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SGA elections

» **STAFF REPORT**

With the Student Government Association's elections coming up on Tuesday, April 1, through Thursday, April 3, a big selection on the ticket is for president.

Daniel Anderson and Zach Gillman are both running for preident. For an in-depth look into each candidate's platform, please see the Features section.

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SGA Elections Information

When: Tuesday, April 1 through Thursday, April 3

Where: Students can vote across campus at various polling stations. If unable to reach a polling station, students may access the ballot at www.apsu.edu by following the link to vote.

Who: The ballot has candidates for president, vice president, executive secretary, a representative for each academic classification and three representatives from each academic college.

For information on SGA elections, please visit the SGA website at www.apsu.edu/sga.

Trouble in Russia

Problems stem from natural gas

» **By PHILLIP SWANSON**
Staff Writer

At the end of February, a crisis surfaced in Ukraine which subsequently resulted in the loss of the Crimean Peninsula to Russia.

On Tuesday, March 11, the Supreme Council of Crimea and the City Council of Sevastopol adopted a resolution to declare Crimea independent from Ukraine with the option of joining Russia as a federal ally.

On Sunday, March 16, voters turned out to decide whether or not to be willing to be annexed by Russia, resulting in a 96 percent vote in favor of the revolution.

Until 1954, when Soviet Leader Nikita Khrushchev redrew the borders of Ukraine, Crimea was a part of Russia. When Crimea was given to Ukraine, it still reported to Moscow as it was still a part of the USSR.

Anna Gregg, an associate

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Soledad O'Brien visits APSU, inspires many



On Tuesday, March 25, Soledad O'Brien spoke at APSU. Her topics ranged from her career to her college experience. **MEGAN ENDSLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

» **By RONNIESIA REED**
Perspectives Editor

Tuesday, March, 25 journalist Soledad O'Brien came to APSU for the Unity Celebration to speak about her life and how she grew into who she is today.

O'Brien had background that made her into the woman she is today, coming from a place where her family was the first family of color to move into the neighborhood.

"My parents had to drive to D.C. to get hitched," O'Brien said, "their friends told them not to have kids because they would not fit in. People would spit at us when we were walking down the street ... My mother always had hope for change," O'Brien said.

Her mother's hope for change would pass on to her, O'Brien had dedicated a large part of her career to changing in society. Documentaries like

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The Vagina Monologues



The Vagina Monologues was held on Wednesday, March 26 and Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m. The Vagina Monologues is a play of monologues written by various women. Ashley Williams (left) and Jessica Axley (right) read scripts from the play. **MEAGHAN MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

SGA discusses elections, legislation for more study space, sidewalk repairs

» **By DAVID HARRIS**
Staff Writer

On Friday, March 28, the Student Government Association meeting began with a discussion about the dress code required at the meetings and announced anyone who was not in dress code would be counted as absent.

The council spoke of SGA elections which are to be held Tuesday, April 1 through Thursday, April 3. The SGA MudBowl page has been updated.

The council asked senators who have not submitted legislation

yet this year to raise their hands, which only a few senators did. An announcement was made that a freshman senate seat is open, which they hope to fill by the next meeting.

Members discussed the students abusing the campus police escort service. This led to campus police escorting students by foot instead of car to cut down on those who just wanted rides somewhere.

The idea of a possible campus shuttle was discussed, but then dismissed, as it would take too much time to enforce and because the campus is not that big. The idea of placing time restrictions on escorts

then came up as was inflicting a fine on those who abuse the service. Both ideas were resigned, as both had major flaws.

An endowment for APSU President Tim Hall was announced. The funds will be put towards a scholarship for any incoming freshman who applies. The council then opened up discussion about ways to help raise funds for this endowment.

The major restraint on this plan was that the funds had to be raised by April 15, a mere three weeks away. Ideas such as setting up a table and asking for \$5 donations

were discussed, as were ideas such as bake sales, but nothing was agreed.

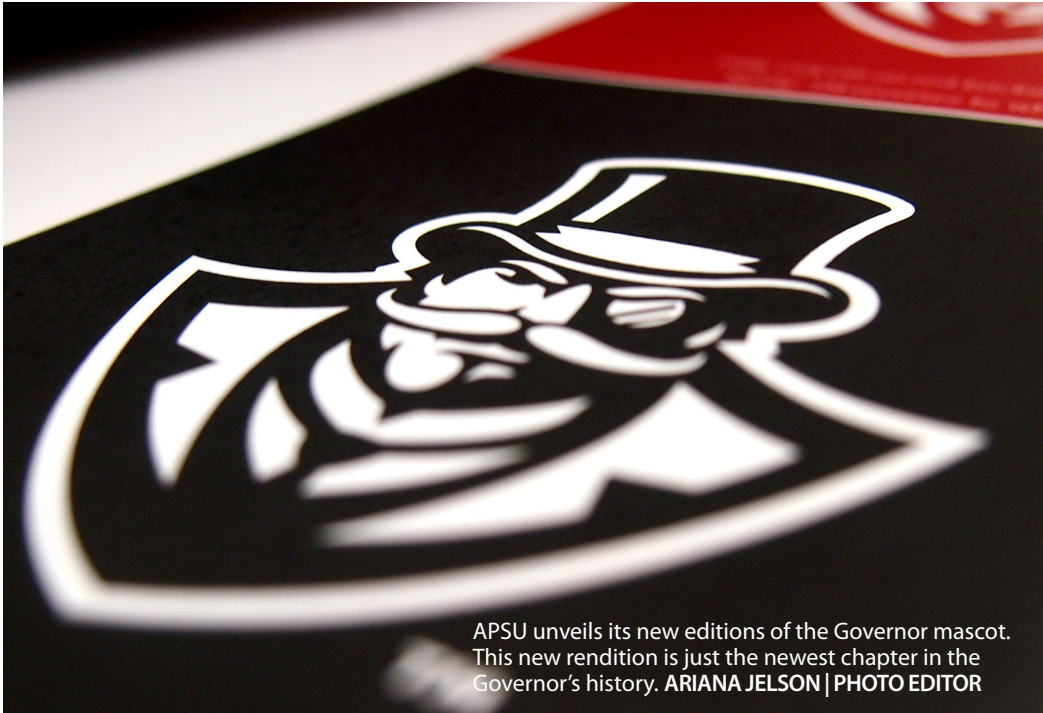
The discussion of Resolution No. 20 which comprised opening up more study space in academic buildings and open access to students after hours.

