

Local news stations and the Associated Press mentioned APSU in recent stories regarding Ebola and the effect it has had on schools. *TAS*

PELP celebrates 25 years

» By SYDNE SCIVALLY
Staff Writer

The President’s Emerging Leaders Program will celebrate its 25th year at APSU on Friday, Nov. 7.

The program was founded in August of 1989 by former President Oscar Page. He began the program as a way to promote leadership development among high-achieving students. The aim of the program is to prepare students for a lifetime of leadership by creating a curriculum that teaches students about the tools needed for effective leadership. Former psychology professor Linda Rudolph served as the program’s first director. The program makes use of leaders in the community and on campus to serve as examples for the students.

“PELP places a strong emphasis on service and tries to instill in students an approach to leadership that is grounded in both ethical and practical considerations,” said Matthew Kenney, director of the program. “Since becoming PELP director, I have sought to encourage PELP students to become leaders in their respective majors and other areas of academic interest.”

The program is open to students of all majors, and it offers a wide variety of programs and activities to become involved in. PELP students complete service projects, internships and other leadership activities during their time at APSU. PELP juniors go on an annual trip to Trinidad and Tobago to partner with Habitat for Humanity.

Former PELP students have gone on to do great things beyond APSU. In the past four years, two students have received the Goldwater Scholarship, a national scholarship awarded to students majoring in math, natural science and engineering. Three more students have received Goldwater honorable mention recognition. Many PELP students are taking advantage of study-abroad programs, with two students currently studying in Sweden and one scheduled to study in Italy in the spring. Recent PELP alumni are scattered across Tennessee and beyond, studying in medical or law school, graduate programs or working as teachers, nurses and lawyers.

On Friday, Nov. 7, several PELP alumni will visit the club level of the newly renovated Governor’s Stadium to celebrate the program’s 25th anniversary. The evening will be part of APSU’s 2014 Homecoming celebration and will feature the establishment of the Dr. Oscar Page and Dr. Linda Rudolph Scholarship Fund. *TAS*

APSU begins search for new provost

» By DAVID HARRIS
Staff Writer



Interim Provost Jaime Taylor
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APSU is in search of a new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

The provost is the chief academic officer of the university. The previous provost, Tristan Denley, left in August of 2013. Professor Jaime Taylor is currently serving as interim provost and will return to his position of Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics after the search.

The search began three weeks ago. The committee has contracted with a search firm to ensure a strong pool of applicants.

On Monday, Oct. 20, an advertisement was released about the position. Since then, the committee has been collecting applications and will continue until Nov. 20.

After the search, they will meet and narrow down the applicants. The first cut will be made by the end of November. The committee is hoping to have meetings with candidates in the beginning of December.

The search will be narrowed down to three candidates. After interviewing the three candidates, the 15 members of the committee will make recommendations of consideration. Those recommendations will go to

President Alisa White, who will ultimately decide who fills the position. The new provost will start July 1.

Interim Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics Alex King is the chair of the search.

King said he likes how former APSU President Timothy Hall and Provost Denley were in favor of shared governance of the university by the various organizations that provide input, such as Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association. King said he wants someone who reflects those qualities, as well.

Serving as interim provost, Taylor said he has developed a much deeper appreciation of how much everyone at APSU cares about students.

White has held the position of provost and vice President of Academic Affairs at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. White said that her previous position was the best job she had ever had before coming to APSU and that it was a joy for her to work with faculty members committed to the students and their disciplines.

“I developed an appreciation for support services offered by advisers, instructional designers, grants officers and others who supported students and faculty,” White said. “One of the best things about the position is that I had a broad view of the campus and could see possible connections and opportunities for collaboration. Academic Affairs was an exhilarating place to be,” White said.

White said she wants APSU to continue being a national leader in innovation. “APSU has had strong leadership in Academic Affairs, and the person who comes in will be expected to continue to build on that success,” said White. “It’s also important that the person be able to develop and grow areas of opportunity for the university.” *TAS*

Rape reported on campus, victim a student

» STAFF REPORT

On Thursday, Oct. 16, an on-campus rape was reported to the Houston County Sheriff’s Office.

