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Honoring diversity trailblazer Betty Joe Wallace

State Representative lectures, educates students on Wallace’s impactful life

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APSU campus invited an example of living history speak to students, faculty, and guests in the Morgan University Center this past Thursday, in the event of honoring one of the University’s most memorable and inspiring professors, Dr. Betty Joe Wallace.

Tennessee State Representative of District 85 Johnnie Turner gave an important and insightful lecture on the times of her early life of having to deal with the struggle many African-Americans had faced throughout the mid to latter 20th Century.

Representative Turner has been through it all. In the early 1960s, she was a part of the famous lunch counter sit-ins in Memphis, Tennessee and was a participant in the March on Washington in 1963. In this time frame, she was a follower of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and even after his

death in 1968, still carried many of his teachings with her.

Through her passionate storytelling of

all these events, Turner portrayed her character of all of these experiences as a veteran of the many battles of the Civil

Rights Movement and a victim of so many conflicts that many African-Americans had to endure during this unfortunate time period.

Turner faced jail time for unjustly prejudiced reasons, as well as academic prejudices that many Blacks faced, being given an inferior education compared to America’s Caucasian populace.

She endured physical, mental and emotional abuse on so many levels, but through all of this cruelty she not only endured but learned.

“My life,” Turner said, “is centered around the circumstances of these events and the color of my skin.”

These events that inspired Turner’s political career, motivating her to make America a better place where the sole characteristics of a person’s being would not be judged by their flesh alone.

Turner served in the 106th through 110th General Assemblies and as Treasurer of the Tennessee Black



State Representative Johnnie Turner presented with a gift from APSU Professor Jill Eichhorn in the MUC on Thursday, March 28. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE

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WEED BETTER NOT

Crime Log indicates drug and alcohol offenses are prominent across campus

MAHALIA SMITH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

APSU is seeing a possible increase in drug use on campus. Since the beginning of the school year there have been 39 drug law violations and 15 liquor law violations. In 2016, there were a total of only 34 drug law violations and 16 liquor law violations.

Every week The All State publishes the campus crime log, a running document of every violation that is reported to Public Safety. Drug violations are recorded in several ways including Simple Possession, Casual Exchange, Drug Paraphernalia and more. There are several ways a student can get a drug violation.

“Drug paraphernalia are items that they use to do the drugs for example like a pipe for marijuana would be considered drug paraphernalia or rolling papers would be drug paraphernalia,” Assistant Chief of Police Sammie Williams said.

In many cases, small amounts drugs such as marijuana are found.

“Simple possession means they had a quantity of the drug in their possession

that we tested and came back positive for THC, which is the active ingredient in marijuana,” Williams said. “Simple exchange would mean they had it for personal use or friendly use, they didn’t have an amount that was large enough to charge them with possession for resale.”

If a student commits a drug violation, they most likely will not be arrested. Many of these incidents end in a referral or a citation rather than an arrest, however arrests do occur. This academic year there have been six arrests for drug violations and four arrests for alcohol violations.

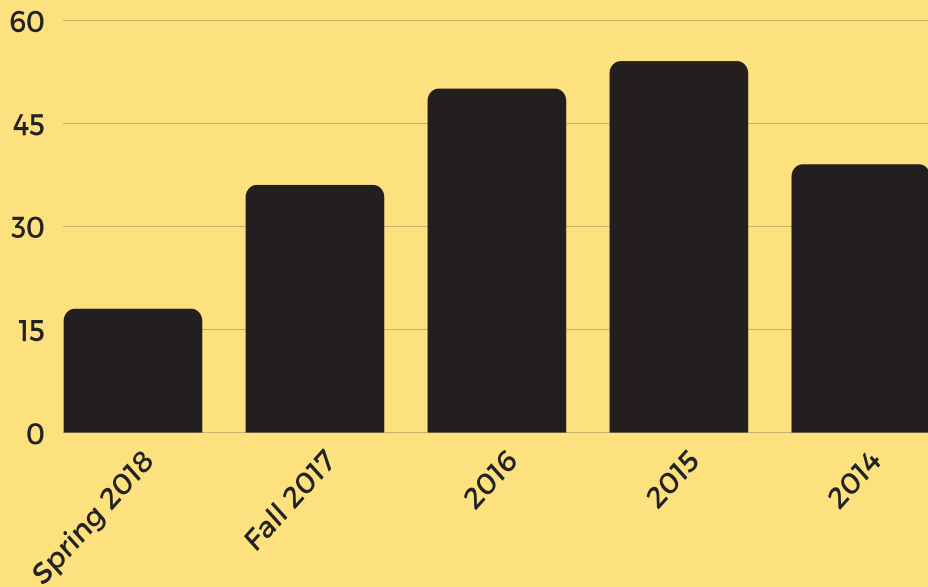
“If we believe that it will benefit and help fix the problem, we can put them in the court system. That means we would cite them in the court, we would issue them a citation or an arrest warrant for that simple possession,” Williams said. “Because we want these students to not get in a lot of legal trouble and get tied up in the system, we prefer to refer them to the dean and housing.”

Most incidents are handled within the university, but if an unaffiliated person is caught with illegal substances it must be

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CAMPUS CRIME

APSU Campus Crime Log shows most crimes deal with Alcohol and Drug Violations



OUTCOME:

Spring 2018	Fall 2017	2016
Referral: 10	Referral: 10	Referral: 46
Reports: 2	Reports: 18	Reports: 0
Arrest: 0	Arrest: 0	Arrest: 4
Citation: 2	Citation: 3	Citation: N/a
2015	2014	
Referral: 48	Referral: 38	
Reports: N/a	Reports: N/a	
Arrest: 6	Arrest: 1	
Citation: N/a	Citation: N/a	

The data collected is based on the 2017 Clery Act and the APSU Crime Log.

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Organization helps fight cancer with hats

‘Love Your Melon’ hosts bone marrow drive for students wanting to help

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APSU’s Love Your Melon campus crew hosted a Swab Drive to engage APSU students and encourage them to join the registry to help potentially save lives on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 in the Morgan University Center lobby in front of Einstein Bro’s Bagels.

Students must meet the health requirements to participate.

If they meet the requirements, all that is left is to swab their cheeks.

APSU’s branch of Love Your Melon is

part of the national Love Your Melon organization.