After a brief discussion, Resolution 20 was unanimously passed.

Resolution No. 24 was also introduced, which would repair the sidewalk between the UC and the honors commons. This resolution will be discussed at the Wednesday, April 2 meeting. **TAS**



APSU proud of past, prepares for future



APSU unveils its new editions of the Governor mascot. This new rendition is just the newest chapter in the Governor's history. ARIANA JELSON | PHOTO EDITOR

Athletic Department reveals new brand, prepares for next chapter in APSU storied sports history

» By **JOSH STEPHENSON**
Sports Editor

On Tuesday, April 1, the changes to the APSU brand and logo were revealed to show the update to the look and logo for the future of the university.

"The changes in the mark have been developed for a very particular demographic," said APSU Athletic Director Derek van der Merwe. "The average age of someone living in Clarksville is 30 years old, and we have over 30,000 youth that live in this community. This is a profile of the next generation of people we have to have engaged with APSU."

According to van der Merwe, the process of developing these changes started with identifying what being an athlete at APSU means and the core values that the department wants to represent the school in the classroom and in athletic competition. The core values identified with this movement are excellence, tradition, integrity, opportunity and community. The values help make up the APSU Athletics Purpose Statement: A culture of excellence in the classroom, in competition and in our community, according to the press release from the athletic department.

"As you evolve as an organization, the most important thing is to respect the past and reflect that in what you're building today," van der Merwe said. "Our brand may be a logo or a mark, but it is also a language, a story, a history and tradition, and we have to build on all of that. You can take a step forward, but don't let that step forward be at the cost of the past."

The Governors Club, which has former athletes and

students, Jeff Bibb, a former student and local business owner, Kevin Carter, a former APSU football player and former local businessman and Mike O'Malley, who works for Wendy's national brand development, were involved in the process of developing the new direction for the brand.

"This process has included people who understand branding as a much more global term of how to reach different markets and demographics," van der Merwe said. "Our primary mission is to make sure we are getting ready to support the next generation of high school students and meet their needs as they come to campus. Having a vibrant campus community and a strong identity that attracts that population of people is very important."

A change such as this to the APSU logo has not taken place in 36 years. The athletic department surveyed current student athletes to find out what they wanted in a mascot representative of the teams they compete for.

"We wanted to see what inspired them; they wanted a mascot that was stern looking, ready to compete and demonstrated the energy and excitement they wanted to see," van der Merwe said. "They wanted to see someone who was resolute, determined and committed, because that's how they see their commitment to the university. When we opened this mark, there was absolute excitement, because it was where they wanted to be in position."

The new brand will be implemented in all athletic teams in fall 2014.

The Ann Ross Bookstore has new merchandise available now for purchase, while merchandise with local retailers will be available this summer. *TAS*



Connecticut guard Ryan Boatright celebrates as his team reaches the Final Four for the first time since 2012. The Huskies, who were the last team to beat Florida before their 30-game winning streak, will face the Gators for a ticket to the National Championship. AP IMAGES

4 teams remain in NCAA Tourney

» By **ANDREW THOMPSON**
Staff Writer

The Final Four in this year's NCAA tournament — Florida, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Kentucky — are teams many expected to fall short, yet they are all names most college basketball fans recognize.

The only No. 1 seed remaining, Florida University, spent the weekend handling University of California, Los Angeles and putting an end to Dayton's Cinderella run. The Gators proved to many they deserved the overall No. 1 seed with two double-digit wins in the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight.

To make it to the title game, tournament-favorite Florida will have to beat Connecticut, who many believe to be the surprise team of the tournament. According to ESPN, just 1.3 percent of the brackets submitted to their tournament challenge had UConn in the Final Four despite their No. 7 seeding.

To make it here, the Huskies had to topple analyst-favorite Michigan State, and they did so on the back of senior Shabazz Napier, who led the team with 25 points in an upset over the Spartans.

The West/Midwest matchup for this Final Four will have No. 2 seed Wisconsin, who beat Baylor by 17 as they headed into their Elite Eight game against No. 1 seed Arizona. The

Badgers needed overtime to triumph over the Wildcats, but junior Frank Kaminsky's 28 points proved to be enough as Arizona's last-second heave fell short after the buzzer sounded.

From one tough matchup to the next, the Badgers will play the Kentucky Wildcats in the next round.

After dispatching undefeated Wichita State last week, UK entered the Sweet 16 with a game against defending-champion Louisville Cardinals and pulled off the upset. To follow it up, the Wildcats faced No. 2 seed Michigan in the Elite Eight and managed a win in a dramatic fashion.

In a close game that saw lead change after lead change, ultimately it came down to freshman Aaron Harrison, who hit a game-winning three pointer with just 2.3 seconds left on the clock.

March Madness enters its final week, and only four teams remain. They have all overcome different challenges along the way, but with this round, there comes newfound confidence as they approach the main goal they each set at the beginning of the season back in October.

These four teams have proven to themselves and the world that they belong in the Final Four, and they each have one goal: advancing to the National Championship. *TAS*

Russia

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professor of political science, said Crimea’s annexation has caused a “euphoric” feeling to sweep over the Russian population. “When the Soviet Union broke apart, and Ukraine took Crimea with it, there was always this feeling of it being unfair,” Gregg said “Now there is this opportunity to restore the national border of Russia, and because Vladimir Putin has taken back Crimea, his popularity with the people sits at around 80 percent. Putin is a dictator, but he is seen as a Russian unifier, a stabilizer.”