“We received a call from the Houston County Sheriff’s Office that a female claimed she was sexually assaulted in the Meacham Apartments on Oct. 11,” said Assistant Director of Communication, Public Relations and Marketing Charles Booth. “The victim is a student but the alleged suspect is not,” Booth said.

APSU Campus Police notified Clarksville police and an officer was present during the initial investigation. “The victim did not wish to pursue criminal charges, so no further investigation was conducted,” Booth said. *TAS*



Meacham Apartments
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SGA passes two resolutions, Gillman provides legislation ideas

» By LAUREN COTTLE
Assistant Features Editor

Resolution No. 2 passed unanimously during the Student Government Association meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 8. The bill aims to send a formal recommendation to Campus Safety and Roads Committee to convert resident parking by the Memorial Health Building to faculty parking. Sens. Ankit Patel and Zachary Puckett sponsored the bill.

Campus Police is undergoing a six-week study of parking, according to Chief of Police Michael Kasitz. The study is designed to show how campus police can improve parking for students.

Chief Justice Will Roberts said that in the MudBowl follow-up meeting, there have been many good ideas for next year, which might lead to a “complete overhaul” of the event.

President Zac Gillman told senators legislation ideas he’s heard from various students including: giving ROTC priority registration, getting a Redbox on campus and installing napping pods on campus. According to Gillman, Harvard has already installed these pods on campus and has seen success with them.

Resolution No. 3 passed unanimously in the SGA meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 15. The resolution, sponsored by Sens. Gary Brewer and Laken Bowlin,

aims to send a formal letter of recommendation to the Campus Safety and Roads Committee to update current parking signage to Americans with Disabilities Act regulations to accommodate colorblind students.

No new legislation was proposed in the meeting. Vice President Dan Pitts announced senators have six weeks left to submit legislation.

Gillman reported the provost search committee met and that the committee is “confidential from here on out.” They hope to get the candidates picked by early December, recommend the candidate to Tennessee Board of Regents by late January and have the new provost start by July 1. *TAS*

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Oct. 7	10:47 p.m.	False Reports	Shasteen
Oct. 6	1:29 p.m.	Theft of Property	Foy Fitness Center
Oct. 6	2:19 p.m.	Theft of Property	Other
Oct. 5	1:10 p.m.	Underage Poss.	Castle Heights
Oct. 5	12:50 a.m.	Underage Poss.	Meacham Apartments
Oct. 3	9:40 a.m.	Warrant Arrest	Hand Village
Oct. 1	10:41 p.m.	Domestic Assault	Hand Village

Correction: An article from Wednesday, Oct. 8, stated that winners of the Peay Read competition got to present to the author. Those students were recognized in a private dinner with Luma Mufleh, the main character of the book “Outcasts United.” Also, the article should have stated the Peay Read was created by Dixie Dennis, but is now organized by Vice President of Student Affairs Sherryl Byrd.



Do not feed the troll

Students, visiting evangelists increase hostility on campus

» **By LIZA RIDDLE**
Assistant Perspectives Editor

The verbal attacks of some of the visiting evangelists on campus are unacceptable, but the crowd is feeding into the speaker's actions instead of protesting them.

Every once in a while, a loudspeaker and light rumble of a crowd can be heard all over campus, where an evangelist has set up in the MUC Plaza for a day of harassment and attention.

Many of these speakers are here to spread Christianity, but often use this opportunity to verbally attack students and their beliefs in such a way that promotes bitterness rather than repentance.

Not all visiting preachers come to APSU to harass students, but it seems a large number of them are here to do just that.

Some days, a police escort and barricades are required to ensure the safety of the speaker.

Yes, the police have to be there because the speaker has gone too far.

However, the students who angrily crowd around the preacher are partly responsible for the escalation of the problem.

Both sides are stepping over lines that should not be crossed.

The preacher is attacking instead of teaching or evangelizing, and the crowd is heightening the hostility instead of stopping it.

Each side argues their beliefs, but neither side is going to change because of what the other is saying.

