

## Struggling with space

Department of Communications experiencing increase of students

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APSU Department of Communication's students, faculty and field resources have expanded past the department's allotted building space, lessening the learning experience and performance capability.

According to APSU's Institutional Research and Effectiveness data, the average amount of undergraduate students majoring in communication is 416. The communication department also holds the third highest enrollment for their graduate program.

The department had up to 600 students but graduated 200 in May. The communication department experienced the biggest freshman class this semester, but the students do not appear as enrolled in the program until their junior year, due to the Tennessee Promise, according to communication professor Frank Parcells.

The department shares the Music and Mass Communication building with the music department. The communication department is designated a corner on the first floor and one lab classroom on the third level, which amounts to one-fourth of the building, communication department Chairman Pamela Gray said.

The main issue with the little space and massive student enrollment within the different communication concentrations is the need for more classrooms and labs.

"Classroom labs, enough offices so the faculty are all together and a gathering space for students to build comradery are essential for our department but something we still do not have," communication instructor Amy Ritchart, said.

"The biggest struggle is the lack of ability to schedule classes with only one lab available," Ritchart said.

Each concentration within the department, such as broadcast and public relations, also has specific needs.

"New and bigger studios for students to learn in and to no longer have logistical issues for radio broadcasting is what the department could benefit from, if given more space," communications professor David Von Palko said.

The original layout of the MMC building was designed with four radio studios, but after conflicts of shared space between the two departments, the communication department was left with only two, Von Palko said.

Most communication students will have classes in many other buildings across campus.

"I have major specific classes in the MMC, Hemlock and the Dunn; most days it is a long walk to get from one class to the other," senior communication major, Elijah Wilson said. "With the amount of students and productions we do, the Music and Mass Communication building limits the educational experience for

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#Peaylection16

## Can we all just get along?



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Going to class on Wednesday after the election was the weirdest experience I have ever had.

It was eerily silent, almost like no one dared to talk about the election out loud or risk getting into a shouting match with someone who secretly supported Trump but otherwise remained silent out of fear of a public backlash. After all, no one I talked to had expected a Republican victory. No media station predicted a Trump victory. It would be a close race, of course, but the prospect of Trump winning the election did not really crystalize until the East Coast went red on the election maps.

People have responded in different ways. Some are vocally furious, even going so far as to delete their Facebook and Twitter

apps from their phones so as to pretend the Trump majority does not exist.

Others clammed up, outright refusing to discuss the election at all out of anger or overwhelming anguish.

But whether you voted for Trump or not, life is not going to let you stay in bed and freak out about the results or how much you hate your "racist, misogynistic brethren."

The planet is still spinning, society is still going and life continues on, whether you are ready and prepared for it or not.

There are two realities at play right now.

No. 1: The popular vote went to Clinton, but she lost the Electoral College to Trump. As much as we might rail against this in anger, if the situation were flipped, we would not bat an eye at the Republicans who would obviously be upset at the same thing. Both sides would say the same thing about the other. Both candidates fought hard and fair, and now the results are in. There is no reason to dwell on a past we cannot change.

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## SGA votes down on SOC reform, brings new legislation to table

Over half of Senators are without legislation, could face removal from position with two meetings remaining

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Chief Justice Lane Chisenhall announced that the Student Tribunal has rejected Sen. Thomas Murphy's Act. No. 7, which would give SGA power to vote on Student Organization Council expenditures.

"Tribunal felt like it was a little vague. Wasn't transparent or just clear with the instructions on that. And then felt like it was just kind of overstepping the reach of Student Government in the interest of Student Government," Chisenhall said.

Upon clarification, Chisenhall said it was unclear who would be voting on SOC expenditures and who would oversee the process based on the wording of the legislation.

Chisenhall also announced that the Student Tribunal had approved SGA legislation to move SGA's meeting times from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. starting January 2017.

President Ryan Honea announced that 14 senators, over half of the SGA, have not submitted legislation this semester.

"I would like if over half the senate wasn't removed. Please, please submit

legislation," Honea said.

SGA senators are required to submit at least one piece of legislation, and have it voted on during the semester or they will be removed from their seat.

Coordinator for Programs and Special Events Ty Jesinoski, began the SGA meeting as a guest speaker to announce the Nashville Predators had reached out to APSU, to sponsor an APSU-themed final game on April 4, 2017. The event would feature mascot interaction between The Gov and Predators' mascot GNASH, the APSU Dance Team at halftime and possibly lower ticket prices for APSU students.

"I think it should be pretty cool especially as APSU is trying to expand in the region, so having a big night in Nashville," Jesinoski said. "I think attendance for Preds games is usually 17 or 18 thousand people. All those people would essentially be exposed to our school."