“We are a part of the nationwide apparel brand that is dedicated to giving a hat to every child battling cancer in America. Their crew program allows college students to raise awareness about pediatric cancer and directly improve pediatric cancer patients’ lives,” President of APSU’s Love Your Melon organization Daisia Frank said.

“One of Love Your Melon’s nonprofit partners is Be the Match. Be the Match is a blood marrow donor registry for blood cancer patients who need a 6/10 indicator

match to get a transfusion,” Frank said.

These bone marrow donations are vital in the fight for saving lives.

“For thousands of people diagnosed with blood cancers such as Leukemia, Lymphoma and sickle cell disease, their only hope for life is a blood marrow transplant,” Frank said. “The registry is in desperate need of diversification because, although thousands of people have signed up, there is still a great disparity in donors from underrepresented ethnicities.”

The choice to be a bone marrow donor could potentially be life-altering.

By voluntarily donating blood,

individuals can potentially become a match for someone and give someone the gift of life.

“No amount of money or prize can compensate a life,” Frank said. “You may be a match for someone who has been desperately waiting for a donor or a few years down the road someone might be diagnosed, and you will already be on the registry waiting to answer their prayers.”

“It really is a blessing to yourself and many others,” Frank said. “That is the true impact of being a donor.” For more information, visit, www.loveyourmelon.com



Rep. Turner addresses students about the legacy of late APSU Professor, Betty Joe Wallace on Thursday, March 28. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE

WALLACE

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Caucus of State Legislators. Following this, Representative Turner has served under many committees and institutions devoted to equal rights for all people and has been received with great publicity for these actions.

Turner is a member of the Board of Directors of the NAACP Tennessee State Conference. Memphis being her beloved home, she was President of the Memphis Alliance of Black School Educators, as well as being a prominent figure on the Memphis/Shelby County Anti-Predatory Lending Coalition.

She was also a Vice Chairman of the Health, Educational and Housing Facility Board of Shelby County.

All of this and what follows is Legislator of the Year Award for the Arc Mid-South in 2014 and the Tennessee Truth Teller Award from Sigma Theta Sorority. She gained appreciation for Relentless and Dedicated Service in the Fight for Justice in Civil Rights and Human Dignity from the Tennessee State Conference of the NAACP.

She also was a special guest appearance on the PBS documentary Memories of the March, Turner being one of only two from Memphis who participated in the 1963 March on Washington.

Turner’s lecture is part of a memorial series honoring the late APSU professor Betty Joe Wallace.

Wallace was an APSU professor who served the campus from 1965 to 2004, providing nearly 40 years of scholastic benefit to the many Govs, both faculty and students.

Her main discipline was teaching history but her crowning credentials were founding the African American Studies and the Women’s Studies Programs.

This occurred during a considerable time, as it was not too long after the Civil Rights Movement, the courses she taught in the 1970s to the APSU campus, and she taught them alone, creating a special culture within the campus community.

Wallace’s main passion and concern was education and its effective outreach to the people she dedicated her teaching to. Wallace, much like Turner, contained a profound fervidness towards teaching and its impact to the people who received it.

She trained many aspiring teachers in the nearby public schools of Clarksville in history and social studies.

She was chairman of the APSU Affirmative Action Committee and during her tenure as a Faculty Senate member, specifically in the year 1991, she created a memorandum that recommended female candidates for deanship position and higher-level positions, which was successfully passed through.

Wallace was also a successful author, publishing two books during her career—Fort Donelson’s National Battlefield: A Botanical and Historical Perspective in 1997 and Land Between the Lakes in Kentucky and Tennessee: Four Decades of Tennessee Valley Authority Management in 2002.

She passed away on April 14, 2014.

“If students take on the position of leadership as Professor Wallace did,” Jill Eichhorn, coordinator of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program and establisher of the memorial event (along with Dr. Michele Butts of the Department of History and Philosophy), said “our communities will be stronger.”

Indeed, Turner’s speech fully dedicated and represented Dr. Wallace’s fundamental character. Her life story from a little child on a plantation, to growing up as a young girl in racist Memphis, to her political ambitions to eradicate systematic prejudice across the country definitely compliments Dr. Wallace’s career.

It was a special and rare treat to have Turner come and speak to the APSU community about her lifetime and honoring the values of Wallace. This is, however, the first Wallace memorial service to be held and is now officially established as an APSU tradition.

There will be in a year’s time another Wallace dedication to be presented to the APSU public.

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reported to legal authorities.

Many drug and alcohol violations happen in student residences.

“What happens with those most of the time is that housing will call us and they’re either doing their safety inspections or someone has smelled the odor of marijuana,” Williams said. “Housing does the search, and then we deal with them after the search is conducted.”

Students can call the housing department if they witness or smell marijuana in the residence halls.

“It’s a very distinct smell, if staff smells that or if students smell that, then they’ll call that in and that’s how we find the majority of that stuff,” Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Housing Joe Mills said.

Students have smelled marijuana in the dorms.

“I have, I’ve smelled [marijuana],” freshman psychology major Paige Anderson said. “I smell it a lot, actually.”

Sophomore communications major Delaney McCorkle has also noticed marijuana use in the dorms.

“I have smelled marijuana in the halls every now and then. Sometimes I’ll pass someone in the hall, and it will hit me like a train. Or I’ll get in the elevator, and I will smell it,” McCorkle said.

McCorkle said she knows someone who was kicked off of campus for being in possession of drug paraphernalia and alcohol. The items were found during a health and safety check.

“Obviously I knew drugs were a thing that some people do, but I didn’t realize how big of a problem it was until about February,” McCorkle said.

Housing staff sometimes finds drugs or alcohol when called for a noise violation.

“Usually with alcohol it’s either a loud party situation that we’re brought to the room or it’s in a public setting that we can see it,” Mills said.

Students can be charged legally with an alcohol violation as well, but they usually get a referral.

“If they are under 21 they can be charged with possession by a minor, but we prefer to just refer them back

to housing through the dean,” Williams said.

When a student is charged with a code of conduct violation through the university, they have two options: an administrative hearing with a faculty member or they can have their case heard by the University Hearing Board, a panel of students, faculty and staff.

These violations have occurred in every residence hall, but freshman dorms such as Castle Heights, and Govs North have more occurrences than others.

