

Stadium

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Van der Merwe said, adding that APSU needs to “stop and celebrate” its accomplishments.

Van der Merwe said that while no grand projects are on the horizon, little additions will be made to other facilities to make sure APSU athletics maintains standard of excellence set for the department.

Van der Merwe repeatedly mentioned the new identity of APSU’s campus community that comes with the new stadium. “Our students will support us,” Van der Merwe said. To help this expectation come to fruition, the Athletics Department is releasing an app on which students can check in at athletic events and at participating locations around Clarksville to receive

discounts and points. Accumulating enough of these points will eventually result in free rewards such as APSU gear or coupons.

Club seats for the upcoming season are sold out, estimating \$39,000 in sales.

According to Van der Merwe, the stadium remains in good shape after this summer’s sinkhole, and there is no further concern of another sinkhole occurring.

“Sport can create hope where once there was only despair,” Van der Merwe said, quoting Nelson Mandela. The Govs take on the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for the first home game on Saturday, Sept. 13.

For more information on the features of Governors Stadium, see pg. 10. *TAS*

Ferguson

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shoved him back into his car, punched him in the face,” Josie said.

The two men struggled for Wilson’s gun, which went off once inside the car, Josie said.

Brown and Johnson fled, and after another verbal exchange Brown charged at Wilson.

“All of a sudden he started to run at

him full speed. He just kept coming; it was unbelievable.”

Since the day of the shooting, protesters have gathered in Ferguson each night.

Some individuals have broken into the convenience store that Brown stole from and some protests have become violent.

The incident has started an uproar that has resulted in the governor of Missouri declaring a state of emergency in Ferguson.

Alongside physical protests throughout the country, social media has seen an uproar as well.

For an opinion on the conflict in Ferguson, see pg. 3. *TAS*

Campus Crime Log

Date	Time	Crime	Location	Status
Aug. 13	9:09 a.m.	Theft of Property	Browning	On going
Aug. 12	2:01 p.m.	Aggravated Assault	Clement	Report
Aug. 12	2:05 p.m.	Vandalism	Off-Campus	On going
Jul. 23	9:01 p.m.	Theft of Property	Emerald Hills	Report
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#ClarksvillePurge

Clarksville reacts via social media

» STAFF REPORT

“@Theblainekellar: #ClarksvillePurge Why would someone be excited by this?! People may have died last night and these people are just glad it happened?!”

Blaine Kellar was among hundreds who tweeted about the alleged “purge” happening in the Clarksville area on Friday, Aug. 15.

“The Purge”, a popular horror film series, depicts an America that has one day a year where all crime is legal for 24 hours.

Reports of two deaths were spreading throughout Twitter, but Clarksville police did not put out an official statement.

Some Clarksville businesses reportedly closed early.

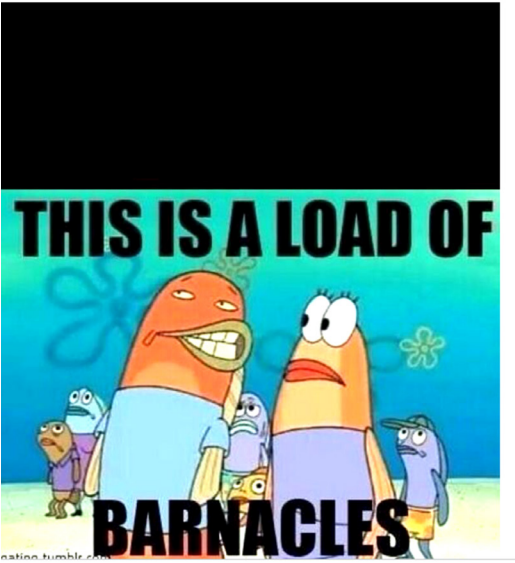
The hashtag began soon after a “purge” was reported in Louisville, Ky. People all over the area were following along the Louisville call log with reports flowing in, ranging from shots fired to loose giraffes.

Louisville police soon discovered a teenager was behind the fake reports and social media frenzy.

