined since then.

"I think it can be a turning point," tight end Delanie Walker said Monday. "We always talked about finishing and previous years we lose games like this. (In Detroit), we finally finished, and I think ... we can build off that and turn this thing."

The Titans trailed 15-3 entering the fourth quarter and came up with only their fourth comeback since 1999 when trailing by 10 or more points going into the final 15 minutes. The Titans rallied from 21 points down to beat the Giants on Nov. 26, 2006, 11 against Philadelphia on Sept. 8, 2002, and from 10 down at Jacksonville on Sept. 26, 1999.

Two of those comebacks came in seasons where the Titans (1-1) reached the playoffs, and the big rally against the Giants helped Tennessee finish 8-8 after starting 0-5.

"It's a relief to come in with a good mood and not go home yelling at the walls after the game," linebacker Avery Williamson said. "So it's definitely a good feeling and glad for this team to get that confidence builder. I feel like we're definitely going to build off that."

The Titans rallied thanks to a defense that held Detroit to two field goals and a touchdown — the only TD they've given up through two games. So far this season Tennessee has allowed just six field goals and the lone TD.

Marcus Mariota, who threw two TD passes, also leads the NFL with a 131.8 passer rating in the fourth quarter. He was a perfect 9 of 9 for 74 yards on the game-winning drive — his third in

14 starts. His 9-yard TD pass to Andre Johnson with 1:13 left marked the first time since Nov. 24, 2013, at Oakland that the Titans scored to win in the final two minutes.

DeMarco Murray finished with 145 yards from scrimmage, the most by a Titans running back since Nov. 3, 2013, when Chris Johnson had 170 at St. Louis.

The Titans know their play wasn't pretty with 12 penalties for 83 yards, not counting a Mariota interception. Still, veteran cornerback Jason McCourty said they've seen too many games slip through their hands and are just happy to have their first win of the season. "Man for me, year eight, an ugly win — I have no idea what that looks like," McCourty said. "A win is a win no matter how you come across it."

Coach Mike Mularkey earned a game ball for his first win since being given the job in January, and Mularkey promptly gave it to first-year general manager Jon Robinson for all his work revamping the roster. Their next test comes Sunday when the Oakland Raiders (1-1) visit, a crucial home game before Tennessee hits the road for two games.

Mularkey said he was glad the Titans finally got to enjoy the thrill of victory.

"We've had enough of the agony of defeat," Mularkey said.



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SPORTS



Lady Govs finish strong against UTC

Responds to tough road loss against TCU, brings record to 5-4 overall



The Lady Govs went down swiging against Texas Christian University. TCU took advantage of being at their home field in Fort Worth, Texas. They did not hold back, putting four goals in the back of the net against the Lady Govs. HENRY KILPATRICK | THE ALL STATE

NOAH HOUCK
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Junior Lady Govs Soccer player Kirstin Robertson scored the lone Lady Govs goal as the team fell hard on the road, losing 4-1 to undefeated Texas Christian University (7-0-1). APSU fought hard and earned six shots on goal against a team that has allowed only three goals all season entering the match.

TCU found themselves up 2-0 inside two minutes. McKenzie Oliver tucked home a one-time hit on a low cross, opening up the Horned Frogs scoring. One minute later it was the Frogs scoring again off a long throw in. The throw deflected, and worked its way around to the head of Kayla Hill, who doubled the score.

TCU kept the pressure, and went up 3-0 on the 25-minute-mark. Hill found a brace thanks to her left-footed shot that clipped under the crossbar.

In the 29th minute, Robertson scored for the Lady Govs. She stole the ball from keeper Courtney Hofer, who was ready to clear it up field, and slipped it onto the open goal frame. Robertson leads scoring for APSU on the season with 15 points.

TCU's offensive production wasn't done yet as they made it 4-1 in the 67th minute. Faith Carter got on to a loss corner kick and fired her shot past Lindsey Todd, who played the final 45 minutes.

TCU led with 12 shots on the day, APSU had six shots total, three on target. Robertson and McKenzie Dixon led the Governors charge in the Dallas area with two shots each.

Freshman Mary Parker Powell started the game and recorded one save in the loss. Todd earned three saves in the second half.

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

The Lady Govs (5-4) responded to a tough road loss by topping UT-Chattanooga 3-2 at Morgan Brothers Soccer Field in a closely contested match.

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SPORTS

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SOCCER @ MOREHEAD STATE
Thursday, Sept. 22
6 p.m.
Morehead, Kentucky

VOLLEYBALL VS SEMO
Friday, Sept. 23
6 p.m.
Clarksville, Tennessee

FOOTBALL @ EIU
Saturday, Sept. 24
1 p.m.
Charleston, Illinois

VOLLEYBALL VS UTM
Saturday, Sept. 24
2 p.m.
Clarksville, Tennessee

CROSS COUNTRY (M & W)
Saturday, Sept. 24
9 a.m.
Clarksville, Tennessee

SOFTBALL @ TSU
Saturday, Sept. 24
12 p.m., 2 p.m.
Nashville, Tennessee

SOFTBALL VS. ROANE STATE CC
Sunday, Sept. 25
2 p.m., 4 p.m.
Clarksville, Tennessee

APSU volleyball falls to SLU

Lady Govs rank third overall in Ohio Valley Conference

ALLY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

The APSU Lady Govs volleyball team (9-6) took on Saint Louis University (4-10) at home on Tuesday, Sept. 13. According to letsgopeay.com, The Lady Govs played five hard sets (25-21, 20-25, 23-25, 25-20, 13-15), but could not pull out a victory.

After a win in the first set and a loss in the second, it was critical for APSU to win the third set of the match.

The Lady Govs started strong with a 5-point lead, but Saint Louis Universtiy was also determined. SLU responded with 6 straight points to expunge the Lady Govs' work. The Billkens solidified their lead with another run to make the score 16-11.

APSU was tough and powered back, gaining a 3-point lead with a 11-3 run. With the score tied at 22-22, the next few points were back and forth until SLU used a kill and a block to seal the win of the third set.

Despite the hard loss of the third set, The Lady Govs worked even harder to take the victory of the fourth set. Junior Ashley Slay had six kills and seven errorless attacks to help APSU tie the match.

APSU jumped out to take the lead in the fifth set as well.

However, SLU's power hitters would soon become a problem for the Lady Govs. The Billkens managed to tie the score at 10-10 with back-to-back kills. The match continued with both teams swapping points until an error by the Lady Govs pushed SLU to match point.

The match was then ended by a Billken kill, and the Lady Govs fell to

SLU 2-3.

While the Lady Govs may have lost, redshirt junior Kaitlyn Teeter had 19 kills against SLU, her third double-digit performance this season. She also earned the highest number of kills

recorded in one match by APSU this season.

The Lady Govs will play a doubleheader against the Citadel Bulldogs and Charleston Southern University at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16.



APSU Volleyball celebrates although falling to Saint Louis University. APSU Sports Information