The primary problem is not the views of either side, but how they are being expressed.

Both the preacher and students attack each other instead of maturely defending their points.

Attacking someone, either verbally or physically, is not going to get the point across. It is just going to make the other side more aggressive.

The best course of action in this situation is to ignore the preachers and remind yourself they are acting out for the attention.

If they are no longer getting that attention, there is no point for them to come back to campus.

The best statement that can be made against a speaker is that no one cares about their attacks.

If people just casually walk by, the speaker loses the power he or she possessed earlier through having control of the crowd.

Any loss of control on the crowd's part gives power to the speaker, because he or she is suddenly the victim. If the attacks become physical, the speaker then has a lawsuit, which can be used to justify his or her arguments about how wild and out of control college students are.

"I find what the preacher is saying highly offensive," said Chantal Hart, a junior computer science major. "I am a member of the Church of Latter-day Saints, but just because I am not necessarily for gay marriage and a lot of what he is saying does not mean I go around saying that you are going to Hell. I don't care what you do in your private life, but I am not condemning you for it, and he should not either. I think the best way to deal with it is to try to ignore him. I just don't make eye contact with him, and I do not encourage him."

Ignoring the speaker makes an even larger impact than protesting in this situation and protects everyone involved. **TAS**

Little pain for major gain

Everyone should be vaccinated to prevent life-threatening diseases

» **By VALERIE MCALLISTER**
Staff Writer

The debate among Americans on the importance of vaccinating their children and themselves is never-ending.

There are myths about vaccines causing conditions such as autism, but those have shown to be unfounded. Vaccines have no higher risk of causing these conditions than any other common medicine.

There have been numerous studies conducted to determine if vaccinations cause more harm than good. However, the pros have been found to drastically outweigh the cons, and vaccinating could ultimately be a life-saving decision that only takes a few minutes to carry out.

We should vaccinate ourselves and our children for a number of reasons.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, if we stop vaccinating, we will reverse any progress previously made to prevent many diseases.

"The benefits of vaccines greatly outweigh the risks," said sophomore biology major Ronnie Petrino. "You could vaccinate your child and there wouldn't be an imminent risk for contracting a disease."

Vaccines reduce the risk of contracting an infection by working with our bodies to create immunity to particular conditions.

Many people believe vaccines can cause the conditions they are trying to prevent. For instance, people often argue that they can contract the flu from the flu shot.

This is not the case, however. The flu shot uses a deactivated form of the influenza virus that cannot cause illness.

Minor symptoms after receiving a vaccine are normal, because your body is building up its immunity. It is important for adults to vaccinate themselves for many reasons. For one, vaccines received as a child may not last an entire lifetime.

A booster, or an updated vaccine, may help prevent people from contracting certain diseases when childhood vaccines are no longer effective.

Adults with certain medical conditions also have a lower immunity to some diseases and may need the help of vaccines to boost their immune systems.

It is also essential that children be vaccinated.

Children's immune systems are still underdeveloped, so it's important to help build them up so they can grow in good health.

Children are often in environments conducive to the spread of infectious diseases. This includes places such as daycare, school and common play

areas. Failure to vaccinate children puts them at a higher risk to contract certain preventable diseases. Vaccine-preventable diseases are beginning to make a comeback, and the best way to prevent them is to vaccinate.

Vaccinating children for conditions such as measles, mumps and chicken pox helps to build their immune systems so contact with sick children is less likely to cause illness.

Vaccines are also important for future generations.

Decades ago, diseases like polio ran rampant, but vaccinations have helped to nearly eliminate this disease in the U.S.

Vaccines can help ensure diseases that have been eliminated will not make a comeback.