Other areas reportedly “purged” include Detroit, Mich. and Jeffersonville, Fla. *TAS*



This #clarksvillepurge has me like



ICYMI: Summer 2014

- >> The All State attended Bonnaroo. For a look into the concerts, exclusive interviews and photos, check out *theallstate.org*.
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Police officers respond to the disruption brought on by protests, violence and store lootings in Ferguson, Mo. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Citizens should resist crime in midst of protests

» By **MATTHEW GORDON**
Staff Writer

As the conflict in Ferguson, Mo., over the shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown rages on, two sides have emerged: the side of the officials and the side of the protesters. But something not many people think about is how the town itself is holding up in this situation.

Many people have abused the chaos brought on by the protests and have begun committing crimes against their own city.

There have been numerous reports of looting and robbery, and many businesses have no idea how to prepare for these crimes.

Other stores like Walmart have reduced their hours in ordinance with the city curfew, as well as boarded up windows and hired extra security.

Other forms of crime have also been reported, such as people swarming local businesses and various forms of vandalism. Broken and boarded windows are not cheap.

“I hope the city can recover after all this violence is over.”

— **Cynthia Hollandsworth**, sophomore chemistry major

According to A-Affordable Glass, which serves St. Louis and surrounding areas, board-up services can cost as much as \$300 to \$400.

In addition, the price of glass can cost up to \$1,000 per window.

Some business owners have even gone to such extremes as to buy extra ammunition in case things get out of hand. Many people may not realize it, but the city of Ferguson cannot take much more violence. The city, lying on the outskirts of St. Louis, is not financially or economically strong enough to handle the lost business and extra cost in repairs.

“The lootings in Ferguson are just tragic. I hope the city can recover after all this violence is over,” said Cynthia Hollandsworth, a sophomore chemistry major at APSU.

Right now, it’s hard to tell if the town will recover any time soon. Only time will tell. One thing that is clear is that when the protests stop and the city goes back to its harmonious state, if that’s even possible at this point, businesses will need a lot longer to recover. **TAS**

College living: dorm style

Campus dorms offer many advantages over off-campus housing

» By **LIZA RIDDLE**
Staff Writer

Housing is a problem for students, because there are a lot of different variables that factor into where someone should live, and it can be a difficult decision to make if one does not know all the facts.

According to apartment listing website Rent Jungle, the average cost of a two-bedroom apartment in Clarksville is \$748 per month.

However, there are other costs to living off campus, such as cable and internet.

The Clarksville Department of Electricity offers cable and internet for approximately \$96 per month.

On top of this, electricity, water, maintenance and furniture costs must also be considered.

It can also be inconvenient for students to make all of these payments on a monthly basis rather than paying upfront.

In comparison, the cost of living on campus is often equal to or a little lower than the cost of living off campus.

Hand Village, an apartment-style dorm available to upperclassmen, costs \$3,400 per semester. APSU provides internet, cable, water, electricity, maintenance and basic furniture.

Hand Village apartments have four bedrooms and two



APSU dormitories reopen to new and returning students. TAYLOR SLIFKO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

bathrooms, which makes them similar to many off-campus apartments. There are also cheaper dorm options available at the cost of sharing a room.

Dorms on campus are generally cheaper, but they also have benefits and drawbacks in other areas.

When someone is on campus, he or she is more likely to be involved with campus life. Classes and special events are within walking distance. “It’s a lot easier to wake up five minutes before class instead of preparing the night before,” said Zach Puckett, a junior

education and history major.

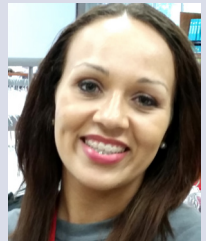
There are also more opportunities to interact with fellow students when living on campus. However, these same benefits mean students have less privacy and more noise pollution. In this way, dorms can be more distracting for those trying to study. Off-campus housing provides more privacy and less noise pollution than on-campus housing does. It also works well for students with families or other dependents. However, that comes at the expense of less accessibility.

Parking at APSU is difficult to find, which makes people who live off campus less likely to drive to special events. For this reason, living off campus can feel isolating to some students.

While both options have benefits and downsides, living on campus is often a better option for those students looking for the “college experience.” **TAS**

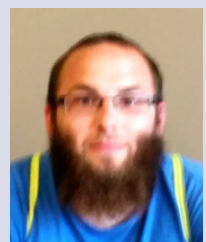
YOUR TAKE

Would you rather live on or off campus?