The crisis in Ukraine began after the Ukrainian revolution in February. After months of protests by Euromaidan, a wave of protests over the government’s refusal to have closer relations with the European Union, the former president of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovych, escaped Kiev on Friday, Feb. 21. The Ukrainian Parliament subsequently impeached him and appointed a new acting president, Oleksandr Turchynov.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, Russian Forces took control of the Crimean Peninsula. Russia claimed the forces were local defense, but the U.S. has maintained that they were military forces that carried no insignia.

After the vote on Sunday, March 16, Russia’s President Vladimir Putin reclaimed Crimea as part of the Russian Federation on Tuesday, March 18. His reasoning behind taking Crimea was based on the idea that Khrushchev’s redrawing of the Ukrainian Borders was against Soviet Law, and when the Soviet

Union broke apart, Crimea was handed over to Ukraine like a “sack of potatoes.” Putin claimed there was no longer any legitimate authority in Ukraine, which put the Russian dominated ethnic region under threat, also saying Russia had a duty to defend its “compatriots.”

Crimea was originally composed of a large mixture of native Tartars and a Russian population. In a chart released by Reuters, Tartars composed 34.1 percent of the population in 1897, but by 1959, the population of Tartars dropped to 0 because of Joseph Stalin’s mass deportation of Tartars from the country.

It has taken decades for the Tartar population to rise, as they still only comprise around 12 percent of the Crimean population, most of the rest being Russian or pro-Russian.

According to Gregg, Crimea is not a very appealing piece of land for anyone to govern. “Crimea was always a burden on Ukraine because it was always requiring subsidies from Kiev, and there was never much production going on. Crimea has always been a sort of tourist destination or vacation spot. So now, Russia has inherited this “headache,” again.”

Russia has an ongoing interest in Sevastopol in Crimea because of its vital location in respect to the Black Sea.

Crimea has had the Black Sea Fleet of numerous Russian ships in its harbor since the USSR was in power and has been a source of struggle between Ukraine and Russia since the breakup of the Soviet Union.

According to the BBC, Ukraine had agreed to lease

the port to the Russian Fleet until 2017. Then, when Viktor Yanukovych was elected in 2010, Ukraine agreed to extend the lease to 2025 in exchange for cheaper Russian natural gas, a commodity Ukraine depends on. The Ukrainian population has been given natural gas to use in their homes for free or at extremely discounted prices because of the agreement with Russia.

Now that Russia has taken Crimea and the port of Sevastopol, Putin has said this nullifies the “fleet for gas” agreement. A statement from the Kremlin on Friday, March 28, said, “The essence of the Russian-Ukrainian agreements was lost due to the virtual cessations of legal relations of Russia renting facilities for its Black Sea Fleet in Ukraine.”

This means natural gas prices will rise, and according to Gregg, Russia will raise the price of natural gas sold to the Ukraine above the price at which it sells the gas to Western Europe. “It almost seems like a punishment for Ukraine, a punishment for disobedience,” Gregg said.

While the distance from Tennessee to Ukraine is over 5,000 miles, for one student at APSU, the crisis in Ukraine is near. Danica Foster, a graduate student, feels remorse for what is happening in the distant country.

“It’s sad,” Foster said, “It seems like another Cold War is about to start or is happening now, and we’re not really ready for it. The election those people had was extremely biased. I don’t see the U.S. getting too involved, at least for the military, but it feels like something should be done.” *TAS*

SigEp brings back ‘Skatin’ For Katelyn’

» By DAVID HARRIS
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 9, Sigma Phi Epsilon will once again host the event “Skatin’ for Katelyn” at Rainbo Skating Center from 6-9 p.m.

The event was set up to raise funds for APSU alumna Katelyn Lister, who was diagnosed with stage-four cancer. The event raised \$3,500 for Lister’s medical expenses. She has overcome the disease and is now in remission. This year, SigEp is raising funds that will go towards the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

According to Development Officer on the Tennessee Chapter Annual Fund,

Debbie McConnell, Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 Americans and 70,000 people worldwide.

“The mission of the CFF is to assure the development of the means to cure and control Cystic Fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease. The CFF is the world’s leader in the search for a cure for CF,” McConnell said. “Nearly every CF drug available today was made possible because of CFF support.

The CFF is a nonprofit organization that does not receive any government funding. Largely volunteer-ran, the CF Foundation is

able to use 90 percent of funds raised for CF research, care and treatment.”

“Skatin’ for Katelyn” means a lot Sigma Phi Epsilon on a personal level. One of the brothers, Ethan Gibson, has Cystic Fibrosis.

“One of my best friends in the world, who is also my fraternity brother, lives with Cystic Fibrosis,” said SigEp President Will Roberts.

“SigEp being able to benefit the CFF helps local CF patients directly.

“With me having a best friend that lives with CF, and being able to help more local CF patients makes this foundation very near and dear to my heart,” said Roberts. *TAS*

Orchestra performs last concert of season

» By SYDNE SCIVALLY
Staff Writer

The Gateway Chamber Orchestra performed its final concert of the season, “Historic Seconds”, in the Mabry Concert Hall on Sunday, March 30.

The third season kicked off with their performance in August of 2013, also performed in the Music/Mass Communication concert hall.

The instrumentalists comprise professional musicians from Nashville and beyond, as well as members of the performance faculty at APSU.

The orchestra played a tone-poem by Henry Brant, “On the Nature of Things”, and two symphonies: Chamber Symphony No. 2, Op. 38 by Arnold Schoenberg, and Beethoven’s Second Symphony in D.