“[Freshmen] might not understand the rules and regulations when they come to school. I think that the use of marijuana with high school students is probably on the increase. I think that it is more accepted with that age of student, they’re used to smoking it in high school and they continued on in college,” Mills said.

Not all drug and alcohol violations happen in housing.

“Now if we pull somebody over for a traffic stop and the officer walks up to the car, and the person rolls down their window and they smell marijuana, then it is officer initiated, we have a right to search the vehicle,” Williams said.

While APSU officials try to refrain from charging students legally, students can still face significant consequences for drug use on campus.

“To me the worst case scenario would be if we caught them with an amount that we deemed was enough to put in the criminal justice system. The courts would decide what the outcomes would be,” Williams said.

Students can also lose their residence.

“It ranges from a reprimand to housing suspension. The only thing that is a guaranteed suspension for a housing student is a drug violation. We have a zero-tolerance [policy] on drugs,” Mills said. “Any illicit drug, if they go through the judicial process and are found responsible, then they are suspended out of housing.”

The goal of campus officials is to fix problems students may have.

“Hopefully, they learn their lesson the first time, and we never have that problem again,” Williams said. “That’s our goal, we want to see them get their education and become the person they want to be.”

CRIME LOG



SIMPLE POSSESSION OR CASUAL EXCHANGE	a.m. (Reported Wednesday, March 28) Open
Meacham Apt -235B West Ave Wednesday, March 28- 11:30 p.m. Referral	
THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	THEFT (ALL OTHER)
711 Marion St. Wednesday, March 21- 7:55	Foy Recreation Center- 425 Marion St. Tuesday, March 27 4:30 p.m. Report



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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

Seeking Our Cyber Security

The social media we use to keep up to date do not respect our need for privacy



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My friend recently convinced me to create a Twitter account last week. Finally succumbing to the corporate reality of promoting my business self on the Internet, I decided to go along with it and create my account.

It recommended a list of people to follow starting off, based on my contacts and interests. Because I was just getting my feet in the water, I followed all but four of them.

Thirty minutes later, I received a notification from Twitter that my account was suspended for “suspicious activity,” and I needed to verify my account was not a bot.

Unfortunately, Twitter demanded I give them my phone number in order to verify I was real; an email was not acceptable. As I ranted to my friends about being forced to violate my privacy in order to access an account that was locked for undisclosed reasons, I started to wonder why I bother giving social media any of my information at all.

It is not like companies have given me any reasons to trust them with my account information. Facebook has recently come under fire for a leak that reportedly exposed millions of accounts and their information. As Facebook is my primary social media for connecting with friends and coworkers, this news seriously made me reconsider having a Facebook in the first place.

Despite what the constant stream of notifications would like me to believe, giving them my personal phone number would not have prevented a third-party app from siphoning my account info. In fact, leaked memos suggest Facebook was not just aware of the leaks, but complicit in them. Why would I trust them with anything? Better yet, why am I still using it?

Facebook is not alone in this problem. I remember the early days of Snapchat. It came out that they do, keep records of snaps users send one another, despite the marketed message of “temporary” messages. The Internet went ablaze over it. To be fair, I was too, until I

remembered Twitter and Facebook do it as well.

There are websites and databases you can use to access older tweets you would never find simply scrolling. Journalists do it all the time in order to more accurately quote official sources. Did you delete that questionable tweet? Joke’s on you; social media companies keep digital archives of post history in their private servers for several years, just in case someone like the government needs to access them. Those can be hacked too. You are not safe then, either.

Did Google say they take your account information seriously? Yeah, right. They have been selling your info to advertisers for years, and you gave them the right to do that when you skipped past the terms and conditions.

My own cell phone recommends apps I might want to access based on a daily pattern. It tracks using my location and services Apple turns on by default. My phone knows when I am at “work” and when I am “home,” and will suggest content I should access based on that schedule it developed all on its own.

I cannot think of a single company I would entrust personal information to beyond an email address and my first name. These days, I am not even sure I want to give them my last name anymore. With all this in mind, why would I ever trust Twitter with my phone number?

This piece sounds extremely alarmist in nature, and to an extent, it is. Take it from me, the person who had to cancel their debit card last week because someone hacked their Walmart account. We were never actually safe on the Internet. We are only just now realizing it.

There are steps, however, we can take to minimize this risk. After all, the true enemy in all this is ignorance.

I am not suggesting you spend the next hour reading all the terms and conditions when you create your Facebook profile, but try to keep some things in mind. Do not give out any personal information you are not comfortable giving. Assert your dominance. You are the one in power here, not Twitter. Always double-check your privacy settings on every account you own, period. You do not want certain

ads on your browser? There is a setting for that. You do not want your first and last name appearing publically on your account? There is a setting for that. See what you can do to protect your identity. Try to avoid using the same username and password combo for every account

you own; it will come back to bite you like it did for me.

Ignorance is the enemy, and research is its weakness. Times are changing, and we need to be prepared to accept that reality. In many cases, we literally cannot afford to do otherwise.



CELESTE MALONE | THE ALL STATE

We are “aware,” what is next?

With so much information for everyone to take in, nobody is motivated to help



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Every month, you hear someone speak up that it is something “Awareness Month.” April is Autism Awareness Month, Alcohol Awareness Month, Arab-American Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month, among others. March was Brain Injury Awareness Month, Endometriosis Awareness Month and Gender Equality Month, and May will be Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month, Celiac Awareness month and more.

Personally, I cannot be aware of everything at once. I do not try to be. If there is an event happening that interests me, I might attend and let the presenters inform me. If I have personal involvement with the topic being discussed, I might reblog and retweet info on it daily to “do my part,” but ultimately I am no activist.

Awareness Months do not accomplish very much with me. I am not alone in this.

As said on susannahbirsch.com “People don’t know how to help. So they “share” with their friends, hoping that will help in some way – something which has become known as ‘slacktivism’ or ‘hashtag activism’. But really, how much help is it when everyone knows about a

problem but does nothing?”

As mentioned on ssir.org, the Information Deficit Model suggests that there is a held belief that people do not believe in many new advancements of technology or science because of a lack of knowledge. The idea is that if people knew and properly understood the problem, they would be motivated to think and act differently about it.

However, there is not much evidence to support this is true. Knowing about something does not usually lead to people knowing how they can help, besides maybe donating a few dollars or sharing a social media post.

The solution to this is for movements to become clear about the change they want to see and how they want to see it implemented.