SGA passed Act No. 6, which would require SGA ballots to include a small biography next to each candidate's picture clarifying what the candidate hopes to achieve.

Sen. Duane Kessler's Act No. 9, was

also passed. It will require SGA to send all legislation under the New Business category be sent to *The All State* for immediate publishing.

Kessler's Resolution No. 8, requiring hand sanitizing stations in all buildings with classrooms, was tabled until further research was completed concerning exactly who would oversee the installation of the stations and how much the process would cost. His other legislation, which would see SGA switch to canvas bags instead of plastic cups to distribute candy at G.H.O.S.T., was also postponed so Kessler could do further research regarding how many bags should be ordered and possibly finding a more cost-effective option.

Resolution No. 11, also authored by Kessler, passed and will see the number of people attending the G.H.O.S.T. event tracked and recorded so student organizations will know how much candy to supply to equip the university for preparation of the event.

Act No. 10, introduced by Sen. Sara Alexander, would require multimedia recording of all SGA meetings and documentation.

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many sports broadcasting classes.” Associate communication professor Christina Hicks-Goldston has an office in the MMC but teaches all of her fall semester classes in the Claxton. Teaching media based classes is frustrating in other buildings because the rooms do not support the resources needed for demonstrations, Hicks-Goldston said. Students and faculty understand the music department needs large amounts of space for classroom lectures, practice rooms and performances, but desires for there to be a shift to help the communication department expand as well. “I am thankful for the space we have, but wish we had more,” Gray said. Expanding a department’s space is

not an easy task to do, especially when sharing a building with a performing arts department. There are many factors considered when calculating a department’s issue about space, which includes, the type of classroom experience, the timing of when the space is used and finances, according to Dean of College of Arts and Letters Dixie Webb. “All classrooms on campus are university classrooms,” Webb said. “Some departments have ‘priority scheduling’ of classrooms ... [but] it is our duty to make the best use of tax-payer money and use every room on campus no matter the building or course appropriately.” According to University Design and Construction, there are no plans installed to augment the space given to the communication department. The opening of the Art and Design building will help extend extra space to other departments in need. The design of the building has two

large classrooms for departments to use. The music department will benefit from the extra space for student recitals in the evenings and the communication department can use the lecture hall for large classes as well, according to Dixie Webb. “In the renovation of Trahern, we have also created a new 20-25 seat classroom on the fourth floor; those spaces are often used by [the] communication faculty.” “I have major specific classes in the MMC, Hemlock and the Dunn; most days it is a long walk to get from one class to the other.”

ELIJAH WILSON  
SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR



SGA President Ryan Honea leads the Nov. 9 meeting. HENRY KILPATRICK | THE ALL STATE

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Alexander said the meeting minutes do not properly detail the contents of SGA meetings. Sen. Haley Palmeri’s Act No. 11 was also introduced and would see the creation of an SGA Budget Committee to properly address expenditures of previous years to create a more detailed budget. The budget would need to be approved by a 2/3 majority in the senate. Sen. Ashlyn Whittaker’s Act No. 12 proposes the idea of SGA sponsoring the annual blood drive on campus and making it a major event to provide more

awareness for the campus. Sen. Eric Powell introduced Resolution No. 12 to write a formal letter to the Pharos Implementation Committee asking for remaining balances on student printing accounts to roll over from semester to semester. Sen. Dominic Critchlow introduced Resolution No. 13, would send a formal recommendation to the Policy Committee to allow department chairs to approve university-excused absences. Resolution No. 14, authored by Sen. Jordan Burns, asks the Physical Plant to replace the street lamps between the Trahern and Sundquist buildings as to make the walkways safer at night. The next SGA meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 16, in MMC Room 307.



SGA  
LEGISLATION

**ACT NO. 6**  
Requires a short biography to be included on SGA ballots by each prospective senator’s names.  
**Passed**

**ACT NO. 9**  
Requires copies of new business to be sent to *The All State* by Monday afternoons.  
**Passed**

**RESOLUTION NO. 9**  
Recommend the Physical Plant install hand sanitizers near the entrances of all buildings with classrooms.  
**Postponed**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10**  
Require SGA to give out bags instead of cups at G.H.O.S.T.  
**Postponed**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11**  
Requires SGA to keep track of attendance at G.H.O.S.T.  
**Postponed**



SGA senators listening to new buisness at the Wednesday Nov. 9, meeting at 4 p.m. in the Morgan University Center. HENRY KILPATRICK | THE ALL STATE

Corrections and Clarifications

In the edition that ran on Nov. 9, there is a correction needed for the Features section. The author said, “APSU’s Student Organization Council” put on Will Rotten’s Freak Out Circus. It was actually the Govs Programming Council that put on the event.