The program followed the orchestra’s famous ‘three-legged stool’ approach, where they play works from an established master, an overlooked master, and a contemporary

American composer. The concert was conducted by Gregory Wolyneec, a professor of conducting and overseer of the graduate program in instrumental conducting as well as director of the Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra.

Wolyneec prefaced the concert by speaking to the audience about the works, and he included helpful ways to interpret and approach the music.

“Beethoven’s Second Symphony has long been a favorite of mine,” Wolyneec said. “...I like to say that he never could have written the Third (the ‘Eroica’) without writing a Second”

The Gateway Chamber Orchestra formed in 2008 with a performance of another of Schoenberg’s works.

Since then, their recognition has gone national with their concerts and the release of “Wind Serenades,” a CD that went on to receive a Grammy nomination. The ensemble has been praised by music critics and fans alike, who hail the ensemble as “world class” and “flawless.” *TAS*

CRIME LOG

The campus crime log includes arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within two business days of an incident and new information to an incident available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

- 2:48 p.m.; March 16; Hand Village; underage consumption
- 1:16 p.m.; March 17; Woodward Library; theft of property
- 7:50 p.m.; March 17; Foy Fitness and Recreation; theft of property
- 11:50 a.m.; March 18; College Street and Ford Street; burglary
- 9:43 a.m.; March 20; Sevier/Blount Hall; vandalism
- 5:28 p.m.; March 20; Eriksson Hall; unlawful drug paraphernalia

- 2:55 p.m.; March 21; Governor’s Terrace South; possession
- 2:44 p.m.; March 21; Governor’s Terrace; unlawful drug paraphernalia
- 7:12 p.m.; March 24; Morgan University Center; theft property
- 4:26 p.m.; March 25; Shasteen; burglary
- 4:26 p.m.; March 25; McCord lot; burglary
- 12:01 p.m.; March 26; Sundquist; theft of property
- 12:17 p.m.; March 26; Woodward Library; theft of property
- 5:54 p.m.; March 26; Sevier Hall; assault

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Should felons have the right to vote?



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» By **MATTHEW GORDON**
Staff Writer

Felon voting privileges vary state by state. In some states, such as Maine and Vermont, felons are allowed to vote while they are still incarcerated.

The majority of states restore voting rights to felons after they meet certain criteria such as, parole and probation.

But, there are many tates that may permanently restrict felons from voting, such as Iowa, Kentucky and Tennessee. Voting is a democratic right everyone should have.

While it can be argued that felons who are incarcerated should not have this right, it is a social issue.

Felons have many rights taken, even when they get out of prison, but voting

should not be one of them. There aren't any real consequences allowing felons to vote. In the spirit of other social issues such as same-sex marriage, extreme conservatives are determined to exclude a group of people from something they rightfully deserve.

Put yourself in the shoes of a felon. You made a stupid mistake, you took responsibility for your actions, you served your time and are ready to turn your life around or start anew.

But you can't, because you are no longer allowed to vote. Only two states allowing felons to vote, even when they are in prison, is unacceptable. Currently, 20 states require felons complete their terms of incarceration in addition to their parole and probation periods.

In most cases, this is a very long time.

Even in states that only require felons to complete term sentences, the process of getting back voting rights is difficult.

Just like other social issues, this one is always changing.

Between 1996 and 2008, 28 states passed new laws on felon voting rights.

Hopefully, one day, all felons will be able to vote.

Currently in Tennessee, those convicted of a felony since 1981, except for some serious crimes including murder, rape and electoral fraud, may apply to the Board of Probation and Parole for voting restoration upon completion of their prison sentence.

While this is more lenient than other states, it is not good enough until everyone can vote, no matter what crime they have committed. *TAS*

STATISTICS ABOUT FELON VOTERS

According to thehuffingtonpost.com:

- More than 5.85 million adults who've been convicted of a felony aren't welcome at the polls.
- 21 percent of Americans think that people convicted of felonies should permanently lose the right to vote.
- 50 percent of Americans think felons should lose voting rights only while they're serving sentences, while 17 percent think they shouldn't lose voting rights at all.
- A majority of felons and ex-cons blocked from voting reside in a core of six Southern states including
 - Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia — where more than three million people are banned from the rolls.
- Maine and Vermont are the only states that permit felons to vote from behind bars.

Medicare spending could be restricted to certain items

» By **VALERIE MCALLISTER**
Staff Writer

We all love to receive help every now and then, and what better help to receive than free money?

Many Americans receive financial assistance from programs such as Welfare and Women, Infants and Children.

While these programs are great tools for those in need, they are also abused and milked for all they are worth.

Recently, the Department of Children and Family Services in Louisiana has banned recipients of these programs from using assistance for luxury items, particularly things such as tattoos, jewelry, lingerie, adult entertainment, and going clubbing and this should happen in every state.

Assistance programs are designed to provide households with food, as well as items to clothe and protect them.

"I hope that we can meet the spirit of intent of the program while also ensuring that state and federal tax dollars are being used appropriately," said Louisiana Rep. Chris

Broadwater.

The biggest uproar about assistance programs comes from those who give up money for the programs: taxpayers, like myself.

This ban is fair and logical.

“While these programs are great tools ... they are also abused and milked for money.”

Not all recipients of assistance choose to not work; many of them work day in and day out and still can't make ends meet.

However, those who live off of government assistance do need limitations and rules on what their money can be used for. Tattoos and jewelry are not must haves; therefore, taxpayer dollars shouldn't be used to purchase them.

This ban should be implemented in every state and monitored intensely.

For a country so far in debt, handing out money to those who use it inappropriately is no longer possible. If the money is not yours to begin with, it should not be yours to do with what you wish.

There will be fines and

punishments for those who choose not to follow the ban, such as loss of assistance, but it will be difficult tracking the misuse of funds, since recipients can obtain their money in cash from ATMs.