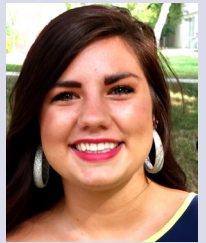
“Off campus, because I am a non-traditional student. I do live near campus, where it allows me not to be caught up in the traffic or the congestion of parking.”

>> **Cameron Medley**, sophomore biology/pre-med major



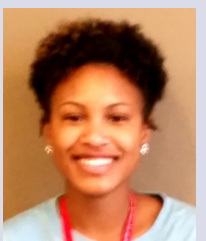
“Personally, I would rather live on campus. I was a commuter, but I became an RA. It was a lifelong dream of mine, and the college experience does not happen if you don’t live on campus.”

>> **Nick Guiliani**, senior computer science major



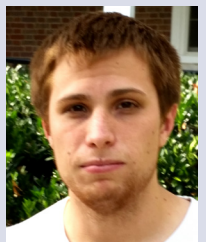
“I would rather live off campus and live at home, because I feel like I would get more studying done, and there are not as many distractions.”

>> **Mckenzie Davenport**, freshman medical radiology major



“I would definitely want to live on campus, because you are more involved when you are around.”

>> **Christalynn Hamer**, sophomore social work major



“I would rather live off campus because of the freedom of living on my own.”

>> **Steven Howie**, junior psychology major

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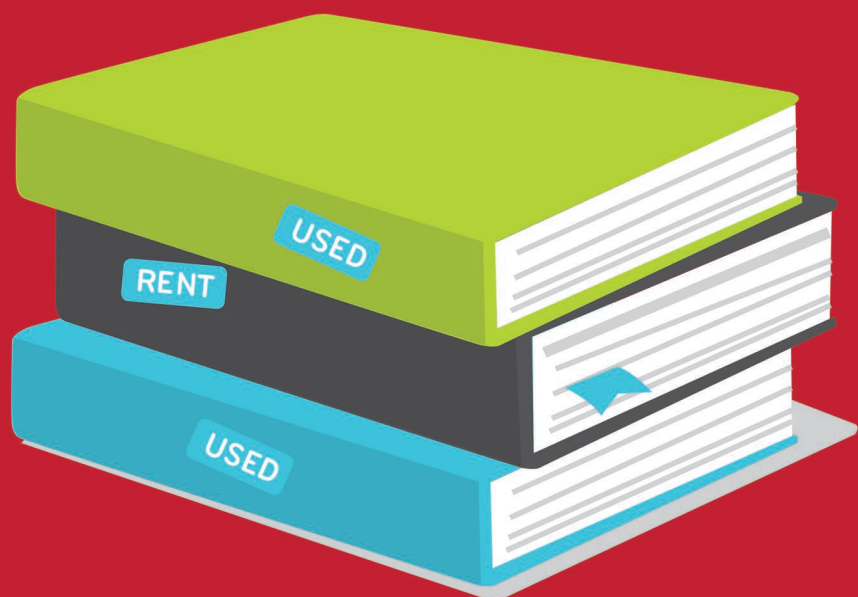
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Freshman’s first bite of bun and cream

A review of ‘student tradition’ dessert from Johnny’s Big Burger

» **By ANDREW WADOVICK**
Staff Writer

For new and returning APSU students, the local restaurant Johnny’s Big Burger gives students a taste of the local atmosphere with, among other things, the specialty dessert: the bun and cream.

Johnny’s is a local diner that sits across the street from the dorms on campus at 428 College St.

One waitress there said the diner is best known for its burgers.

This claim to fame was supported by sophomore biology major Hannah Tharp, who said Johnny’s burgers were “hands down better than anything from Sonic.”

However, the bun and cream often ranks above the famous burgers as a rite of passage for many students at APSU.

The dessert is a square glazed honey bun, fresh from the oven, with a large scoop of vanilla ice cream slapped on top.

Just looking at it could be considered a sin for many healthy eaters, yet my taste buds began to disagree before I even took a bite.

The ice cream is straight from the freezer, but the honey bun is still warm. While my mom might agonize for weeks over the implications of eating such a fatty treat, I had no reservations about enjoying it.

“The bun and cream is simply my favorite thing to get at Johnny’s,” said nursing major Kara Hemingway. “The calories are completely worth it.”