CRIME  
LOG

**THEFT OF PROPERTY**  
Browning Drive  
Nov. 10, 2:33 p.m.  
**Arrest**

**COMMUNICATING A THREAT**  
Music/Mass Communications  
Nov. 9, 11:35 a.m.  
**Report**

**DOMESTIC ASSAULT**  
Sevier Hall  
Nov. 9, 1:16 p.m.  
**On Going**

**DOMESTIC ASSAULT**  
Sevier Hall  
Nov. 9, 1:15 p.m.  
**On Going**

**DOMESTIC ASSAULT**  
Sevier Hall  
Nov. 9, 1:13 p.m.  
**On Going**

**FALSE IMPRISONMENT**  
Sevier Hall  
Nov. 9, 1:13 p.m.  
**On Going**

**DRUG PARAPHERNALIA  
-UNLAWFUL USES**  
Castle Heights  
Nov. 8, 5:58 p.m.  
**Report**

**FRAUDULENT USE OF CREDIT  
CARD**  
Shasteen  
Nov. 7, 11:19 a.m.  
**N/A**

**SIMPLE POSSESSION/CASUAL  
EXCHANGE**  
Main Street/University Avenue lot  
Nov. 5, 2:45 a.m.  
**Report**

**THEFT OF PROPERTY**  
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Nov. 5, 8:12 p.m.  
**Report**

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Nov. 4, 2 p.m.  
**On Going**

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Music/Mass Communications  
Nov. 1, 4:46 p.m.  
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Nov. 1, 5:56 p.m.  
**Report**

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Hand Village  
Oct. 30, 5:17 p.m.  
**Report**

**THEFT OF PROPERTY**  
Trahern  
Oct. 29, 3:29 p.m.  
**Report**

**UNDERAGE POSS/CONSUMPTION**  
Meacham Apartments  
Oct. 28, 11 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

## Decreased weekend library hours hurt some students



The Felix G. Woodward Library opened in 1967 and was given its name in 1971. HENRY KILPATRICK | THE ALL STATE



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The weekend library hours could negatively affect students' study habits and grades.

The Woodward Library is currently open from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday, the hours go from 19 hours to 12 hours. On Saturday and Sunday the library is only open for eight hours. This could potentially harm students who can only study when the library just so happens to be closed.

Many students do most of their studying and working on the weekends because of their busy school schedules. When someone wants a quiet place to study, the best place to do that is the Woodward Library.

The only problem with that is the fact that the library has shorter hours on the weekend, as well as having stranger times.

The library at APSU is actually open more hours per week than

other universities, such as MTSU, Tennessee Tech and Belmont. Somehow, though, the library still does not seem to be open quite long enough.

Joe Weber, the director of library services, said the reasons for the library hours vary. Factors include the availability of staff, the library budget, whether or not classes are in session and most importantly, library usage.

Between Monday and Thursday the library averages around 3,800 to 4,800 visitors a day. The numbers decrease steadily on Friday and plummet to around 600 on Saturday and 1,000 on Sunday.

Although the number of students using the library decreases on the weekends, these hours could harm students who do not have any other quiet place to study when they are not working.

Students with classes that require immense amounts of studying in order to do well in the class may be at a disadvantage if they can only work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and they could miss out on valuable

quiet time to study.

Having longer library hours could potentially give more students the chance to study in an environment that would give them fewer distractions and allow them to focus. Extending the weekend library hours could also help to accommodate more students when student availability is much more varied.

The fact of the matter is, the library should be open from morning until night every day of the week. Although the number of students on campus may be greater during the weekdays, there are still students with varying schedules.

Not every student will need to use the library to study. Not every student will need to use it in the morning or at night but the library should work to help accommodate those students whose ability to sit down and study could affect how they perform in their classes.

The library is open a large amount of time throughout the week but the weekend hours still have the potential to harm students who have only the weekend to both work and study.

## Think before signing up for online classes

### Online classes hit or miss for students compared to traditional, face-to-face classroom setting



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Online classes may provide a convenience for students that traditional classrooms just cannot match, but the quality of the learning experience is a completely different story.

Taking an online class is a big commitment, and demands a great deal of self-motivation.

Professor Jake Lowary, who teaches an online News Reporting course, said, “For a lot of students, online classes are way more convenient. Being able to essentially plug in anywhere is really important for students who have other commitments such as families or long commutes.”

However, the connection between students and instructors is hard to maintain in an online course. Students lack the ability to tap one another on the shoulder if they miss something in the lecture, or to raise their hands to ask the professor a question if they are confused about the material.

Junior broadcast media major

Elizabeth Patterson said, “Having optional meet up days could help break the barrier between students and instructors. It does not have to be mandatory but just a designated time where they can meet once a week, in case the student needs extra assistance.”