Stores and vendors may also disciplined if caught allowing customers to pay for luxury items with assistance money.

As mentioned before, there are many citizens who rightfully deserve assistance money, and I am more than happy to offer it out of my own money, as are many other Americans.

However, there are also many who abuse the system and take whatever they can, while not contributing to society in any shape, form or fashion. That is not ok.

The people who work hard to offer assistance feel used when their money is used for lavish and luxurious things, while they themselves cannot afford to enrich their own lifestyles.

Using free money for luxury items is not ok when the people who contribute to your lifestyles cannot even reward themselves. *TAS*



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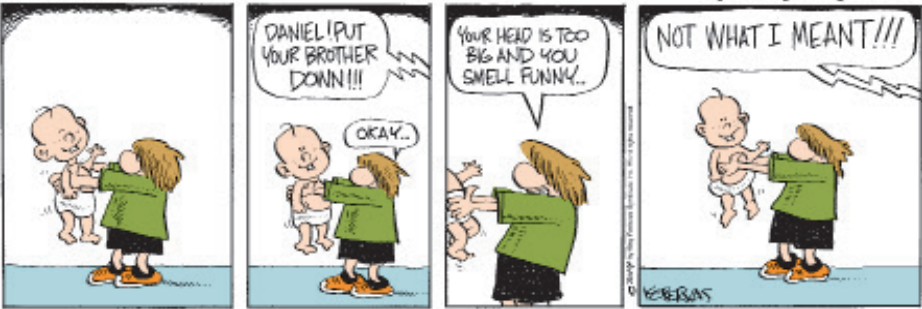
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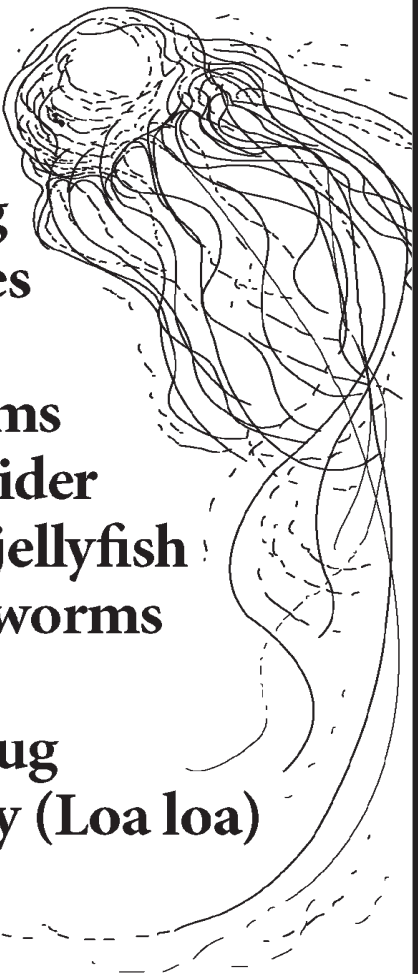
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4. Bloodworms
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6. Irukandji jellyfish
7. Intestinal worms
8. Botflies
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10. Mango fly (Loa loa)

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Anderson, Gillman campaign for SGA presidency



Daniel Anderson SGA WEBSITE | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

» By **PAYDEN HALL**
Staff Writer

Executive secretary of the Student Government Association Daniel Anderson is a candidate or Student Governmanet Association President.

He plans to graduate in May 2015 with a degree in business management and a minor in marketing.

Anderson's involvement in SGA began in the second semester of his freshman year.

"There was an opening in the senate for a College of Business seat," Anderson said.

"Trent [former SGA president] asked me if I wanted join SGA to speak on behalf of the students in the College of Business. I accept-

ed ... After being elected the second time ... I submitted my platform and was then elected ... to fill the position and serve as executive secretary."

Anderson considers one of his most effective pieces of legislation one passed during his second term as senator. With the intention of doubling the productivity of the senators, the legislation requires senators to write two bills per term instead of one.

Anderson said he approaches the opportunity with a set of uniquely developed leadership skills.

"I have experience working in both the legislative and executive branches of our student government," Anderson said. "I've spent three summers abroad specifically developing my leadership abilities in countries such as China, Israel, Italy, Slovakia and Puerto Rico."

In addition, he has served as a student body representative on various committees, as well as serving as an APSU delegate to the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature in 2013.

As current president of the Laurel Wreath Honor Society, Anderson studies leadership in the Honors Program and the Provost's Exemplary Leadership Program.

"Anderson is an extremely dedicated person," said freshman Morgan Talley. "He's personable, hardworking, and I think he has a lot of experience that qualifies him for the job."

Anderson said his focus as president would be "...inspiring and motivating our senators to reach the height of their potential. This will include generating creative initiatives to build relationships with our new administration."

Because SGA is the official liaison between the university and the student body, Anderson said his challenge would be to influence the strong network of student leaders within SGA to impact the lives of students.

When discussing aspects of leadership, Anderson referred to his father as his role model for personal conduct.

"He and I both believe ... that you treat people right, you work hard and you act with honesty and integrity, no matter what the task is," Anderson said.

Anderson said he considers the most essential quality of a leader to be "the culmination of their heart and determination ... Leaders must have integrity, courage and a personal driving vision. It is their day-to-day conduct that gives them credibility, and it is this same conduct that enables them to become trustworthy."

Anderson was also a resident assistant for a semester and said he made a lasting impression on several residents. "Anderson is a down-to-earth guy," said nursing major Ashlee Dover. "I've been his friend since freshman year when he was my RA. Just knowing him, I know he has a heart for the people, not just the position." **TAS**



Zac Gillman SGA WEBSITE | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

» By **PAYDEN HALL**
Staff Writer

As a presidential candidate for the Student Government Association, Zachary Gillman's experiences include mission trips and redesigning the SGA logo in 2013.