“To move the needle on the issues we care about the most, research and experience both show that we must define actionable and achievable calls to action that will lead a specific group of people to do something they haven’t done before,” it said on ssir.org.

On the individual level, if you would like to be a better contributor to the movements Awareness Months present to you, one option is to do further research on your own. You can find the next steps possible for you and take them instead of just scrolling past. You can reach out to people with the diseases, races and conditions supported and ask them how you can help.



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EXTRAS

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

King Crossword

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- 1 Dillon or Damon
- 5 Greek vowel
- 8 Heap
- 12 Cooling drink
- 14 Smell
- 15 Execrate
- 16 Island garlands
- 17 Sch. org.
- 18 Not quite upright
- 20 Big name in California wines
- 23 Soreness
- 24 Do as you're told
- 25 Wide ruffle
- 28 Conk out
- 29 Lead the way
- 30 Playwright Levin
- 32 Beat decisively
- 34 Follow closely
- 35 Manitoba native
- 36 Tending (to)
- 37 Lecherous observer
- 40 — carte
- 41 Off the base, for short
- 42 Proclaim
- 47 Toy block name
- 48 Washington Monument,
- e.g.
- 49 Rewrite, maybe
- 50 Hot tub
- 51 Chills and fever
- er's woe
- 9 Concept
- 10 Pork cut
- 11 Formerly, formerly
- 13 Car
- 19 Actress Elisabeth
- 20 Deity
- 21 Somewhat
- 22 Sly look
- 23 Carroll heroine
- 25 Solemn occasions
- 26 "Arrivederci"
- 27 Ireland
- 29 Mentor
- 31 Beer cousin
- 33 Spotted wild-cat
- 34 Emotional upset
- 36 Trudge on
- 37 Crooner Jerry
- 38 As yet unpaid
- 39 Boo-Boo's companion
- 40 "— Karenina"
- 43 Siesta
- 44 Run-down horse
- 45 French vineyard
- 46 — out a living

DOWN

- 1 Central
- 2 High card
- 3 Roman X
- 4 Doubly thick
- 5 Sicilian volcano
- 6 Sleuth, briefly
- 7 212 or 718, e.g.
- 8 Allergy suffer-
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**SGA ELECTIONS FOR SENATE
AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**SGA ELECTIONS:
APRIL 3-5**

Voting will open on PeayLink at 9 a.m. April 3 and end at 11:45 p.m. April 5. Voting polls will be available in the MUC lobby and front of the library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the election.

- » Voting ratification will be at 4 p.m. April 6 in Claxton 103
- » Chief Justice applications due April 6
- » Tribunal applications due April 6

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MAGIC MAZE ● THINGS THAT FLOW

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Air
- Blood
- Cash
- Conversation
- Data
- Electrons
- Glaciers
- Ice
- Ketchup
- Lava
- Molasses
- Money
- River
- Stream
- Water

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FEATURES

Race to the end: SGA president

3 SGA candidates run for president for 2018-2019 term, each bringing a vision of reform for the organization in areas of outreach, students

COLIN CRIST



DOMINIC GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association (SGA) has announced the three presidential candidates on the ballot for the upcoming year. Junior physics major Colin Crist said he has proven, through his work for APSU’s campus as well as his community, that he is deserving of his candidacy.

Venturing into his freshman year of college, Crist was looking for an organization he could dedicate his time to and positively impact.

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“What I offer the student body is an experienced leader who still wishes to grow, a man who will put in the hours and work to build up an organization he’s been a part of for his entire time at APSU.”

COLIN CRIST
JUNIOR PHYSICS MAJOR

HALEY PALMERI



ASHLEY THOMPSON
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

“It’s Time,” junior art major Haley Palmeri said as her running slogan for SGA president.

Palmeri is running her campaign on this slogan and stating the goal is complete transparency and accountability. She is a founding member of Sigma Kappa and participated in organizations like *The All State* and SGA during her time as a student.

“I ran because I was in middle college at APSU and I wrote articles for *The All*

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“We are such a huge female-dominated campus, and we are not being represented. I want to help inspire the women on campus to also work for powerful positions on campus.”

HALEY PALMERI
JUNIOR ART MAJOR

COURTNEY COVINGTON



DOMINIC GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association (SGA) has announced three candidates for president on the ballot for the upcoming year. One of them, junior education major Courtney Covington, through extra-curriculars and extensive community outreach, has the qualifications for the position.

“I joined [SGA] in the second semester of my freshman year,” Covington said. “Since then, so many doors have been opened for me.”

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“We have so many healthy debates as to what should come next. SGA is allowing me the platform to inspire current students and incoming freshmen that were in my shoes on day one.”

COURTNEY COVINGTON
JUNIOR EDUCATION MAJOR

Swords, martial arts: the sparring club



Kendo and Iai have roots dating back to ancient Japan, after its unification. Today, practitioners study the art form as a form of sparring, akin to fencing and other fighting sports. MIYA HANEY | THE ALL STATE

Group practices Kendo, Lai martial arts passed down from ancient Japan

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Have you ever wanted to be calm and at ease with life by getting peace in your mind? A Kendo and Iai sparring club might be for you. Many students might be unaware about this club at APSU.

“This is a Japanese art,” junior chemistry major Phillip Knight said. “There were many ways to sheet a sword. Different clans of samurai dealt with them differently.”

After the unification of Japan and Edo period of peace time, all the swordsmen came together to work through all the

details on the best fighting styles.

From there it has been passed down, generation to generation. The club has two fighting styles, Kendo and Iado.

“Iado is far more ceremonial. Practicing certain set of moves, a very much formal thing,” Knight said.

Kendo focuses more on the bamboo the martial artist is using. It is considered the Japanese equivalent of fencing, dueling to hit your opponent for points. They are typically wearing armor.

“Here at APSU we teach this method, but we do not execute it due to the lack

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COVINGTON

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Wanting to branch out and break out of his shell, Covington joined SGA with the idea that working with like-minded individuals who want to make an effective and lasting change in the community would benefit him.

“So many people say they want to make a change, but won’t take initiative,” Covington said.

While the SGA features a more political and professional landscape for students that take part, Covington was no stranger to student government positions.