Vaccines greatly reduce the presence of diseases that could be potentially fatal and should therefore be more widely used. **TAS**

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— Ronnie Petrino, sophomore biology major

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Screening
4:30-6:30
p.m.
MUC 303

Thursday,
Oct. 23

ANTSC
Study Skills
Workshop
10-11a.m.
MUC 112

Friday,
Oct. 24

Take Me Out
to the Ball
Game
Dunn Center

Sunday,
Oct. 26

HCC Govs
Cherish and
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Dance Marathon was held Friday, Oct. 17, in the Red Barn. Students danced all night raising more than \$13,000 for the Monroe Carell Jr. Hospital at Vanderbilt.
MEAGHAN MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Students raise \$13,000 for children's hospital

» By EMILY DESPAIN
Staff Writer

It's a little too early for a Halloween party, right? Yes, but it's never too early for a dance marathon.

From 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, until 2 a.m. the following morning, the Red Barn was full of sweaty, dancing students in costumes.

Dance Marathon is an all-night fundraising event for the Monroe Carell Jr. Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Families of children who have stayed at Vanderbilt came and spoke to the dancers and thanked them for their donations. They spoke of the trials and tribulations of having a sick child, but each of the families remained smiling and grateful, causing much of the crowd to tear up as they watched the children hide behind their parents.

Students and faculty donated to the cause and were admitted to this year's fairytale-themed wonderland. After greeting the families and children with a cheering human tunnel, the dancing and games began.

"My favorite part of Dance

Marathon is the kids and seeing their faces light up when we cheer for them because it's not about me or anyone else working here. It's about these kids," said sophomore Dance Marathon worker, Morgan Cline.

Throughout the night, each hour had a new theme. Pirate hour, Disney hour and Harry Potter hour were big hits with the crowd. There were sword fights and a rousing game of Quidditch, and tons of people were thrown in "jail," having to either dance for 20 minutes straight or raise \$20 to bail themselves out.

Even in the wee hours of the morning, when the crowd had thinned, delirious laughter could still be heard from the group showing off the choreographed "Morale Dance".

"I think everything was a huge success," said Kyle Thompson, assistant director of event management. "The theme, attendance and money we raised were unbelievable. I was so impressed, and it can only go up from here." **TAS**

GSA presents annual drag show



The Gay Straight Alliance held its annual drag show Friday, Oct. 10, featuring APSU students and community members.
MEAGHAN MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

‘Outcasts United’ Mufleh speaks to APSU



MEGAN ENDSLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



» **By MARINA HEAD**
Guest Writer

As the culmination of the 2014 Peay Read, Luma Mufleh came to the Dunn Center on Thursday, Oct. 9, to deliver the keynote speech.

Mufleh is the coach of several refugee soccer teams in Clarkston, Ga. They’re called the Fugees, and “Outcasts United,” the book focusing on their experiences was the choice for the Peay Read this year.

As the keynote speaker, Mufleh’s speech is the the final event of the Peay Read.

The first thing that Mufleh did after taking the stage was take a picture to prove she was talking



Top right: Students hold signs with quotes from “Outcasts United” at the Peay Read on Thursday, Oct. 9. Bottom left: Students gather in the Dunn Center for Peay Read speaker Luma Mufleh. MEAGHAN MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

to such a large crowd. After that, she garnered another laugh by admitting that she was hoping to finish the event in time to watch the television show “Scandal” that night.

“I hadn’t expected Mufleh to be funny, so it was quite a surprise when she made some jokes,” said freshman Emma Ferrell.

Once she had the attention of her audience, Mufleh started to talk about her life.

A child of millionaires, she didn’t understand true need until she took a trip to Thailand with her family.

Despite seeing the terrible conditions there, Mufleh admitted she went back to her own life and did nothing about it.

This attitude changed after she moved to the U.S., without the financial support of her family. Mufleh made a wrong turn and found a group of boys playing soccer.

“I asked them if they’d ever played on a team,” Mufleh said. “They said no, but they’d love to.”

Mufleh’s involvement with the refugees only

increased after that. She shuttled boys to and from soccer practice, tutored the kids to help them catch up with native English speakers and even helped their families put food on the table. Now, however, she is looking outward for help.

Mufleh’s goal is to raise \$5 million to open a Fugees Academy, which would be the first private school for refugees in the country. Mufleh’s goal is to help these children learn instead of just passing them through the system.