Ultimately the issue of online classes versus traditional classroom settings comes down to how students learn most effectively. Unfortunately, students do not know if they will excel in an online course until it is too late.

IT has proposed a program to APSU's Technology Access Fee Allocation Committee called SmarterMeasure, a test students can take their first semester of college that will show whether or not they will be successful in online courses.

The test will be very similar to a learning types test, but geared toward whether or not a student will prosper in an online class or if a student's learning abilities are more suited for a traditional classroom setting.

Sophomore history major Justin Randall, a student representative for TAF, said, “This test would have been useful to me. If I had known there

“ Having optional meet up days could help break the barrier between students and instructors.”

**ELIZABETH PATTERSON**  
JUNIOR BROADCAST MEDIA MAJOR

was a way I could find out beforehand I would not flourish in a class, I would not take it.”

Usually these types of projects take about one to two years before they are implemented.

“Personally I do not feel like I learn effectively from online classes. When I am reading a lecture online, I do not feel like I am really pulling all that I can from it,” Randall said.

Online classes allow students to work at their own pace and receive their education from just about anywhere, but they cannot compare to a traditional classroom setting where students and instructors interact face to face.

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### ELECTION

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No. 2: Whichever person is currently warming the desk at the White House cannot and will not affect your daily life. A single person determines your daily life: you.

Only you can decide to wake up. Only you can decide to take a shower. Only you can decide to get dressed, go to class, do your homework, procrastinate on your homework, go to work, deal with stupid customers, go back home and eat breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The president of the U.S. has no authority over your daily life. Only you get to make those choices for yourself.

As a moderate watching this election cycle from a relative distance, I can say with confidence this election was fueled by nothing but partisan hate.

It was pure, unbridled hatred. Democrats hated Republicans and Trump for being “racist, homophobic, sexist and misogynistic,” while Republicans hated Democrats for being “lazy, ignorant and naive.”

This hatred blocked all attempts to have a civilized discussion, which is required in any functional democracy, and make no mistake: this hatred was

“ America is more than the person living in the White House. You are America. You are the reason this country works the way it does.”

not exclusively from Republicans.

We are all guilty of focusing too much on how much we hated [insert candidate name here] and not enough on the actual issues being debated on the stage. The result was a competition to see how much we could hate each other. And now we are going to pay for it for at least four years.

I am fed up with hate. I am fed up with people hating one another in a country with some of the largest freedoms of speech in the world. I, along with much of the country, am exhausted with politics.

To the Republicans: fear is a legitimate emotion, and we all experience it in some form or fashion in our lives.

If someone tells you they are afraid of Trump as president, getting angry at the person is the wrong approach. Listen to them. Try to understand where they are coming from.

If you want to convince America to come together in the wake of this election, you must be willing to listen, and if liberals want to protest, let them. It is their right as Americans, and as long as the protests remain non-violent, they are protected within the American legal system. Your party won in an unexpected turn-around. Remember why you voted in the first place: to improve the state of this country, not to push your ego in people's faces.

To the Democrats: Clinton lost. It feels terrible and stings at the back of your throat. However, people are not who they vote for, and attacking them on social media is not going to win the Democratic Party any favors in the near future.

Further, there is more to Trump's campaign than the hatred seen on TV and social media. Many Americans are genuinely fed up with the “establishment,” and if you consider people like my parents, who were around during the Bill Clinton scandals, it becomes a lot easier to understand where the average Republican is coming from. While the hateful ones are showcased online for the world to see most often, the truth is more complex. As long as you remember that, we can find the common ground necessary to keep this country running.

Remember the truth in all this: America is more than the person living in the White House. You are America. You are the reason this country works the way it does. After all, President-elect Donald Trump is not America. You are. Never forget that. If you still believe there is work to be done, keep fighting for that work. No president on this planet can take away what you have in this country: your life, your dignity and your spirit. You are America. I am America. We are America. Never stop working. Never stop believing. Make the choice to wake up and continue living, and you will never go wrong.



# EXTRAS



The Governors line up during the last home football game of the season on Saturday, Nov. 12 at Fortera Stadium. The Gobs fell to ECU 67-30. LUCAS CHAMBERS | THE ALL STATE

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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By: rj johnson

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For more information,  
call 931-221-7341.