In high school, he served in the student government. There, he would organize such events like homecoming dances for students to enjoy. This position, however, did not give him the platform to be an effective voice for the student body, as there were many limitations. These limitations do not translate to the APSU

student government, where Covington feels he is constantly challenged to better himself for the campus community through legislation he can create.

“We have so many healthy debates as to what should come next,” Covington said. “SGA is allowing me the platform to inspire current students and incoming freshmen that were in my shoes on day one.”

SGA is not the only place that Covington takes pride in being part of on campus. He is currently a Resident Assistant on campus, this being the first year he has served this role.

What he says he finds most intriguing and special about being a resident’s assistant is the diversity in the students he interacts with daily.

Similarly, Covington is part of the African-American male mentoring program titled “achievers and scholars,” a program of the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center. Through the mentoring program, he, as well as those

involved, have been able to listen to key influential speakers with experience. Lastly, he works to expand the Mount Zion church in Nashville through campus ministry.

Covington has a strong community outreach goal. He has volunteered many times at the Mana Café packaging food for family and serving late night dinners.

Covington also spearheaded a project he is particularly proud of: Cards for Jacob. This project took place in November of last year. All that young Jacob wanted for Christmas were Christmas cards. After staying in the hospital with a likely chance of not making it to Christmas due to his battle with cancer, Jacob was pleasantly surprised on Thanksgiving with the cards Covington managed to get for him, with the help of many other kind individuals. Jacob died some time later.

“All this has molded me into the person I am today,” Covington said. “Seeing all the hard work pay off is very humbling.” Covington has passed three pieces

“So many people say they want to make a change, but won’t take initiative.”

COURTNEY COVINGTON
JUNIOR EDUCATION MAJOR

of legislation at the beginning of this semester, and he said he is always thinking of future legislations.

Arguing there is always room for improvement, Covington talks to students to get their input. He said it is important for him to be as invested in knowing the student body as it is to be invested in his work for them.

He is confident that all his prior work brought him to this moment, and all his current work will bring him to new heights.

“It didn’t take long before I had this gut feeling that APSU is the place for me,” Covington said.

CRIST

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“The benefits of student government were quite clear,” Crist said. “The networking opportunities...produced an environment in which I could grow and develop.”

Ever since he was a child, Crist strived for excellence wherever he could. Despite being part of the SGA for three years, he is also a proud member of APSU’s Army ROTC program. This program tends to require commitments off campus.

Last summer, Crist spent a month training at Fort Knox. This summer, he will leave for another month to an advanced camp at Fort Knox.

He attributes most of his leadership qualities to the hard work and valuable training he has experienced with the program.

Crist served as a Structured Learning Assistance Leader, a peer leader, Vice President of Programing on the Interfraternity Council and is currently

in the Honor’s Program as well as the President’s Emerging Leader’s Program. He served two years as Senator and one year on the executive council in the SGA. He has been on the forefront of major events like the Mudbowl, GHOST and the Big Event on campus.

He said this list of accolades is a testament to what exactly he can offer as President of SGA, because having yet to spread himself too thin, Crist has maintained a 3.61 GPA.

“What I offer the student body is an experienced leader who still wishes to grow,” Crist said, “a man who will put in the hours and work to build up an organization he’s been a part of for his entire time at APSU.”

As Senator, Crist offered various legislation that altered SGA guidelines. One resolution he offered gave APSU’s student government an official stance on the state’s FOCUS act.

This act initially prevented students to have enough power to influence change on campus by diminishing the power of the student member of the board of

trustees. Despite his efforts, the state legislature passed the FOCUS Act.

“Student government should be an outlet for change on campus,” Crist said. “It should be an organization where students can come and freely express concerns regarding campus life.”

Recently Crist passed legislation that affects the planning process of major events hosted by the SGA. Now, a committee of senators will be tasked to each person behind the events. This way, more ideas will be shared in turn making each event run smoothly.

Aside from his work on campus, he has collected governmental and political experience through attending the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature.

This is a time where students from across the state come together and write legislation that will in turn promote positive change.

Similarly, Crist has set time to help the community. Most recently, Crist volunteered for over a week in Trinidad and Tobago in partnership with Habitat

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JUNIOR PHYSICS MAJOR

for Humanity. Crist was also a founding member of Relay for Life. This is an organization that raises money for the American Cancer Society. He is now Relay’s student advisor.

“As president, my top priorities will be to facilitate that connection between the student voice and the administration and to refine and revise SGA’s major events,” Crist said. “SGA can be great: it just will take the dedication and long hours of a strong President.”

PALMERI

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State about SGA, and I saw there was a lot of things wrong,” Palmeri said. “Then when I got my previous seat with SGA as Chief Clerk, I created legislation based on transparency. That is my platform I am running on now.”

She was inspired by wanting change in SGA and wanting students to know how much they contribute to student government.

Palmeri said she wants students to participate with SGA more and help to hold them accountable to any of their actions.

“Something a lot of people don’t know is that every student pays a \$5 SGA fee and that pays for the scholarships of each seat. The president gets tuition off, the VP gets half tuition off, and the chief justice gets three fourths off, secretary getting half off as well,” Palmeri said.

Student funds go toward SGA, and students are the voters and pitchers for legislation ideas. Palmeri talked about wanting students to know they play a role in how SGA works.

“We aren’t getting good representation in SGA for the student voice, and I quit SGA last year because I got tired of feeling so passionate about it while no one was matching that passion,” Palmeri said. “Gandhi said, ‘be the change you want to see in the world,’ and that quote inspired me that I needed to step up to work toward my passions for the change.”

Palmeri also spoke about wanting to show that a woman could be successful as an SGA president, just as much as a man.

SGA has not had a female president for the last 17 years.

“I am very inspired by women’s empowerment. I have already been told I shouldn’t be running for this position because I am a woman,” Palmeri said. “I have been told I am wasting my time,

effort and money.”

Palmeri talked about wanting to represent all students and she said women are one of the largest populations on APSU’s campus, and she said they are under-represented in the current student government.

“We are such a huge female dominated campus, and we are not being represented. I want to help inspire the women on campus to also work for powerful positions on campus,” Palmeri said. “I want to bridge the gap between the students and SGA.”

Palmeri said she was ready to use her passion and drive on this election and position if she is elected. She believes the SGA president is a huge responsibility and a position that needs someone passionate about the job.