In retrospect, it’s nothing fancy.

Any college student adventurous enough could, in theory, craft one on their own, but I couldn’t help but think something about

the style and atmosphere of the diner makes it seem unique.

The current owner of Johnny’s, Justin Meeks, said the diner was founded in 1965.

“Johnny is my uncle,” Meeks said. Johnny Meeks, the original owner of the diner, passed the torch along to his nephew Justin, who has been in charge of the restaurant since January 2014.

“We get a lot of college students throughout the school year,” Meeks said. “A lot of times, we get alumni coming through Johnny’s, along with their children. It’s kind of like having two generations at once.”

The diner has maintained its retro atmosphere throughout the years, with its arcade section and even a digital jukebox that occasionally plays older music.

“We’re actually looking into getting a newer one,” Meeks said, “so we can download new music.”

The bun and cream is fattening and delicious, both in my opinion and many other students’, but the food is only one part of what makes Johnny’s such a hotspot among APSU students.

It’s a blend of both the old and the new, and it brings many students through its doors every day. *TAS*



Left: Pictured is the front of Johnny’s Big Burger, an APSU student dining staple at 428 College St.
Top: The bun and cream is a dessert that has been served at Johnny’s Big Burger for years.
Middle: Patrons order at the diner-style bar inside of Johnny’s.
Bottom: Cook creates the delicacy known as the bun and cream.
TAYLOR SLIFKO| STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Student spotlight: incoming freshmen

The All State examines the lives of two freshmen now, at end of freshman year



Averie Minadeo is a freshman English major with plans to work for a magazine or become a teacher after graduation.
JONATHAN YOUNGBLOOD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» **By CHELSEA LEONARD**
Features Editor

Averie Minadeo is a freshman English major from Clarksville. She chose APSU because of its close proximity to home, and because many of the graduates from her high school chose to attend APSU this semester, as well. When asked what she was most excited for in college, Minadeo said, “meeting new people and getting new experiences.” Among other classes, Minadeo will be taking psychology and sociology this semester. She plans on using her English degree to obtain a job publishing a magazine or teaching. *TAS*



Freshman Daniel Kelley shares his interests and concerns beginning his first year of college as a radiology major.
JONATHAN YOUNGBLOOD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

» **By LAUREN COTTLE**
Assistant Features Editor

Daniel Kelley is a freshman radiology major. He is originally from Forks, Wash. He chose APSU because his dad lives in Clarksville. Kelley noticed APSU is a medium-sized campus and that “everyone is friendly.” Kelley is excited for all the events, which he calls “very interactive” for freshmen. Kelley said he was nervous about meeting new people. “It’s hard to talk to people sometimes because people are just as nervous as I am,” Kelley said. Kelley said he is most excited to take anatomy and physiology this fall. *TAS*



Students stand together in the Dunn Center during Freshmen Convocation. MEGAN ENDSLEY| STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

College offers new opportunities for personal growth, finding yourself

» By **EMILY DESPAIN**
Staff Writer

College is a fresh start, a new page, a clean slate. It's a chance to completely reinvent yourself into the person you've always wanted to be or maybe have been all along. Thousands of eager teens pack up their lives every year and drive to college campuses across the world with their hopes and dreams in suitcases. What they don't always carry with them are their identities from the previous 18 years. "I'm from a small town and I don't know hardly anyone from here so I plan on using this time as a fresh start," said freshman Amara Henley. To some, this may be a silly feat, but to others, it's the chance they've been waiting for their entire lives. It's a chance to escape the ghost of the chubby, awkward kid who fell down the bleachers at her very first pep rally, or maybe a chance to step out of an older

sibling's shadow. College is a new group of people who are just as scared

“This is a time to get your hands dirty and be open to everyone or anything and everything they can offer you. Even if it doesn't work for you, you need to take the time to experience it.”