Applications are open November 7-  
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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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# FEATURES

## ANTSC kicks off Non-traditional Student Week



The Adult and Nontraditional Student Center celebrated Nontraditional Student Week by giving grilled cheese and chili to students in the Morgan University Center. Events like this and the Bring Your Child to Lunch Day provided ways to interact with the student body. LUCAS CHAMBERS | THE ALL STATE

## Gutierrez pursues business degree after military service

### Student switches from deployment in Afghanistan to entering academics



Sophomore business major Daniel Gutierrez grew up in California, which is where he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Gutierrez joined the army in pursuit of economic stability following his graduation from high school in 2011. He spent his deployment at Fort Campbell. JOSHUA CLEMENTS | THE ALL STATE

**JOSHUA CLEMENTS**  
FEATURES WRITER

From jobless, to military, to student, 23-year-old Daniel Gutierrez is applying his life experience to the pursuit of a music industry career.

Gutierrez is a sophomore music business major at APSU who grew up in California, where he enlisted in the US Army.

“I was born in Tucson, but I grew up in Southern California’s High Desert area,” Gutierrez said. “My high school experience was interesting because it was not a typical high school, as we were a very artsy student body and we did not have cliques you had to navigate.”

Gutierrez said he graduated high school in 2011 and stayed in the area while trying to find a steady place of employment.

“The economy at the time did not lend itself to many job opportunities as what the companies wanted was people with experience, but for people new to the job market there was no way to break

through,” Gutierrez said.

After about a year of no prospects, Gutierrez said he used the Army as a way to make his way to greener pastures.

“My time in the Army was amazing in the sense that they taught me so many things that I would have never learned in the civilian world, and it gave me an opportunity to grow as a person,” Gutierrez said.

Not only did the Army give Gutierrez a chance at economic stability, but he said it gave him a chance to make friendships that will last past his enlistment.

“I will never forget the sense of brotherhood I had with my fellow soldiers,” Gutierrez said. “It is a feeling I don’t think anything else can replicate. I knew that everyone had my back and I had theirs and nothing else will replace that, and it is what I miss about most about serving.”

Gutierrez said he spent the entire time in the Army stationed at Fort Campbell, where he was with the No-Slack Battalion; however, he left Priscilla back in California.

“Priscilla and I were not married yet,

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## Little Govs read along

### Author brings children together

**ANDREW WADOVICK**  
FEATURES EDITOR

Children gathered around the tables, squirming in their seats as author Michael Shoulders told stories and jokes about what he does for a living.

The Non-Traditional Student Center partnered with the Govs Programming Council to bring Shoulders to APSU as part of Non-Traditional Student Week on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at a luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. Shoulders brought copies of his recent children’s books to read and discuss with the children.

“We had a magician the past two years we’ve done this,” coordinator of GPC Martha Harper said. “We wanted to try something different this year, so we found [Shoulders] online.”

Shoulders has earned three degrees from APSU, and eventually became a teacher, writing books in his spare time.

Shoulders spoke to the children about the process of publishing his books, explaining how he never directly talks with the illustrator of his books.

“I don’t talk to my illustrator at all,” he told the children. “The company decides who the illustrator is.”

He also talked about the steps he takes when writing his books, from his rough drafts and all the revisions he makes along the way to publication.

Harper said keeping the non-traditional student in mind is crucial to creating events they would participate in, and children are a significant factor in this decision.

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## Caress takes center stage

### Performer brings poetry, comedy act

**ANDREA ALLEN**  
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APSU students made some noise for spoken word guest that combined poetry and beat-boxing to address issues in society that are commonly ignored.

The Govs Programming Council hosted Spoken Word artist Lady Caress to perform for APSU students on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Caress Russell travels to different campuses and stages with her unique poetry, beat-boxing and comedy act. Russell uses her act to not only entertain but inform her audience about the issues present in modern society.

“You never know what people are going through,” Russell said, “That’s why it is so important to just check on people. They may really need your help in that moment.”

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**CARESS RUSSELL**  
PERFORMER

Russell gave the audience a brief back-story and her history with poetry. She said she was bullied and got into many fights while growing up. Her parents transferred her to many different schools as a result.

She said poetry was a way for her to escape a confusing time of her life, and her love for hip hop music and poetry inspired her to write and perform beat-boxed poems about her personal pain.

After becoming more familiar with poetry and the impact of spoken word, she decided to use her poetry to address issues that could be painful for others to open up about.

During her act, Russell discussed sexual assault, respect for self and others and domestic abuse.

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# Fusion encourages community gathering

## Clarksville bar and grill provides safe haven, acceptance for LGBT members

JOSHUA CLEMENTS  
FEATURES WRITER

There is a place in Clarksville for people to gather. No, not the Love Shack, but a nightclub that has only been around for a couple of years called Fusion.

Fusion Bar & Grill is co-owned by Buddy Wells and his sister and it is in a seemingly small place off Riverside Drive.

“We have been open for about two years now and going strong,” Wells said. “My sister and I bought into a place that was here previously and that owner moved to a different location, and we changed the name to Fusion.”