“Some people don’t think this is important, but I think my art is what motivates me. In my art I want to talk about the underdogs. My sister has autism and I have always been the

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JUNIOR ART MAJOR

natural leader, a big sister, fighting for her to get the treatment she deserves,” Palmeri said.

She said she has “always stuck up for the minorities and tried to be a voice by using my white privilege for good. I want to fight for all the students. I want to fight for everybody if I am elected.”

KENDO

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of equipment and safety risk it brings forward,” Knight said.

Just like any other sport, this club

starts their meeting with a deep stretch.

“Stretching physically helps you stretch out so if you go to do a cut or any basic move, you don’t over strain yourself,” sophomore criminal justice major Rachel Coleman said.

Observers may wonder as to the

benefits of studying such an art.

“You learn more about yourself. It teaches you responsibilities and discipline,” instructor of the club Floyd Mullins said.

Though the club is not the biggest on campus, it has a strong sense of

community within.

“It feels like more of a family when it comes to the club. Me teaching them is like teaching my brothers and sisters,” Mullins said.

The club meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Health Center.



Kendo and lai each have a different focus. While lai is ceremonial and more formal, Kendo focuses on the bamboo a duelist is using and is often performed in tournaments as a sport. MIYA HANEY | THE ALL STATE

SPORTS

Softball sweeps Eagles

RILEY GRUBBS
STAFF WRITER

It was indeed Good Friday on March 30, as the Govs swept the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles in a two-game home series, improving to 20-9 (5-1 OVC).

GAME 1, APSU 7, TTU 2

APSU got off to an electric start in the first game, outscoring the Golden Eagles 6-1 in the first three innings. After the third inning, the Govs gave up only one more run, while securing one of their own.

The third inning saw a barrage of offense from the Govs who batted in an outstanding five runs.

The Govs also relied on strong pitching to help dismantle the Golden Eagles offense.

Head Coach Rodney DeLong told letsgoapeay.com “Morgan (Rackel) was solid in Game 1, had a career-high 12 strikeouts and gave us a chance to win.”

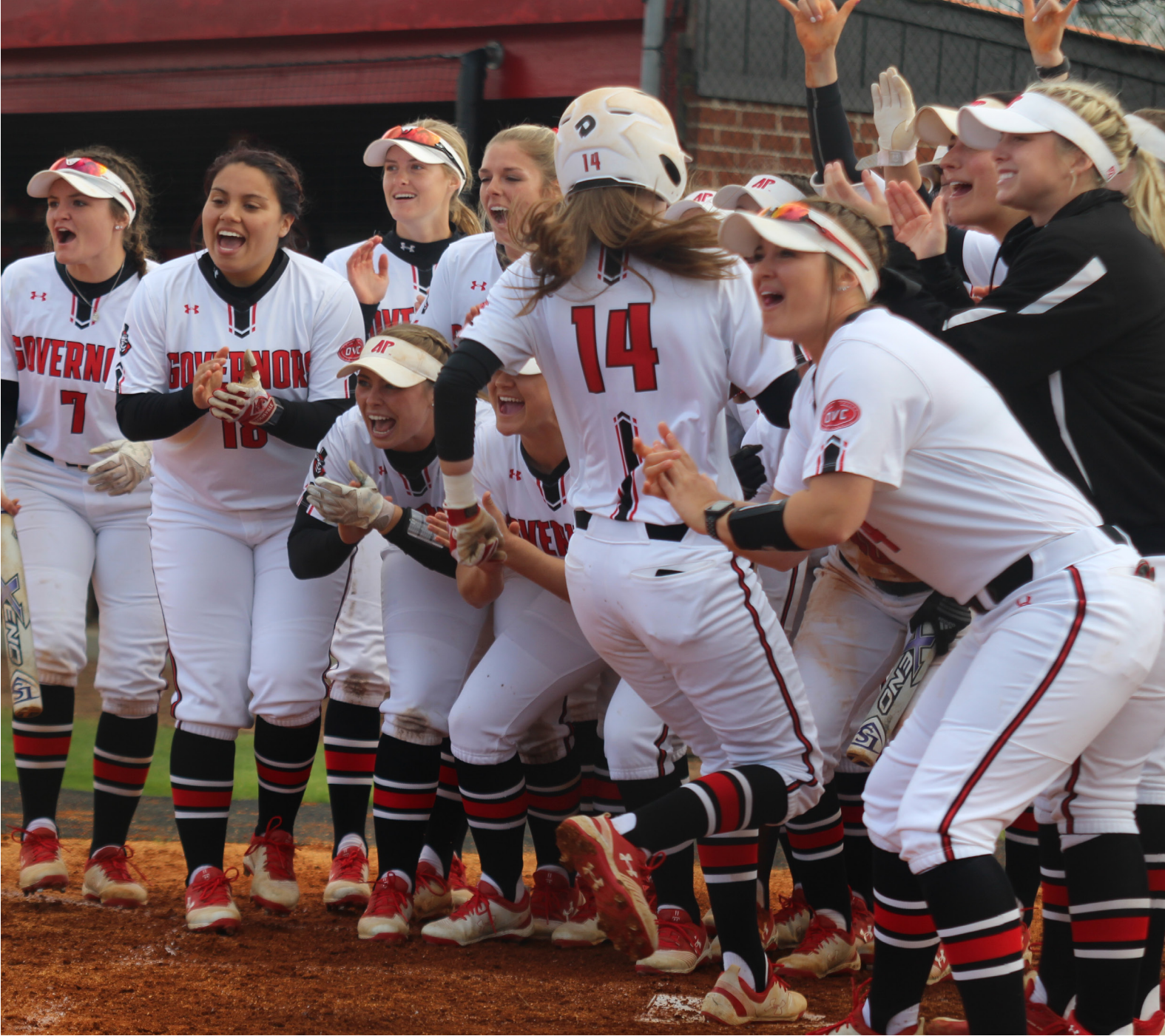
GAME 2, APSU 2, TTU 1

The second game was much more tightly contested than the first. APSU scored a run in the first inning, taking an early 1-0 advantage. The Govs struck again in the third inning with another run batted in.

The Golden Eagles tried to fight back into the game after getting a run in during the fourth inning. The Govs turned up the intensity and did not let another run in during the game, securing the 2-1 victory.

Pitching in the second game was just as dominant as it was in the first. Coach DeLong said to letsgoapeay.com “Kelly (Mardones) was really good in Game 2 keeping them (Tennessee Tech) off balance and getting a lot of ground balls.”