— Ashley LeGros, APSU junior

as you are, and to let you in on a little inside secret, no one cares about anything as much as they did in

high school. "[The change in myself] didn't happen gradually, but I didn't know it was happening. I noticed my sophomore year how much more expressive and open I was becoming. much more than I was in high school," said junior Ashley LeGros. "This is a time to get your hands dirty and be open to everyone or anything and everything they can offer you. Even if it doesn't work for you, you need to take the time to experience it." It's in these four or more years of freedom you will garner skills, relationships and memories you'll carry for the rest of your life. You don't want all those things to come while you are holding onto a personality that isn't yours. So turn yourself into the cool chick that doesn't bat an eyelash at talking to the cutest boy in the Grille, or maybe the smoldering, mysterious boy in the corner of Einstein's. The possibilities are endless, but most importantly, turn yourself into the person you really are. **TAS**

Welcome Week 2014

Monday, August 25

Welcome Back Breakfast
8:30 to 10 a.m., MUC 120
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URec Flag Football Officials Interest Meeting
5 to 5:30 p.m., Foy 202

Tuesday, August 26

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5 to 5:30 p.m., Foy 202

Peay Soup & Party on the Plaza
6 to 10 p.m., MUC Plaza
Sponsored by the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center (WNDAACC)

Wednesday, August 27

Involvement Fair
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., MUC Plaza
Sponsored by Student Life and Engagment (SLE)

URec Rec Crawl
5 to 7 p.m., Foy Center

Thursday, August 28

Zumba Pool Party
5 to 6 p.m., Foy Pool
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Interfraternity Council (IFC) Preview Night
5 to 7 p.m., MUC 303-305

Tuesday, September 2

URec Boot Camp Session I
6 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 5 to 6 p.m., Foy Center

1st Govs Trail to Success Walk
12:45 to 1:15 p.m., MUC Plaza (Green Govs Trailhead)

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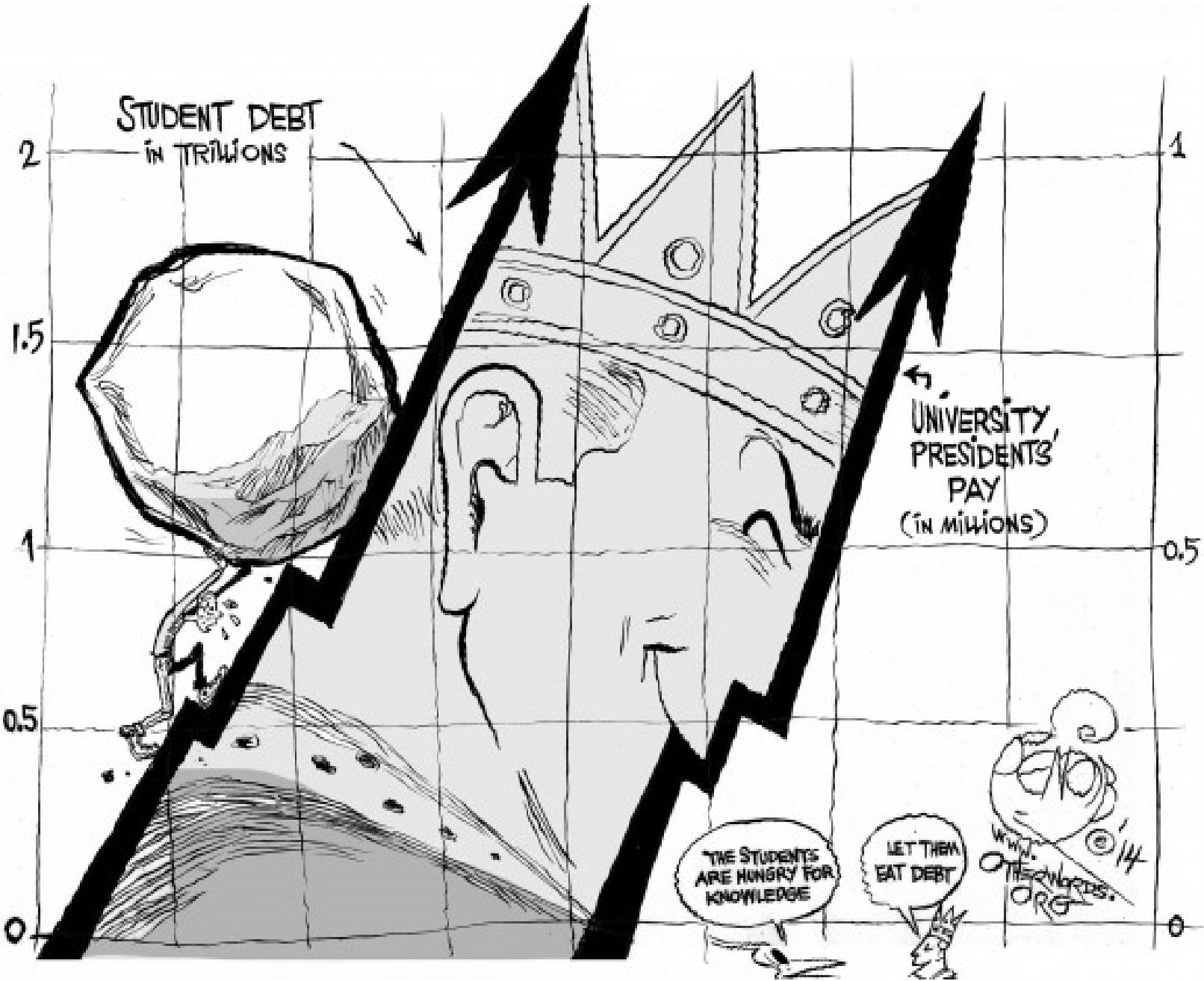
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by Terry Stickels