Currently, Gillman is a junior and plans on graduating in May 2015 with a degree in business management and a minor in marketing.

"During freshman year, I ran for freshman senator on a whim," Gillman said. "I wasn't involved in student government in high school but wanted to become involved in college. I did that for a year before I switched to the judicial side of things and participated with the SGA tribunal for two years."

Gillman said one of his achievements that has benefitted the student body is getting intramural field lights put on a timer so students are able to play after dark.

Anderson said Gillman was not a sponsor on this legislation, and Gillman said that he was not listed as a sponsor since only two senators can sponsor legislation, but he was very involved with the legislation since he worked with the Foy Center.

When asked what various involvements qualified him to be SGA president, Gillman said, "Part of the reason would be that I have experience in both the senate and judicial side of things."

Gillman also emphasized the importance of interaction with staff and administration on campus. Because APSU will be welcoming a new president and provost, Gillman said having an SGA president who is willing to talk to the new leaders while representing the students is necessary.

Gillman's leadership roles are not tied only to campus organizations. In 2010, Gillman founded the nonprofit organization ReLove Haiti, which has raised over \$20,000 for the Haiti relief effort in the past four years.

"Although I don't know Gillman personally ... I think his achievements speak for themselves," said freshman Mallory Covington.

Additionally, Gillman serves as the current president of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. However, Gillman never indicated his campaign would focus solely on the Greek students.

Instead, he said, "The motto for APSU SGA is 'Let your voice be heard,' and that is part of my platform." He said he tries to go to as many senate meetings as possible, even though he is not required to.

Gillman mentioned that the first 10 minutes of senate meetings are meant for students to voice concerns, but not many students have done this. He said even if students do not show up to the meetings, they have turned to social media to voice opinions.

"Students are still complaining," Gillman said. "Senators need to represent ... It's part of our job to communicate to the students and to listen to their concerns. It boils down to the president holding the senators accountable for the legislation they present."

Gillman said he thinks approachability is the most important quality in a leader. "Hopefully, I will represent the campus," Gillman said. "If they can't approach me, I'm not doing my job right ... If you reach out to me, I am going to respond."

When asked for his opinion of Gillman as a candidate, graduate senator Christopher Tablack said, "Gillman is trustworthy, dependable, smart and has the biggest heart a person could have ... He truly has the students' best wishes in mind and would make an excellent student body president." **TAS**

Can you have cake and eat it, too?

The details on cheating in relationships

» By **EMILY DESPAIN**
Guest Writer

We're in a generation that makes its own rules. The white-picket-fence dream is no longer what people strive for, but have we gone too far and thrown all relationships out the window?

Does this mean absolutely everything is acceptable, even cheating?

According to statisticbrain.com, the 53 percent of relationships where one or both admit to cheating, either physically or emotionally.

In the 1990s, it was 13 percent.

Back in the '50s, the days of letterman jackets and pearl earrings, high school sweethearts held strong. It wasn't uncommon to fall in love your freshman year and be married by 21.

That means only having an intimate relationship with one person your entire life.

Now, one person can find a new soulmate twice a year. Today's relationships are grayer than those in a black-and-white movie.

Overlapping love stories are much more common because boundaries and labels are endless.

It takes a long time for relationships to be established, and when couples "take a break," lines get so blurred, both members might as well be dating everyone they know.

Some see cheating as the ultimate betrayal in a relationship; to others, it's the ultimate test.

The first thing that needs to be decided after the act is committed is: Was it physical or emotional?

The second thing: Does it even matter that there's a difference?

"I think cheating is wrong no matter what," freshman Luke Culwell said. "As far as emotion-

ally, a guy seeing a girl once and thinking, 'Damn, this girl looks good,' is just how guys are, but if you continuously lust after somebody, then yes, I would consider that a form of cheating."

Cheating in your relationship is like cheating on your diet.

Sometimes you need one cookie to get you through a week's worth of salads for lunch, but that one cookie turns into an entire pie pretty quickly.

“Some see cheating as the ultimate betrayal in a relationship; to others, it's the ultimate test.”

On the other hand, if you know you have the person you are meant to spend the rest of your life with, what's one night away when you have forever?

Being with another person can reinforce the feelings about your significant other, who you may have been doubting, or confirm you were never supposed to be with them in the first place.

But don't lose all hope just yet.

"I have never cheated on my fiancé," said sophomore Ashlee Dover. "I would never, ever go through with it. I love him too much. But most

of all, I respect him. He has never cheated on me, either. It's just based on mutual respect for one another. Yes, I've seen plenty of hot men, but I wouldn't dare touch them. I'm happily taken and loving it"

So it is possible to have a completely monogamous, happy relationship while in your 20s these days. It just takes faith, love and respect.

Junior John Grason said when he and his wife got married, "We knew that this was it. This wasn't going to be a temporary thing. We had never been with anyone else before we got together, and I would never dream of being without that girl."

When asked what kept his marriage going for so long Grason said, "Sexual relations are between two people, not three or four. No exceptions. Communication is important. Marriage is forever."

Grason and his wife will have been married for 59 years this October.

The consensus seems to be that, no matter your age, looking is one thing and acting is another. There is a fine line between right and wrong when it comes to relationships.

One moment, you are happy with the person of your dreams, and then, all of a sudden, you're caught between two people and forced to make a decision.

Maybe it was a drunken night, or maybe you had finally just had enough nagging.

Maybe it was just one kiss, or maybe it was all the way many times. Maybe they'll forgive you, and maybe they won't.

That's something you'll have to risk if you want to have your cake and eat it, too. **TAS**



Chasing the gold

» **By RONNIESIA REED**
Perspectives Editor

“Jersey chasers,” “cleat chasers” and “puck bunnies” are all phrases used to describe women who date athletes simply because they’re athletes.

The role of the jersey chaser is to date an athlete in order to make herself, her bank account and him look better. In my eyes, there’s nothing wrong with this.