The Govs have gotten off to a blazing hot start to open up conference play, starting off with an impressive 5-1 record in the conference.



Softball celebrates as the team topples visiting Tennessee Tech in a double header on Friday, March 30 at Cheryl Holt Field. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE

Fast Start

Softball opened up their first five conference games of the season with a 4-1 stride. A feat that the Govs have not done since the 2002 season. APSU holds 20 wins on the season at the moment.

That is three more than the 2017 season’s total wins and 12 more than the total wins in 2016.

Mound Presence

The Govs have only featured four pitchers this season. While that number may seem small, APSU is strong on the spot.

Junior Morgan Rackell leads the Govs with 106 strikeouts, while junior Kelly Mardones boasts a 1.93 ERA.

Long Ball

APSU’s offense produces. Simple as that.

The Govs have blasted 32 home runs through the first 30 games of 2018.

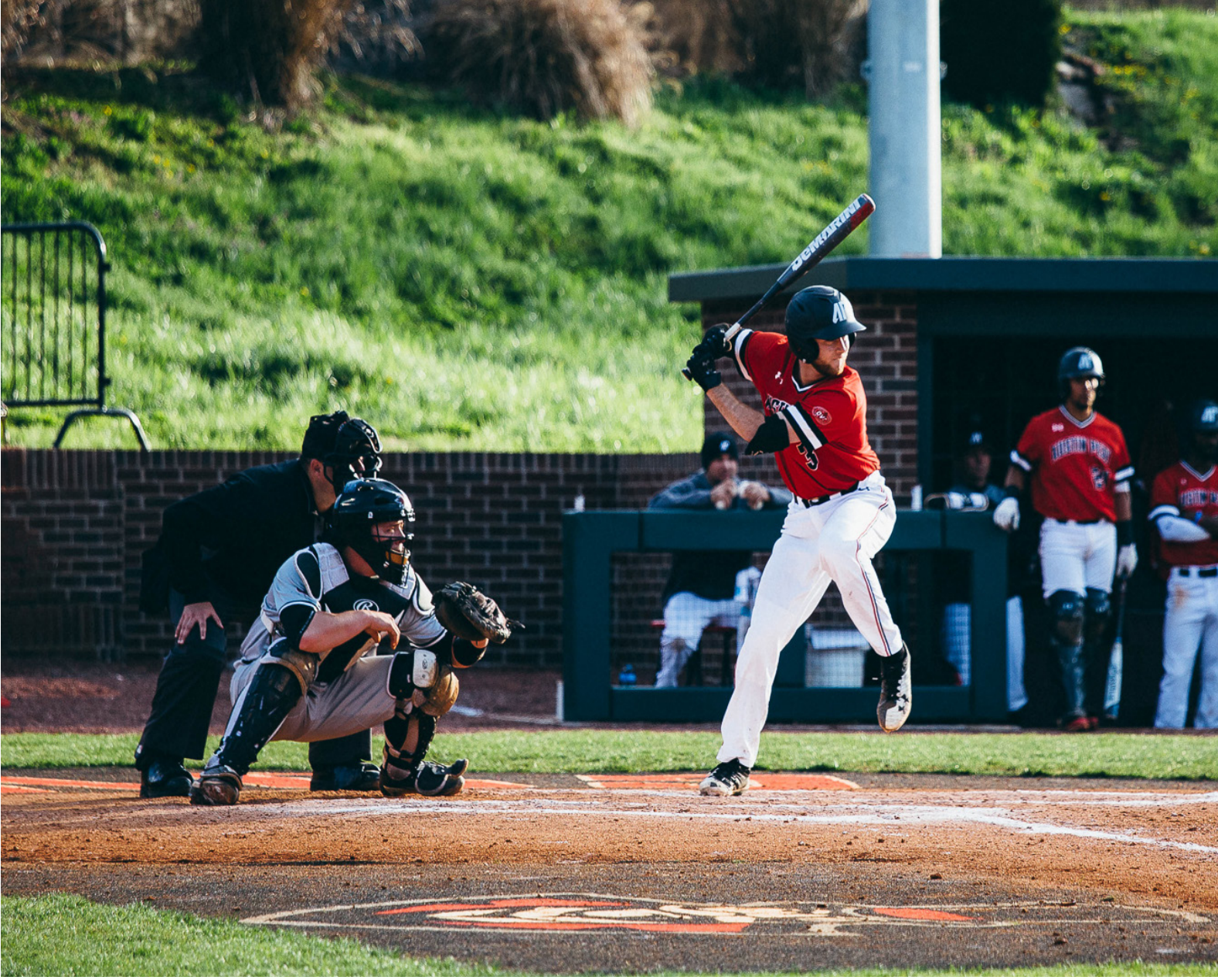
To put that in perspective, the team has allowed only 13. That is as many as junior Danielle Liermann has sent out this season. The team averages a .451 slugging percentage.

Home Field Advantage

The Govs start their season undefeated at Cheryl Holt Field. While weather has allowed only three of the squad’s 30 games to be played in Clarksville, the team wins games in front of the APSU most faithful.

The Govs have allowed a total of 4 runs at home as well.

Baseball takes Easter series with SEMO 2-1



Kyle Wilson takes a swing as the Govs top SEMO two to one in the Easter Series. The Govs move to 7-5 in the conference. BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

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SPORTS EDITOR

APSU baseball edged out Southeast Missouri 2-1 in a three game series on Saturday, March 30, and Sunday, March 31. The Govs (16-12) move to 7-5 and fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Southeast Missouri 5, APSU 6 Friday, March 30 (1 p.m.)

The Govs started their series out by edging SEMO in a 6-5 thriller featuring a Garrett Kueber walk-off double.

Kueber’s run knocked in both Malcolm Tipler and Imani Willis to start the weekend in a winning fashion.

APSU opened up their scoring with a Parker Phillips left field blast in the bottom of the second.

On the mound, Michael Constanzo and Brett Newberg combined for nine strikeouts and allowed 16 hits.

Southeast Missouri 6, APSU 7 Friday, March 30 (4:30 p.m.)

The Govs topped SEMO in the second game of their double-header with another walk off win.

SEMO’s Aaron Stretch’s balk resulted in all runners advancing. This included Aaron Campbell, who advanced from third base to home for the victory.