Wells said the reason for using the name Fusion was that they wanted to be symbol of everyone coming together despite any differences.

“We want everyone to feel welcome, no matter if they are LGBT or straight they have a safe place to hang out,” Wells said. “The only people we don’t want here are the ones who argue or start fights with anyone.”

Wells said he was confident in the mission of being an inclusive establishment as he said that they probably have more straight clientele

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BUDDY WELLS  
CO-OWNER OF FUSION BAR AND GRILL

than members of the LGBT community. APSU students also are frequent patrons of the establishment, according to Wells.

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Driving up to the building, it looks to be a bit on the small side, but once inside, it is bigger than the facade would leave you to believe.

“We definitely have a chill environment that is a good place for people to come and unwind during the week,” Wells said. “On the weekends, we are a bit livelier when we host drag shows and other live events.”

Wells said he wants to give back to the community and be a place that sets an example of unity with everyone regardless of background.

“One of our biggest days was when he held a special even in reverence of the Orlando massacre,” Wells said. “It wound up getting us a lot of media attention, and it was an amazing night because the entire community came together in face of ugliness.”

Fusion Bar & Grill is located at 1032 S. Riverside Drive and it opens its doors at 4 p.m. every day. Fusion is a 21 and up establishment, so there is no admittance without a valid ID card.

## VETERAN

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so I was required to live in the barracks, like all single soldiers, on base so it would be really hard to move her out here,” Gutierrez said. “She wanted to be with me and I wanted her out here with me, so we decided to get married. It was a quick engagement and we got married in Vegas.”

During his time at Fort Campbell Gutierrez went on one deployment to Afghanistan.

“Nothing can really prepare you for what you experience during a deployment,” Gutierrez said. “It was the people of Afghanistan that stood out the most to me as they live in a near constant state of war. It changes the way you live, and without the first-hand perspective, you cannot really comprehend what it is like to live that way.”

Gutierrez did not continue his service after his first commitment, opting to use the GI bill to fund his education.

“Transitioning back to civilian life was easy for me because the Army has a lot of resources on how soldiers can adjust to life after the Army,” Gutierrez said. “I know some have trouble with that, but I feel lucky because how easy it was for me.”

Gutierrez said he received an honorable discharge and now lives in Clarksville with his wife, Priscilla, while they both attend school at the university. They decided to stay at APSU as opposed to going back to California as they enjoyed the different atmosphere in Clarksville.

“What I want to do with my degree is to basically be a studio composer and producer,” Gutierrez said. “Music now-a-days is all just so cookie-cutter, and I want to help and change that by adding a fresh voice to the scene.”

## WORD

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She made a point to engage with the audience throughout the night, allowing the audience to be more involved during the performance.

“I want to be as real as possible with you guys so you will do the same for me,” Russell said.

She opened up to feedback and played quick games to get the audience involved in her show.

While she performed, she passed around a notebook and let the audience come up with a poem about a topic of their choosing, love. As part of her final performance she beat-boxed the poem the audience wrote.

“I love Spoken Word, so I’m glad APSU has programs like this. It was cool how she wasn’t afraid to talk about certain topics and connected to the audience well,” freshman business management major Jasmine Bailey said.

In addition to the hands-on activities GPC and other APSU student organizations provide, performers and speakers expose students to different platforms for culture and self-expression.

Students can see the variety of ways to talk or open up about the issues they face.

## CHILDREN

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“If I want to have relevant programming for non-traditional students, we must welcome children to campus,” she said.

Shoulders also showed the children one of his latest books, “V is for Volunteer: A Tennessee Alphabet,” and performed a rap of the book for the students to sing along.

Shoulders also discussed unusual or exciting houses he travelled to and facts about the Titanic.

Junior computer science major Tera Murphey brought her daughter to the luncheon.

“I’ve never had the opportunity to go to events like these before,” Murphey said. “[My daughter] is just learning how to read.”

Murphey said she has gone to G.H.O.S.T. for the past three years, and enjoyed bringing her daughter to the luncheon.

“I would definitely go again,” Murphey said.

Harper said she wants to continue hosting events like the luncheon in the future.

“It exposes these children to college life, and helps set that expectation,” she said. “We want to find ways to show Little Gavs campus life.”

### FUSION BAR AND GRILL LOCATION AND HOURS

1032 S Riverside Drive,  
Clarksville, TN 37040

Monday	4 p.m. – midnight
Tuesday	4 p.m. – midnight
Wednesday	4 p.m. – midnight
Thursday	4 p.m. – midnight
Friday	4 p.m. – 3 a.m.
Saturday	4 p.m. – 3 a.m.
Sunday	4 p.m. – midnight

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## 2016



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**For more information, call 931-221-7341.**

**Gifts are due November 18-December 5**



### “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges”

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The completed application/recommendation forms must be received by **Friday, November 18, 2016** in the Student Affairs Office located in the Morgan University Center, room 206.