All three of these things are great perks and benefit both people in the relationship.

Anybody can be a jersey chaser, and many women who do it, admit it.

There are many blogs where women openly write about dating athletes for their profession. Blogger Stephanie Williams wrote about being a jersey chaser in an article for Salon.com.

“Judge me if you want, but I know it’s not about fame or money,” Williams said. “It’s about the game.”

Williams said it is so normal for her to date athletes that when she tells her friends she’s dating someone new, they ask her what team he plays for.

In this article, Williams gives a different perspective of the “cleat chaser” and explains her frustration with the stereotype that women who only date athletes do so for money.

“There are so many stereotypes about women who are at-

tracted to athletes, some of which are true,” Williams said. “But one [stereotype] I continue to fight against is the idea that these relationships are merely driven by the desire for fame and money. Clearly, those people have never known someone who dated an East Coast Hockey League hockey player.”

According to *USA Today*, an ECHL player makes an average of \$550 per week, which is \$28,600 per year.

This raises the question: How much money or how many perks are women really getting out of being in relationships with athletes?

Maybe it isn’t always about the money. Maybe it is deeper than that for some women.

According to Williams, it could be a connection to other things. “It doesn’t take a psychiatrist to figure out that my love of the men who play sports was a direct result of the rejection that came from my father in later years and his death when I was 16,” Williams said. “The only thing my father and I ever had in common was the Yankees and baseball. In fact, it was the last good conversation I had with him before he passed away.”

Women can be attracted to athletes for many reasons. But no matter the reason, there is nothing wrong with wanting to date athletes.

Many shame women who constantly date or chase athletes, but the truth is, it is their business if they want to be a jersey chaser. *TAS*

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O’Brien talks diversity, success

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“Black In America,” “Latino in America” and “Unwelcome: The Muslims Next Door” are examples of her work to raise awareness of often overlooked situations.

After 27 years in journalism, O’Brien has traveled the world, met many people and learned many things.

“I saw strength in people’s struggles,” O’Brien said. “So much news coverage focuses on bad news, I learned my lessons from the good.”

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O’Brien has been awarded by multiple organizations for her work in journalism and philanthropy.

She and her husband started the Starfish Foundation to help young women who need financial help with college.

O’Brien told the story of a girl she met who had to go from couch to couch in order to make it through high school.

O’Brien’s life journey

“What you stand for is what makes you successful ... The little changes are what count.”

— Soledad O’Brien, Unity speaker

O’Brien has covered topics from Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath to same-sex marriage rights to 9/11.

O’Brien said one of her obvious inspirations is Martin Luther King, Jr., and she started her “Black in America” series to look at the state of black Americans 40 years after his assassination.

“In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., it is important to stand for something,” O’Brien said. “What you stand for is what makes you successful ... The little changes are what count.”

has been full of watching other people deal with adversity, as well as experiencing it in her own life.

“Leadership is about giving a voice to people who are not being heard,” O’Brien said. “Departing from the script as you know it ... Because you know it’s more important to be on the right side of history.”

O’Brien said she set out to inspire students with her speech, and from the standing ovation she received, it seems she did just that. *TAS*

Brony community speaks up about fandom

» **By JENELLE GREWELL**
Editor-in-Chief

“My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic” is not just for little girls. Bronies are also fans of the show featuring colorful ponies.

A brony is an older male viewer or fan of the show and is typically involved in the My Little Pony community, according to *Urban Dictionary*.

A pegasister is the female counterpart to a brony but some prefer to be called bronies rather than pegasisters.

Terrance Rasberry, an admin for the Bronies of Clarksville Facebook page defined a brony as someone enjoys “My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic” and who is not afraid to stand up for what he or she likes and is also supportive of others in the My Little Pony community.

Middle Tennessee has an active brony community that even has a My Little Pony convention called Sweet Apple Acres Convention.

Rasberry said the brony community has been beneficial because of the friends he has made.

He said there are usually bronies at anime conventions so he hasn’t ever had to go specifically to a brony convention to meet people in the brony community.

“I like ‘My Little Pony’ because it is a show that you can get into,” Rasberry said. “‘My Little Pony’ has in-depth characters to the point that adults can relate to them, for they are as human as we are with their lives and mistakes.”

Rasberry mentioned that the villains are also unique and



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have their own individual problems. He said the animation is smooth and the voice acting is superb.

“The episode plots are also great, each with a problem and a lesson that is solved and taught,” Rasberry said.

In “Bronies: The Extremely Unexpected Adult Fans of My Little Pony” a documentary on the brony community, the filmmakers asked people on the street what they thought of bronies.

Many used terms such as “perverts” and “weirdos” to describe bronies.

Maddie Doumitt, a senior health and human performance major, who is not a member of the brony community, said she just wants to know what bronies like about the show.

Rasberry said some of the misconceptions people have about bronies are true, but not all bronies are single and living with their parents.

“Many in the community go to college, have a spouse and kids of their own, or are even in the military,” Rasberry said.

He said while some are overzealous and take their enjoyment of the show too far, most are normal men and women who want to keep to the innocence of the show.

The My Little Pony community has a group of fans who call themselves cloppers. According to *Urban Dictionary*, a clopper is someone who looks for sexual gratification or erotica involving ponies and specifically ponies seen in “My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic.”

“Every fandom has a dark side,” Rasberry said. “Whether

it be violent or hedonistic, there’s no doubt that you can find a dark side to most fandoms. It’s just, since most people think on the more sexualized half of the dark side, that’s all they want to see.”

He said there are those who just enjoy watching the show and taking part in the clean art, music and stories.

During “Bronies: The Extremely Unexpected Adult Fans of My Little Pony,” the topic of being teased for being a brony was brought up. One brony interviewed said he experienced vandalism to his truck for being a brony.