The win on the mound was credited to freshman Harley Gollert, who faced eight batters and recorded two strikeouts.

Southeast Missouri 20, APSU 4 Saturday, March 31

The Govs struggled to contain SEMO’s offense on Saturday’s addition of the series. The Redhawks raked in five runs before APSU had an opportunity to take the plate.

For more stats visit letsgoapeay.com.

World Cup Watch
Brazil

There is still an omen that circulates when people speak of Brazil and the World Cup.

That being, of course, the 7-1 defeat in the semifinals of the 2014 World Cup at the hands of Germany.

The greatest defeat in the history of Brazilian soccer happened four years ago and on the biggest stage of them all. To make matters worse, that happened when it was Brazil's turn to host the global tournament.

The defeat shattered fan support, and left a bad taste in Brazilian mouth's for years.

This tournament is a crucial stepping stone in Brazilian soccer. It serves as the opportunity to see how a team that is as stacked as they come deals with unyielding pressure, lack of faith and doubt.

However, five-time World

Champions Brazil has done what needs to be done to prepare their team for this tournament from the bottom up.

In net enters Alisson, the first choice of both Brazil and his club Roma. The second choice keeper, Manchester City's Ederson, could easily find his name in the starting sheet for various teams making the trip to Russia.

Sitting in front of Alisson continues a stout and strong lineup. Marcelo and Dani Alves sit on the outside will the inside pair of Thiago Silva, who missed the infamous 7-1 defeat, and Paris St. Germain's Marquinhos.

The bite of Brazil lies in what goes forward. While Neymar maybe considered the best in the world at some times, his supporting cast is not short of big names.

Interchangeable and skillful are the two best words to describe a list

of midfield and forwards of players like: Philippe Coutinho, Gabriel Jesus, Paulinho, Willian, Roberto Firmino, Douglas Costa, Casemiro, Fernandinho, and even Shakhtar Donetsk's Fred.

Brazil bring a squad that is experienced and ready, hopeful and focused, confident and humble.

The team is captained by Neymar, who now has experience of being the main leading man since leaving Luis Suárez and Lionel Messi and Barcelona last season.

The Brazilians enter Russia as one of the two most feared teams in the tournament. The tournament offers redemption for the squad that bested Germany 1-0 in a friendly on Tuesday, March 27 behind a first half Jesus header.

A strong performance this summer can cement the Seleção as the only team to win the World Cup a record-breaking six times.

Uncommon path could ease curve for Nashville's Tolvanen

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The secret was out pretty quickly.

A week before the 2015 playoffs, the United States Hockey League's Sioux City Musketeers invited prospect Eeli Tolvanen to skate with them to see about signing him for the following season. He stood out among older players on a first-place team.

"This little 15-year-old kid from Finland who was about 5-foot-6 at the time, he came to that practice and you could tell he was an elite playmaker," now-New York Rangers defenseman Neal Pionk said. "When he was doing that at that age, we could tell almost right away."

Tolvanen now looks like a Finnish Mozart on ice, a child prodigy who reaches the next level of hockey faster than anyone expects. On the verge of turning 19, Tolvanen for his next masterpiece could be playing a meaningful part in a playoff run for the NHL-leading

Nashville Predators, based on the range of his experiences already.

"His growth just step-by-step happened quicker than most people see," said Jay Varady, Tolvanen's coach in Sioux City. "He's just been successful at a really young age in really tough challenges."

At 17, Tolvanen led his team and tied for eighth in points in a USHL full of 19- and 20-year-olds, went 30th in the draft last June to Nashville and decided to go home to play professionally for Jokerit in the Kontinental Hockey League.

Contract talks with the Predators began on draft day and continued as Tolvanen set the KHL scoring record for an 18-year-old and rarely looked out of his depths.

Unlike when Sioux City got a first impression of Tolvanen and thought it a no-brainer to give up its first-round pick to sign him, Jokerit general manager and Hockey Hall of Famer Jari Kurri wasn't sure what to expect.

Sure, Tolvanen lit up Finnish junior leagues, but this was a different level playing against men.

"Since the first day, everybody was pretty clear that this guy is hardly a kid," Kurri said. "Everything went smoothly."

Tolvanen led Finland in scoring at the world juniors twice and tied for second in points among all players at the Olympics as one of the youngest players in the tournament.

Before and after the Olympics, he filled up highlight reels in the KHL and impressed Jokerit staff with more than just his shot.

"He's more like a well-rounded player than many people maybe understand at the moment," coach Jukka Jalonen said. "He can defend excellent, he's really physical, he hits hard, he has good vision on the ice. He can pass the puck over and shoot it, and he can play defense. He's a very sound player."

Pionk didn't see Tolvanen's marksman-like shot in the spring of 2015 because a growth spurt hadn't happened yet.



Govs Results

BASEBALL

March 30, Southeast Missouri*
Win 6-5

March 30, Southeast Missouri*
Win 7-6

April 1, Southeast Missouri*
Loss 20-4

SOFTBALL

March 30, Tennessee Tech*
Win 7-2

March 30, Southeast Missouri*
Win 2-1

WOMEN'S TENNIS

March 27, St. Louis
Win 4-1

March 30, at Southeast Missouri*
Win 4-3

March 31, @ UT-Martin*
Win 5-2

WOMEN'S GOLF

March 31, EKU Colonel Classic
Day 1
9th

April 1, EKU Colonel Classic
Tied 8th

*Denotes Ohio Valley Conference Contest

	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL	M TENNIS
1ST	TENNESSEE TECH	EASTERN ILLINOIS	JACKSONVILLE ST.
2ND	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	APSU	TENNESSEE TECH
3RD	JACKSONVILLE ST.	SIUE	BELMONT
4TH	APSU	JACKSONVILLE ST.	EASTERN KENTUCKY
5TH	BELMONT	EASTERN KENTUCKY	EASTERN ILLINOIS
6TH	MOREHEAD ST	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	TENNESSEE STATE
7TH	EASTERN KENTUCKY	MOREHEAD ST.	APSU
8TH	MU**AY ST.	UT MARTIN	
9TH	SIUE	BELMONT	
10TH	UT MARTIN	MU**AY STATE	
11TH	EASTERN ILLINOIS	TENNESSEE TECH	
12TH		TENNESSEE ST.	