“If you looked at the data, you’d see this is an unsafe investment,” Mufleh said, referring to the negative statistics about refugee children in the U.S. “As long as we have wars, these kids will need our program.”

She ended her speech with a reminder to imagine what it would be like to walk in someone else’s shoes. The crowd gave her a standing ovation.

“Mufleh’s speech was inspirational,” Ferrell said. “It showed that if you believe in something and work hard enough, you can do anything.” **TAS**

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Making major decisions:

Advice for students questioning their major

» **By ANDREW WADOVICK**
Staff Writer

College is a pretty big deal. Like all your high school teachers may have told you, college is the first step many students take toward their careers, and the choices you make here can last forever. With many crucial decisions, however, many students feel pressured to follow a certain route, and some can be led astray when it comes to their major, letting the pressure cloud their judgment.

Jason Payne, a nontraditional, computer science major, went through a similar situation. “My first time at college, I went for a major in geology and geo-physics,” Payne said. “I had a scholarship for in-state and wanted to do something sciencey.”

Payne said by his junior year, he wasn’t so sure about his major anymore. “I just wasn’t really interested anymore, and my grades started dropping.” Payne said. “I took a job with an oil company, like all geology majors do, and I hated it. I realized I preferred academia over industry.”

“Ask yourself: Why?” Get information as to why, because everyone’s reasons are different,” Payne said.

Senior math major Jonathan Johnson, has started to feel similar regrets. “I somewhat

regret the decision now, because I sometimes struggle with what I’m actually going to do with [my major],” Johnson said. He chose his major just this year, “because I loved my math teacher, and I won APSU’s math contest.”

A lot of options, he admitted, are related to financial possibilities. “If you are taking an optional class that seems to interest you, try taking a higher level class in that category the next time around. If you like it, you may decide to switch. If you hate it, you can move on.”

Johnson gave similar advice. “I would say not to feel obligated to decide on a major so quickly,” Johnson said. “Wait until the person is positive they have found something they love to do.”

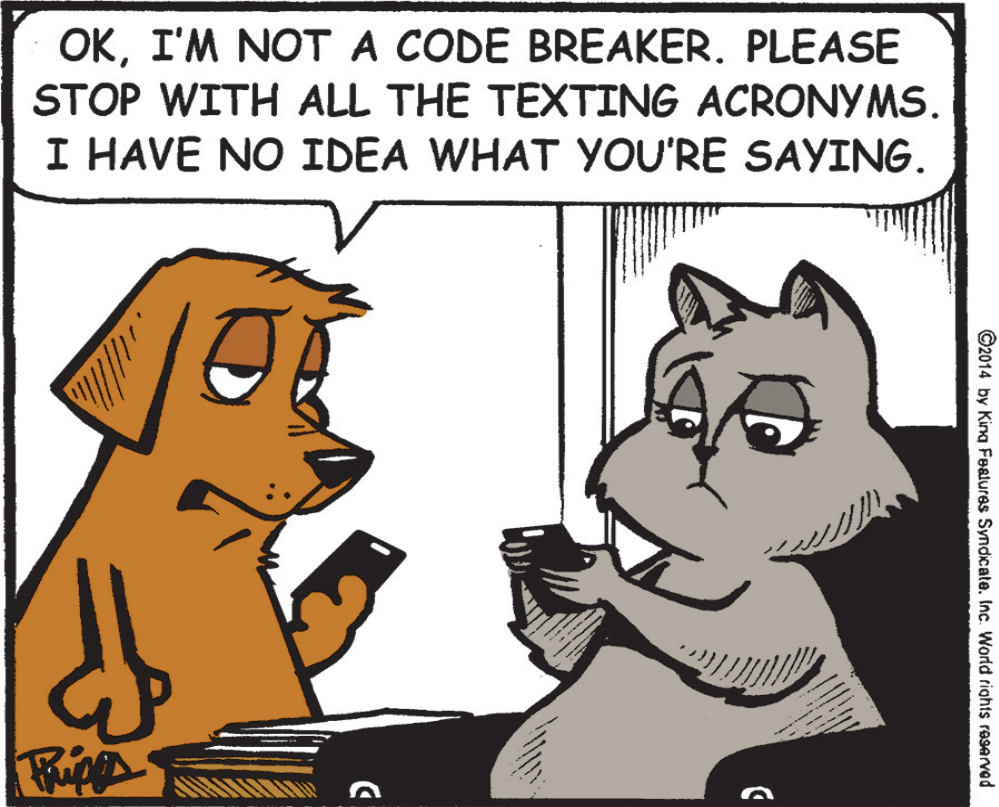
Payne also discussed getting a job with any kind of major. “Generally, employers look for thinking processes, problem solving skills.” Payne said. They look more for a type of major, not the specific major itself.”