# 101st Airborne Division invited to Titans game



Tennessee Titans owner Amy Adams Strunk, center, talks with soldiers from Fort Campbell, Ky., before an NFL football game between the Titans and the Green Bay Packers Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, in Nashville, Tennessee. MARK ZALESKI | ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Govs continue football drought with 37 point deficit in last home game of season

GLAVINE DAY  
SPORTS EDITOR

In what could have been the best chance for a Govs football win this season, the Eastern Kentucky Colonels scored a season high 67 points against APSU. The Govs fell very short, losing 67-30.

“I give them a lot of credit,” Head Coach Will Healy said. “They beat us from the first snap to the last snap tonight and we didn’t have an answer for it.”

This game was full of scoring records, erasing almost all of the series matchup records. Prior to this game, the most points APSU scored against ECU was 30, which happened in 1965.

The most points scored by ECU

against APSU was 56, which happened twice, in the 1988 season and the 1997 season.

In the past four ECU matchups, the Govs only scored a total of 30 points, meaning the Govs matched a four game total in one night against ECU.

“I felt like every time we turned around, they had a short field,” Healy said. “They were really good on special teams as well.”

On the other side, ECU also set a record with their 67 points, the most ever against APSU.

Despite the team loss, a few Gov players have some accomplishments to celebrate.

According to available known records, kicker Nick Gauna tied the school record with a 52-yard field goal.

Kentel Williams, the leading rusher for the Govs, had a record-breaking 399 all-purpose yards with 176 rushing yards, 42 receiving yards and 181 kick return yards. Along with the all-purpose yards, Williams set a season high for rushing yards as well. Williams had one touchdown on the night with a 97-yard kickoff return. Williams also posted the most amount of rushing yards since Otis Gerron.

Kendall Morris moved up to No. 24 on the all-time rushing list.

JaVaughn Craig started the game at quarterback for the Govs, but Timarious Mitchell came in during the third quarter when Craig came out due to a shoulder injury. Craig went 2/11 with 23 yards and zero touchdowns. Mitchell went 5/18 with 59 yards and

one interception.

“JaVaughn is a big part of our offense,” Williams said. “He is a dual-threat quarterback. He can run like a skill player. He can throw the ball like no other. It’s hard seeing a freshman quarterback going out like that, especially one I’m close with, going out to injury. I was really trying to fight for the both of us and help the team out as much as I can.”

The leading receiver for APSU was Jared Beard, with three catches for 22 yards.

The Govs end their Ohio Valley Conference play 0-7 and are 0-8 in overall. The 2016 season comes to an end in Lexington, Kentucky at 3:30 p.m. against University of Kentucky on Saturday, Nov. 19.

# Lady Govs use second half in first season win

NOAH HOUCK  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Govs basketball team came out slow in the second game of the year, trailing Christian Brothers 35-31 at halftime before securing the first win of the season 76-57.

“We were struggling to find a rotation,” Head Coach David Midlick said to letsgoapeay.com. “I think when those five that played a lot in the second half went in, we were down five but outscored Christian Brothers by 19 points in the last four or five minutes of the third period.”

APSU (1-1) outscored the Lady Bucs 45-22 in the second half behind a career high 23 points from junior Brianne Alexander.

APSU began to control the game in the third quarter as the Lady Govs put up 27 points in it, the most scored by APSU in a quarter since the Murray State game on Feb. 20.

The Lady Govs started clicking in the

second half offensively, when Alexander scored 19 of her 23 points.

Defensive numbers also improved for APSU after halftime.

The Lady Govs were able to slow an offense that shot 69 percent in the first half to 24 percent in the second quarter.

The Lady Govs continued the trend of improvement by supplying 31 points of the bench, over half of the bench points in the season opener.

Success in the second half was found not only from Alexander or the bench, but from free throws as CBU sent the Lady Govs to the line 17 times in the third. Alexander excelled at the stripe by going 11-of-16 in the game.

Tearra Banks recorded 15 points while Falon Baker got eight rebounds, seven defensively.

The Lady Govs saw success from players individually as all 14 players on the roster played in the game.

APSU continues its home stint as they host Arkansas State at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the Dunn Center.