Rasberry said he has not experienced any discrimination or stereotyping when it comes to being a brony.

He said he was teased a little when he first told people about being a brony, but it is usually never brought up again.

“People like different things,” Doumitt said. “It makes them unique.”

Doumitt said she thinks being bullied by others could be pretty hard for bronies. “They would need to have a lot of confidence, because guys can be pretty cruel,” she said.

Rasberry said he would like to remind bronies experiencing discrimination or stereotyping that the brony community is there to support them.

“[Do] not let words bother you or make you upset, because they’re just that: words,” Rasberry said.

Doumitt said she would be ok with a friend who was a brony even though she herself is not a brony.

“Be proud and steady for who you are and what you like. For you are a brony,” Rasberry said. *TAS*



Top: Ryan Quick delivers a pitch during OVC play at Raymond C. Hand Park. Bottom: Alex Robles hustles around the bases trying to score for the Bat Govs. MEAGHAN MALONE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Govs 8th in OVC

» **By COREY ADAMS**
Staff Writer

Even though the baseball regular season hasn't reached the halfway point yet, it's never too early to peek at Ohio Valley Conference standings. If the season ended today, the Govs (10-16, 3-5 OVC) would not be making the trip to Jackson, Tenn., for the OVC tournament.

After a 6-4 defeat against Murray State on Sunday, March 30, APSU fell to eighth place in the conference with their second-consecutive series loss. The frustrations began in the first inning as starter Levi Primasing hit the first batter of the game, leading to a four-run inning for Murray State.

The Thoroughbreds (12-12, 6-5 OVC) took advantage of Primasing's control issues to put runners on and used a pair of RBI singles to put the APSU pitching staff in a tough spot. With the left-hander lasting two and two-thirds innings, it forced the bullpen to work more than expected.

But the four relievers who entered: Jake Corum, Jared Carkuff, Tommy Hager, and Ryan Quick limited Murray State to two runs on seven hits, with Carkuff pitching

four innings.

It surprised some to see the closer enter the game in the fourth inning, but McClure said he felt Carkuff was the right guy to turn to in that situation, and the sophomore allowed just one run on three hits given up. The offense showed some fight in the third inning, cutting the deficit to one run.

“Unless our guys change their attitudes and approaches, we’re headed for disaster ... We don’t do what it takes to win, we’re selfish and we don’t listen. We’ve got to make adjustments.”

— Gary McClure, APSU head baseball coach

Designated hitter Logan Gray hit a solo home run over the left field wall on the first pitch he saw. Gray had previously been in a hitting slump -- totaling just two hits since March 15 -- but batting at the bottom of the lineup gives the freshman an opportunity to see some good pitches to hit.

“I’m a much better hitter when I’m aggressive,” Gray said. “Teams know I’m taking first-pitch fastball, so if I change that, I’m going to get a lot of first-pitch fastballs. If I’m aggressive, then I can swing away more and get more hits like that.”

A double by Dre Gleason in

the third gave APSU its third run, but they would not get on the board again until the seventh.

After Cameron Finch shut the Govs down to just five hits in game one, Brock Downey followed his lead, going eight and two-thirds innings to earn his fifth win of the season.

Down 6-3, Garrett Copeland tacked on another run with an RBI double. In the ninth, APSU put two men on with the tying run on first base, but could not mount a rally, dropping a series to Murray State for the first time since 2009.

“We just didn’t get jobs done today,” Copeland said. “Some of it may have been just trying to do too much, but I think if we just

tried to stay within ourselves, it would all happen. All we needed was to get little things done, and we would have been alright today.”

For a program that prides itself on being an annual championship contender, being near the bottom of the standings is an unpleasant sight according to Head Coach Gary McClure.

“Unless our guys change their attitudes and approaches, we’re headed for disaster,” McClure said. “That’s where we’re at. We don’t do what it takes to win, we’re selfish and we don’t listen. We’ve got to make adjustments.” *TAS*

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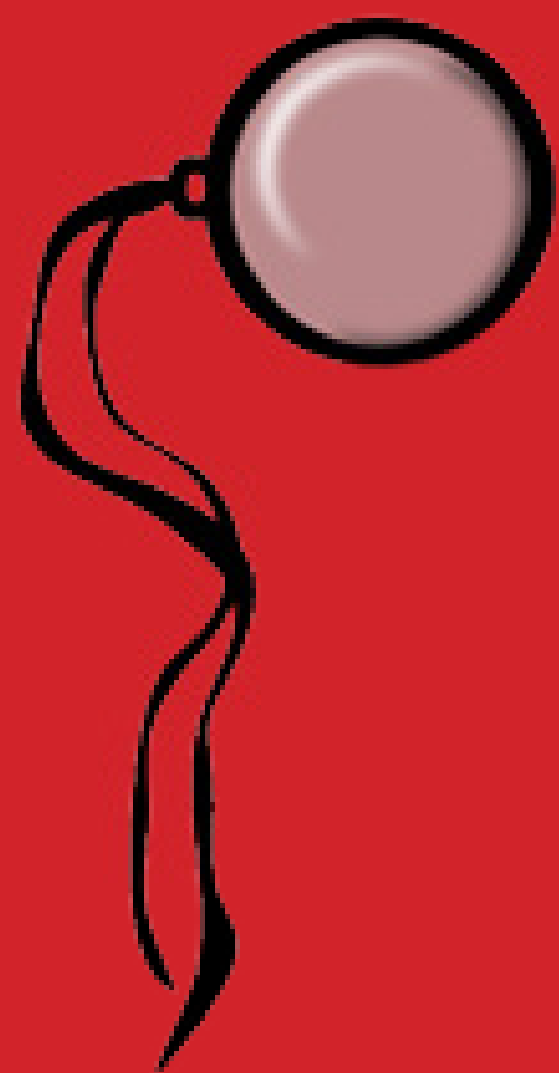
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