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

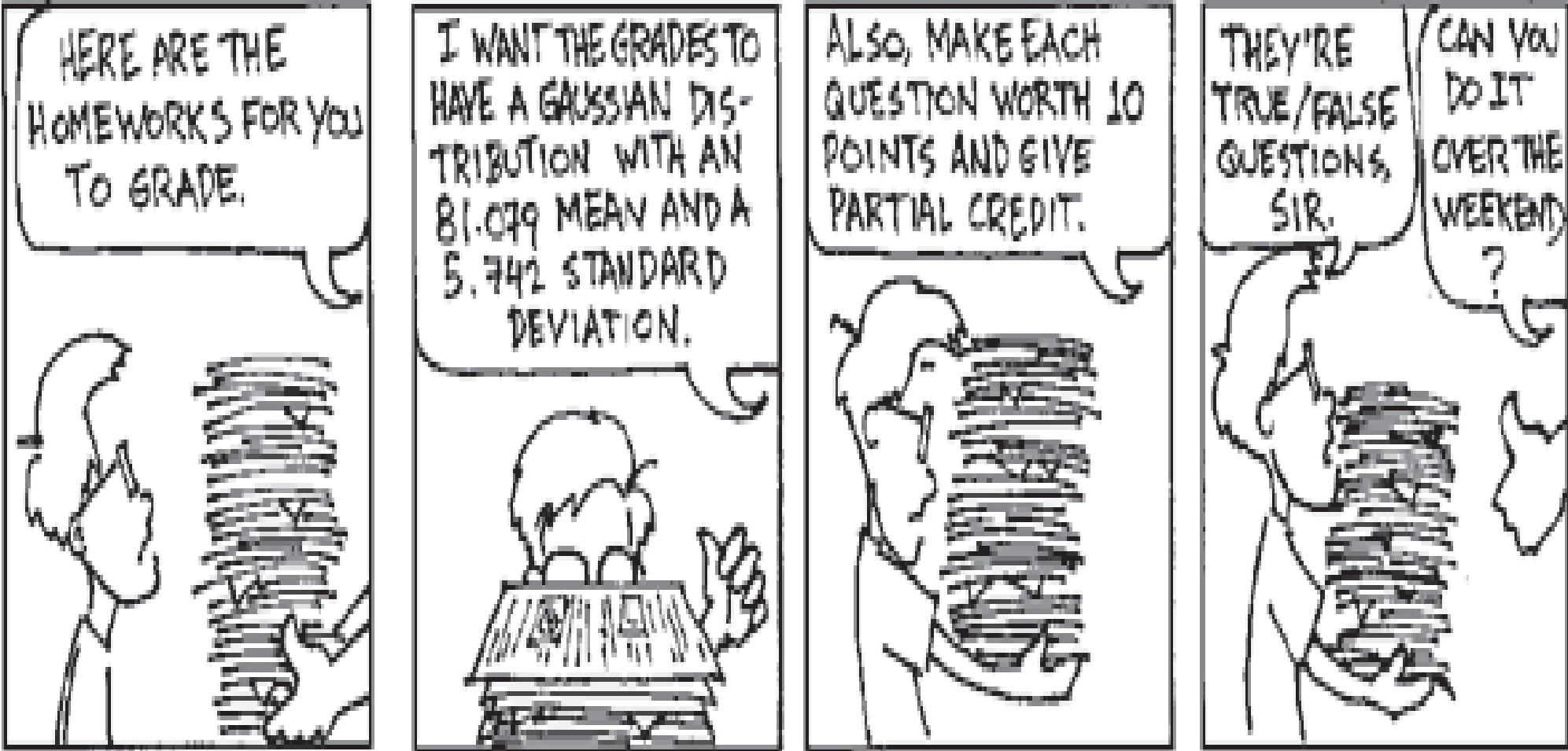
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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Students’ take on new Governors Stadium