Junior guard Bri Williams created scoring opportunities for the Lady Govs with seven assists and picked up four points of her own during the 76-57 win over the Buccaneers. TREVOR MERRILL | THE ALL STATE



# SPORTS



Freshman running back Kentel Williams dominated the running game with a record breaking 399 all-purpose yards but it wasn’t enough to defeat the Colonels in a 67-30 loss. LUCAS CHAMBERS | THE ALL STATE



Despite setting a personal rushing record of 176 yards on the night, freshman running back Kentel Williams could only do so much as the Govs fell to the Colonels 67-30. LUCAS CHAMBERS| THE ALL STATE

**GLAVINE DAY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

APSU freshman running back Kentel Williams had the weekend of a lifetime after his historic performance against Eastern Kentucky.

Williams earned three Ohio Valley Conference weekly awards, set multiple APSU records and even managed to earn a national weekly award.

“We’re going to have 95 Kentel Williams in the locker room, and we’re going to win championships with guys like that,” Head Coach WillHealy said. “Kentel did a phenomenal job competing from the first snap to the last. I could not be more proud of him.”

During the game, on Saturday, Nov. 12, Williams had 399 all-purpose yards.

He had 176 rushing yards on 19 carries, 42 reception yards on two catches and 181 yards on five kickoff returns.

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**WILL HEALY**  
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

On Monday, Nov. 14, STATS announced their Football Championship Subdivision Players of the Week, with Williams earning National FCS Freshman Player

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**KENTEL WILLIAMS**  
FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK

of the Week.

This is the first time an APSU freshman has ever received a national FCS award.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, the OVC released their weekly Players of the Week, and Williams received Co-Offensive, Co-Specialist and Co-Newcomer of the week.

This is the first time a player has earned three weekly awards in OVC history.

Williams’ 399 all-purpose yards are the most in APSU history, No. 20 in FCS history and the most any player has earned in all of NCAA this season.

Last week, it was Williams’ teammate, freshman quarterback JaVaughn Craig, who brought home multiple OVC weekly awards. Craig earned Co-Offensive and Co-Newcomer of the Week awards.

“We always have this talk when it’s just us one-on-one,” Williams said. “We just really feel like we’re going to have to take over as a duo in order for us to be successful on the offensive end. We’re going to do what we have to do to turn this program around.”

## Lady Govs go 1-1 before OVC Tournament

**ALLY WILLIAMS**  
STAFF WRITER

APSU’s volleyball team took a loss against Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on Friday, Nov. 11.

SIUE overtook the Lady Govs in three sets (17-25, 22-25, 24-26).

APSU uncharacteristically posted only 12 kills and were held to .075 attack percentage in the first set.

The lack of a solid offensive performance from the Lady Govs opened the door for SIUE to take the first set.

In this set, SIUE posted 15 kills with a .367 attack percentage to kick off the match.

SIUE did not let up in the second set.

The Cougars set the pace early with 5-0 run, which built a 7-3 lead.

The Cougars took this set as well and added 16 kills to their total.

The Lady Govs used an 8-2 run to get the lead of the third set at 11-7.

SIUE did not back down and took 7 of the next 9 points to take the lead at 14-

13.

APSU tried to rally back and tied the set at 24-24, but SIUE’s Taylor Joens ended the match with two consecutive kills.

The Lady Govs showed their weakest offensive performance since their first meeting with SIUE. The Lady Govs only posted 39 kills and were held to a .099 attack percentage.

Ashley Slay posted eight kills but was also called for six attack errors.

The Cougars’ 15-blocks and 45 kills gave them an edge over the Lady Govs, and they took the match in three sets.

The Lady Govs’ second match of the weekend was against Eastern Illinois on Saturday, Nov. 12.

The Lady Govs won the match in three sets (25-16, 25-16, 25-15).

In the match’s opening points, APSU and Eastern Illinois fought for control with five ties and three lead changes.

Sophomore Logan Carger delivered a kill to tie the set at 8-8, and a kill from redshirt sophomore Christina White

gave the Lady Govs the lead.

After the Lady Govs took the lead, they used a 17-8 run to clutch the first set.

APSU had 18 kills in the first set with a .179 attack percentage.

They maintained their momentum in the second set and took that set as well. The Lady Govs had 16 kills and a .302 attack percentage during the set.

They also posted 16 more kills in the third set with a .419 attack percentage.

APSU’s defense was also a key component in this victory.

Freshman libero Ginny Gerig showed another strong performance with a remarkable 27-dig effort.

The defense for the Lady Govs posted a combined 78 digs, and also held Eastern Illinois to 23 digs and a meager .099 attack percentage.

APSU will travel to either Murray State or SIUE for the OVC Volleyball Championship. The Lady Govs are ranked as the No. 3 seed, and will face Tennessee State on Saturday, Nov 19.



The Lady Govs swept the Panthers in their OVC outing to send them into the tournament with a 1-1 record. TREVOR MERRILL | THE ALL STATE