Payne said even though he later regretted it, his geology major gave him an edge because, “ultimately, I had a job with the degree I had, even if I didn’t like it.”

“If a freshmen decides he or she wants to switch majors, switch,” Payne said. “Continuing in a major you hate will make your grades suffer.” **TAS**



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Gamecocks, Golden Eagles spoil Senior Weekend for Lady Govs

» By **ANDREW FRANKLIN**
Staff Writer

The Lady Govs couldn't pull out a win this weekend, hosting Ohio Valley Conference contenders Jacksonville State Gamecocks and the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles at home.

The Lady Govs hosted the Gamecocks Friday, Oct. 17, to kick off Senior Weekend. The Lady Govs were no match for a second-half offensive explosion.

The Lady Govs accumulated eight shots in the first half, but a call in the box led to a penalty kick for JSU. Courtney Hurt scored off the penalty kick to give the Gamecocks a 1-0 lead in the first half.

The second half belonged to the Gamecocks, as they took 13 more shots on APSU veteran goalkeeper Nikki Filippone.

The Lady Govs couldn't stop the JSU offense as they netted a goal in the 71st minute to slowly put the Lady Govs out of reach.

The Gamecocks then picked up goals at the 73rd, 82nd and the 86th minutes to

seal the win.

After Friday night's match, the Lady Govs stayed in seventh in the OVC standings, but JSU jumped up in the ranks to second.

The Lady Govs looked on to Tennessee Tech, who rolled in to play Sunday, Oct. 19. The Golden Eagles came to the pitch with a 0-5-1 record in the conference, looking for their first win.

The Golden Eagles were also on a 10-game losing streak. The Lady Govs came into the game looking for a victory to finish off their Senior Weekend with a bang.

The Lady Govs started the first half well with 10 shots on goal against TTU goalkeeper Rebecca Toler. APSU forward Gina Fabbro and midfielder Courtney Sheppard led the Govs in shots in the first half. TTU got three shots on Filippone in the first half.

The second half proved different, as the Golden Eagles still couldn't find the shots coming their way, but successfully slowed down the Lady Govs in the shot column.

The Lady Govs accumulated five shots in the half.

Filippone made four saves that half. With no goals allowed in regulation, extra time was needed to determine a winner.

The extra minutes were uneventful as the Lady Govs were unable to get more than one shot on goal, but TTU's Toler stopped a crucial shot by APSU forward Frankie Carbajal in the 93rd minute.

The Golden Eagles followed up with a shot on goal, but it was stopped by Filippone in the 101st minute.

Carbajal received a red card in the 102nd minute, so the Lady Govs played a woman down for the remainder of the match.

With a total of 16 shots on goal, the Lady Govs could not net a goal in the game, tying the Golden Eagles for APSU's first tie of the season.

The Lady Govs host Murray State Friday, Oct. 24, at home.

A win over the Racers would slide APSU into playoff contention and pass Morehead State in the standings. *TAS*

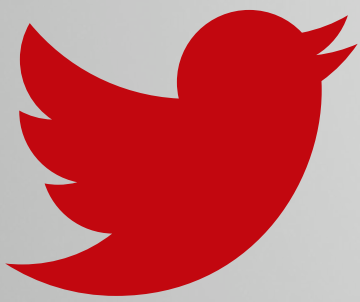


Top right: Midfielder Mary Ruth Locrasto elevates to a live ball. Left: APSU midfielder Maggie Ethridge eludes a defender. Right: APSU goalkeeper Nikki Filippone takes a goal kick.
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After 700 days without a win, APSU beats Murray State

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Rejoice, APSU. The nation's longest losing streak is over.