APSU students voice their opinions on new Governors Stadium and what it means for the university

QUOTES GATHERED BY ANDY FRANKLIN, STAFF WRITER

“I don’t think it’s a great investment. They spent money on a team that doesn’t win much. They could have put the money towards something else like student parking or academics.”

— Gary Hatfield, junior

“I think its presence on campus benefits an evolving university. It’s both a reminder of the new and exciting things happening to APSU every day and a reflection of the excellence that all APSU students try to achieve.”

— Lane Parmalee, sophomore

“I think it’s awesome and dangerous — referring to the sinkhole. I don’t believe it was a wise move, due to the struggling season. They should have waited for a better record, so there is more hype.”

— Nick Gentry, freshman



The new Governors Stadium has various features, including club seating that will provide fans the comfort of watching games in private, indoor boxes. MEGAN ENDSLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Football

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on what they plan on accomplishing this season: a high-pace system that features some read option looks along with short passing plays to get playmakers out in space.

APSU has a deep pool of receivers to choose from, with seniors Javier Booker and Hunter Branch, plus Jamaar Embry leading a group of freshmen with breakout potential.

However, to connect with players on the outside, a reliable quarterback is needed.

“I think we’re going to be quick,” Cannon said. “I know we’re conditioned and are going to have good speed at positions where you need it. We just have to do our best at utilizing that speed. It doesn’t do anything good when you have a fast receiver and can’t get the ball to him.”

Over the summer, the Govs lost leading rusher from last season, Omar Williams, due to suspension.

The open space has allowed Rashaan Coleman to switch

from receiver to tailback in 2014, although the sophomore led the team in rushing touchdowns last season with three.

Another key area will be the offensive line, which was the team’s strength in 2013.

Despite several leaders leaving the team due to graduation, the Govs will have four seniors up front.

Isaiah Tuiasosopo will shift over to

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— Gino Roberson, APSU defensive tackle

center, leaving Nathan Sanders, Julian Virgo and Zach Amis, among other players, to sort positions out in the remaining four spots.

Defensively, the primary focus in camp has been improving the rush defense. The Govs allowed 237 yards per game and 44 rushing scores last season.

However, the Govs 2014 defense will feature a bigger line, led by returning players Malcolm Goines, Gino Roberson and Corey

Teague and a group of newcomers such as Nic Matiere-Bey, Jule Pace and Tyler Schneider.

“We don’t want to be the team that bends but never breaks,” Roberson said. “We want to be the team where there’s no bending, no breaking, just playing hard and destroying everyone in our path.”

The Govs will continue to run a 4-2-5 scheme and have two sophomore linebackers — Antonio Turner and A.J. Gray—returning. In the secondary, Johnathan Shuler returns as the leading tackler from last season, along with cornerbacks Montez Carlton

and Buddy Mitchell, who missed over half the 2013 season. Mikhali Creech is also expected to be a big part of the team.

In the special teams department, the punting duties will belong to senior Ben Campbell, with Evan Toby getting the start at kicker.

On kick and punt returns, expect to see Coleman back to receive.

The Govs start the 2014 season in Memphis on Saturday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. *TAS*



The facility will include 13 suites, an athletic apparel store, as well as food and drinks catered by Chartwells. MEGAN ENDSLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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- 8/30 MEMPHIS @ 6 p.m.
- 9/13 UTC* @ 4 p.m.
- 9/20 EIU@ 1:30 p.m.
- 9/27 ISU @ 6:30 p.m.
- 10/4 EKU* @ 6 p.m.
- 10/11 MERCER @ 3 p.m.
- 10/18 MSU* @ 6 p.m.
- 10/25 UTM @ 2 p.m.
- 11/1 JSU @ 3 p.m.
- 11/8 TSU* @ 4 p.m.
- 11/15 SEMO @ 1 p.m.
- 11/22 TTU* @ 4 p.m.

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Van der Merwe

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identity and culture are developed and embraced, APSU will better mold and recruit athletes who fit their values and goals.

In turn, van der Merwe said this will help mold APSU football into a program founded upon a strong commitment to its core values, creating a winning team both on and off the field.

Now that APSU has shown its commitment to

football, van der Merwe said it is up to the players to go out and “earn it,” because now the responsibility is on their shoulders.

The new Governors Stadium brings with its completion a good deal of excitement surrounding the new features and facilities that fans and players alike will get to take advantage of, but it also sets the stage for APSU’s football future.

According to van der Merwe, that all boils down to the emphasis on one key goal: “A new culture of excellence.” *TAS*

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Governors football team sets sights on new season with new stadium, players, direction

» By **COREY ADAMS**
Staff Writer

In the 2014 season, many college football teams across the country will be coming off losses which were suffered in their final games of 2013.

For APSU, there is a feeling shared by just three other teams in college football.

The Gobs, along with Columbia, Georgia State and Miami of Ohio, were the only programs out of roughly 250 universities who finished the 2013 campaign without a win.

So the mindset for these teams will be simple: Bury last season and move forward.

Moving forward can describe APSU football's growing program, beginning with the nearly completed Governors Stadium. On the field, Head Coach Kirby Cannon is back with one year under his belt, which in itself may benefit both returning

players and freshmen. Cannon has now been able to work with upper-classmen over the spring and summer, while also having a group of newcomers who were recruited to fit his system.

"I know we are a better football team than we were a year ago," Cannon said. "We have had very good spring and summer practice periods, and had significant weight gains in

our major lifts. We're in very good shape and good spirits, which is a little more common, I guess, to begin a season."

Nearly half of the roster is made up of freshmen or redshirt freshmen. The number of young players may help the overall depth of the team with many changes on the offensive side of the ball due to suspensions and transfer of quarterback Andrew Spivey.

Cannon named Trey Taylor starting quarterback after the Gobs final scrimmage on Monday, Aug. 22.

APSU has modeled their training

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— Kirby Cannon, APSU head football coach



Top: Final stages of construction are underway at the new Governors Stadium. APSU will open the facility Saturday, Sept. 13, for the Gobs' first home game against the University of Chattanooga. **BAILEY JONES | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Middle: A construction worker works on installing the new Gobs logo at the 50-yard line of Governors Stadium. **SHELBY WATSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Bottom: The exterior of Governors Stadium was designed with the intention of giving the facilities a more modern appearance. **MEGAN ENDSLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

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APSU Athletic Director Derek van der Merwe speaks to a crowd gathered at the Dunn Center to speak about his vision for APSU. The new Governors stadium is the first step. **PHOTO BY BETH LIGGETT | UNIVERSITY PHOTOGRAPHER**

Van der Merwe: Time for players to “earn” stadium

» By **ANDREW THOMPSON**
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The new Governors Stadium has generated excitement over its new features and attractions, but many students are concerned the implications this new stadium could have for APSU football moving forward.

The new stadium's amenities are designed to fulfill the desires of Gobs fans and serve as an additional reason to attend APSU home games.

The list of upgrades includes an expanded concession stand and a brand new apparel shop run by the Ann Ross Bookstore. Here, fans and students will be able to purchase APSU apparel.

The stadium also features a newly introduced club level.

Fans who have purchased club level seats will have access to private

lockers, restrooms and concessions while watching the game from an air-conditioned room.

What many Gobs fans are asking, though, is how this new stadium will affect APSU's play on the field. According to Athletic Director Derek van der Merwe, it's all about creating a "culture of excellence" in competition, the classroom and the community.

The new Governors Stadium is APSU's way of showing its commitment to football, van der Merwe said, and it is that commitment he believes will help establish a winning culture for the Gobs.

Van der Merwe said he believes that as time moves on, this stadium will help redefine what it means to be a Governor, and that as the

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