Coming into Saturday, Oct. 18, it had been 700 days since Governors football won a game.

The past eighteen games resulted in 18 losses, but the work paid off as rival Murray State traveled southeast to Clarksville. The final seconds ticked down on the scoreboard reading 20-13, and the fans on the home side quickly moved from the stands to the field.

"Let's Go Peay" chants filled the air, and a mob of people surrounded the players, while Cannon, drenched with water, exchanged a hug with President Alisa White, and then Athletic Director Derek van der Merwe.

"[This win] proves the investment will pay off," Cannon said. "The kids deserve a great deal of credit. There's nothing worse than going a whole season without winning. To be able to come back and play your best game, by far, after an 0-6 start just shows we're doing something right. It shows we've got good kids who can get over disappointment, and that's one of the life lessons football is supposed to teach. It was a special night for a lot of people."

Before the game, Cannon told Offensive Coordinator Josh Richards not to play soft against the Racers, a team that came in averaging 34.5 points per game.

Murray quarterback K.D. Humphries came in off a six-touchdown performance last week, which earned him national attention.

However, a stout Govs defense quickly silenced his momentum, forcing the Racers to turn the football over five times, including two

interceptions by Humphries.

Sophomore Roderick Owens led the way in holding the Racers to a season low in points, intercepting two passes, recovering a fumble and making big stops in crucial moments. It was the first time since the home opener on Sept. 13 that the Govs have forced a turnover, which gave APSU a shorter field for the offense to create opportunities.

"We had some great stops, and our kids did a great job against their hurry-up [offense], which had been just driving people crazy up until now," Cannon said. "I just felt like the entire program was clicking. I think [Murray] were ready to play, but we just changed the picture on them. I don't know where to begin. It takes a lot of people doing things right to win a football game."

The Govs saw glimpses of how this offense can perform, scoring 21 points at Mercer last week, and the results carried over. For the second straight game, a group of freshmen carried the load at the skill positions, with tailback Otis Gerron setting the tone early. The walk-on totaled 137 yards on 26 carries, and while he did not cross the goal line, it was his ability to move the chains that set up the three touchdowns.

All three came from the freshman duo of quarterback Mickey Macius and receiver Jared Beard, who hooked up seven times for 88 yards. Due to

an injury to freshman quarterback Darrien Boone, Macius was given complete control of leading the offense and made the most of it. Macius missed just four passes, going 18-for-22 for 201 yards.

The first touchdown came on the opening play of a drive in the second quarter at the 30-yard line, with Beard making an over-the-shoulder grab in the corner of the end zone.

The Govs held a 7-3 lead at the half — the first time APSU entered halftime with the lead since 2012 — but the Racers countered with a 24-yard score by Pokey Harris.

However, until a late field goal by Murray to cut the deficit to seven points, it was the Macius and Beard show, as the combo scored from seven and 14 yards out.

Beard said he and Macius have not done anything special to create a connection, but when the team as a whole came together on the field, everyone followed their assignments.

"Football is about heart," Beard said. "It's not about coming out and being the bigger, better, stronger team. I think for this program, it has allowed us to see who we can be as a unit. There's no possible way anyone can deny to us that we played as team, and it starts with individuals doing their job. I think this allows us to see we can be great."

The Govs will be on the road next Saturday, Oct. 25, at the University of Tennessee at Martin, hoping to carry this level of confidence as they face off against the Skyhawks. Kickoff will be at 2 p.m. *TAS*

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Top: Defensive tackle Gino Roberson rejoices after the win. Bottom: Wide receiver Jared Beard celebrates after a play. CHRIS MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Left: APSU quarterback Mickey Macius drops back to pass against the Murray State Racers. Right: Running back Otis Gerron sheds a Murray tackler. CHRIS MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER