



On the ‘Mooooooo’ve

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The roosters had not even crowed before an odd call rang through the APSU Police Station. They were informed of a loose cow roaming on campus near Castle Heights on Friday, Jan. 27.

One of the first to hear of the situation was Officer Michael Dominy.

“It was approximately 8 a.m. and I was sitting in the officer’s quarters and reading about some policies, and we get reports about a cow that was wandering around Castle Heights. I’m thinking, ‘A cow?’ Alright, I’ve got to go check this out,” Dominy said.

He and Officer Charyl Ramsey responded to the call and were told that it was headed for the wooded area.

“We figured it’d be gone by the time we

got there,” Dominy said.

The cow had not gone, it was only getting started.

“We pulled up [to Castle Heights] and, lo and behold, there is a cow standing in the middle of the road,” Dominy said.

Although he and officer Ramsey were careful not to “spook” the cow, it was wary of the unfamiliar territory and faces. It turned towards the wooded area near Meacham Apartments where it stayed for 10 or 15 minutes. It then turned and darted toward Hand Village.

“She knew we were onto her,” Dominy said, “so she starts picking up a little bit of speed.”

The cows safety was the primary concern of the officers and the goal was to contain it so that it would not hurt itself or others walking on campus.

While Clarksville Police made calls to Animal Control for assistance, the cow made its way towards the Dunn Center, where members of the APSU ROTC program attempted to contain it.

When officers arrived, the cow charged past their vehicles towards Browning Drive. Soon after, Officer Ramsey and CPD officers wrangled the cow near College Street.

Once the cow was contained, a Clarksville fireman took it away in his trailer.

The cows located in the nearby APSU farm were all accounted for, so police do not currently know where the cow came from.

“This [was] definitely a new one,” Dominy said, “Something that’s probably going to be added to the job description.”



Members of the Clarksville Police Department catch a loose calf at APSU on College Street, on Jan. 27.
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President Trump signs 17 executive orders

The White House

1) Jan. 27 - Trump issued an executive order that instituted a 90 day travel ban for Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Yemen and Somalia.

2) Jan. 20 - Trump signed an executive order calling for “relief” from the Affordable Care Act, his predecessor’s signature domestic achievement. The order allows the Department of Health and Human Services to delay the implementation of any further ACA provisions.

3) Jan. 20 - Trump signed an executive order to freeze all pending federal regulations until they are approved directly by the Trump Administration.

4) Jan. 23 - Trump signed an executive order abolishing the “Mexico City Policy,” a federal policy that provides funding to foreign non-governmental establishments that either perform or promote abortions.

5) Jan. 23 - Trump signed an executive order that pulled the U.S. from the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement.

6) Jan. 23 - Trump issued an executive order to freeze the hiring of any new federal employees “across the board.”

7 & 8) Jan. 24 - Trump issued two executive order pertaining to the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline and the Keystone XL pipeline, projects previously halted by the Obama Administration.

9) Jan. 24 - Trump signed an executive order that called for expediting environmental reviews and approvals for high priority infrastructure projects. The order says that America is more competitive when it has a focus on expanding infrastructure, but that environmental reviews delay the expansion of said infrastructure unnecessarily.

10) Jan. 24 - Trump issued an executive order calling for oil pipelines being constructed in the U.S. to use American-made steel and metal.

11) Jan. 24 - Trump issued an executive order to instruct the Department of Commerce to review the effects of federal regulations on domestic manufacturing in order to promote permitting manufacturers faster.

12) Jan. 25 - Trump issued an executive order to increase security along the U.S.’ southern border by calling for 5,000 additional border patrol agents.

13) Jan. 25 - Trump issued an executive order called “Enhanced Public Safety in the Interior of the United States” which calls for the end of what are called “sanctuary cities. These are cities where local officials refuse to enforce federal immigration laws pertaining to illegal immigrants.

14) Jan. 27 - Trump issued an executive order calling for the “readiness conditions” of the U.S. military. The order means to strengthen the military by having newly appointed Secretary of Defense Jamis Mattis conduct a review on the military’s readiness in the next 30 days.

15) Jan. 28 - Trump signed an executive order calling for a reorganization of the National Security Council by making it more digitally-focused.

16) Jan. 28 - Trump signed an executive order that bans executive appointees from every agency from lobbying activities in respect to their agency for five years after leaving. Obama’s initial ban on these situations lasted two years.

17) Jan. 28 - Trump signed an executive order that calls for Mattis to create a plan to defeat ISIS and have it in Trump’s hands within the next 30 days. During the signing, Trump said he believed the plan will be “very successful.”

Signed this first day of February, 2017
Donald Trump, President of the United States



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The Donald Trump presidency is now a week old and we are already changes from the New York billionaire. Trump wasted no time in trying to implement his campaign promises through numerous executive orders, 17 as of Sunday, Jan. 29.

Trump has yet to introduce any piece of legislation to Congress, and is instead opting to achieve his vision for America through executive action.

An executive order (EO) is a power held solely by the president of the U.S. as the head of the executive branch of government. The president has the power to issue executive orders which are meant to guide federal employees in how to interpret current U.S. laws. Every U.S. president in history has used this power,

some more than others.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt currently holds the record for most executive actions with 3,721 orders, according to the American Presidency Project. Of the most recent presidents, Ronald Reagan issued 381 executive orders, Bill Clinton had 364, George W. Bush issued 291 and Barack Obama had some of the fewest at 276. Trump has issued 17 in seven days. That pace over his 4-year presidency would see him eclipse the numbers of Obama and Bush II.

Typically, executive orders are implemented slowly, and take weeks to prepare in order to analyze every facet of the order to ensure proper implementation and understanding.

The power of executive orders can vary greatly, as proven by Trump’s initial offerings. Some can be entirely symbolic and meant to immediately indulge apprehensive supporters, while some can have immediate, unforeseen consequences on millions of people. This list of Trump’s EO’s will start with the most relevant, and perhaps controversial order, the so called “Muslim Ban.”

One of the most influential orders came on Jan. 27. Trump issued an executive order that made drastic changes to the way refugees enter the U.S. from seven particular middle-eastern countries. A 120 and a 90 day travel ban on refugees from predominantly Muslim countries was ordered. Those countries are: Iraq, Iran,

Sudan, Syria, Libya, Yemen and Somalia.

Syria, which is still in the midst of a brutal civil war, is barred from sending any refugees for an indefinite period of time.

The order has caused a global uproar as multiple national leaders have issued statements admonishing Trump’s actions, millions of protesters gathered in airports across the country and numerous lawsuits were filed against Trump and the federal government.

The backlash to the order was so furious and swift that part of Trump’s order has already been suspended by U.S. District Judge Ann Donnelly. She ruled that anyone being detained in U.S. airports is

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RESOLUTION NO. 20
Sends a letter of recommendation to an appropriate Tennessee legislator asking for pepper spray to be allowed on campus.
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MANUFACTURE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
Castle Heights
Jan. 23, 11:38 p.m.
ARREST

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSE
Castle Heights
Jan. 23, 11:38 p.m.
ARREST

SIMPLE POSSESSION/ CASUAL EXCHANGE
Castle Heights
Jan. 23, 11:38 p.m.
ARREST

DRUG PARAPHERNALIA- UNLAWFUL USES
Castle Heights
Jan. 23, 11:38 p.m.
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DRUG PARAPHERNALIA- UNLAWFUL USES
Blount Hall
Jan. 21, 8:41 p.m.
REPORT

RESISTING STOP, FRISK, HALT, ARREST
Sevier/Blount Lot
Jan. 19, 10:50 p.m.
ARREST

POSSESSION OF HANDGUN WHILE ON CAMPUS
Main Street/University Avenue Lot
Jan. 19, 12:03 a.m.
ARREST

THEFT OF PROPERTY
Foy Center
Jan. 17, 8:20 p.m.
ON-GOING

SIMPLE POSSESSION/ CASUAL EXCHANGE
Castle Heights
Jan. 17, 1:58 a.m.
CLOSED

ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS
Castle Heights
Jan. 17, 12:45 a.m.
REPORT

APSU student researches, raises awareness of historic Holocaust

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APSU senior Shawn Harding recently completed a project about the Holocaust. Harding is a political science major with a minor in international relations, and has been studying the Holocaust for the past two years.

Harding has worked on previous projects relating to the Holocaust, but this summer he started a personal project. He began researching the area that was once World War II-era period and has created a map that shows the ghettos, concentration camps, and extermination camps in the region.

Harding said he started this project because he has always cared about people.

“I’ve been a humanitarian kind of person, and when it comes to the Holocaust there isn’t enough information,” Harding said. “The present and the past are going to help us gain the future by showing us what we should do in a situation like this.”

When Harding first started the project said he wanted to show people not just the number of camps in an area, but how closely related the ghettos and concentration camps were

to each other.

The grouping of the ghettos in one area is something surprised Harding said surprised him during his research. He said when looking at the map, a person can see the concentration camps surround the ghettos, and each ghetto is densely populated.

Harding used many different sources to create his map of Poland.

“I read a lot of books but I also used Wikipedia, and I want to say that it’s pretty accurate,” Harding said. “A list of the camps that were in the region were provided and then I used their location system.”

Associate Professor Michael Gruszczynski according to Harding, played more of a supportive role by providing feedback and guiding Harding’s research.

Harding said he hopes this project will create an interest in students and help educate people, so that something like the Holocaust will never happen again.

Harding was able to pull all the data he gathered and put it into a Google Maps system. His final project is an interactive map that can be found at <http://theholocaustblueprint.org/the-holocaust-in-poland/>

Hispanic Cultural Center brings Latin exposure to APSU students with events

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Next to English, Spanish is one of the most world-renowned languages there is, and is often a common dialect within the U.S. However, for many Americans, the culture that lies within the Hispanic community is often dense, as many tend to visualize only the likes of tacos, sombreros and piñatas.

That is why the Hispanic Cultural Center is at APSU.

“I do try to bring cultural awareness to the university through the events we provide,” Coordinator of the HCC and Panama-born Louis Mitchell said.

One event is “Not All About Tacos,” a function that features a native or visitor that has been to a Latin-American country giving intel and sharing stories about the nature, culture and experience.

Following this, they provide visitors with food known to that region.

For those interested in learning the Spanish language, Miguel Ruiz, who is Puerto Rican, provides tutoring Monday through Fridays from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

The HCC does not just focus on the language and food, but also the artistic culture that the Hispanics, Mexicans, and Spaniards alike possess.

The Spanish Film Screening spotlights foreign cinema, as the HCC intends to show Spanish-spoken films with English subtitles, and this year they will be showing “La Soga.”

Another event this semester is “Last Comic Standing’s” comedian Frank Ramos visiting campus.

The HCC has created a big impact for the APSU campus.

“It’s definitely provided a place for community building,” Mitchell said. “For a sense of belonging, it has impacted the students that has come through us. Just from the attendance, everyone’s being exposed to different cultures, and that is important, that’s the goal.”



Students enjoying the free breakfast HCC provides each semester REBEKAH LANGLEY | THE ALL STATE

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immune from being deported, handing Trump his first political defeat.

A number of residents who have lived in the U.S. for multiple years are being detained because of reported confusion by U.S. officials that are unsure of how

to implement the order. One of the detainees is Hameed Khalid Darweesh, an Iraqi national who served 10 years with the local 101st Airborne Division as a translator. Regarded as an Army hero, Darweesh was detained at JFK Airport for 18 hours because of his nationality.

According to politico.com, Trump’s approval rating currently stands at a historically low 36 percent.

SGA approves pepper spray letter to state legislators

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SGA passed Res. No. 20, calling for the admittance of pepper spray on APSU’s campus, at the their meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 25

The resolution calls for a letter to be sent to an appropriate Tennessee legislator, following the approval of APSU President Alisa White and APSU’s chief of police.

It is currently illegal to carry pepper spray on university grounds in the state of Tennessee as it is technically considered a weapon and can cause bodily harm. The change would need to be voted on by the Tennessee State Legislature and the change approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) for implementation in the APSU Code of Conduct.

During the association’s previous meeting, various senators such as Sen. Dominic Critchlow emphasized that it was “important to voice support” of the change from SGA and the student body of APSU.

Sen. Ella Weiss authored the resolution, which passed without opposition.

President Ryan Honea announced that the Pharos Print Center, implemented in 2016, had been successful and proven to be a sustainable system moving forward. Many students worried that the \$30 allotted to their account for printing on campus was not enough to meet the demands of their classes. Honea said very few students actually required more than the \$30 initially granted.

“6,097 students printed in fall of 2016. Only 75 students went over the \$30 allotment,” Honea said.

The 6,097 students used a total of 506,995 sheets of paper. Each student was estimated about 300 sheets of paper.

“The majority of students stayed within the single page printed to \$20 area...So Pharos turned out pretty successful in terms of sustainability and saved a lot of people, a lot of money,” Honea said.

Honea also said the number of student applications for SGA’s “The Big Event” were seeing an influx and keeping the application rates of last year. The Big Event is held on March 19, and sees the APSU student body participate in volunteer work for the surrounding area. The outreach event is not based on socioeconomic need and is meant to show gratitude to the Clarksville area for supporting APSU and it’s students.

Secretary Blaine Gundersen shared her report of the most recent meeting of the Sustainable Campus Fee Committee, where Laura Prang proposed bringing B-Cycles to APSU’s campus.

“It kind of works like a RedBox but with bikes...They already have two locations at Liberty and McGregor Parks,” Gundersen said.

Gundersen said that other universities were beginning to implement B-Cycle stations where students can swipe their student ID cards to rent bikes and are charged by the day. The implementation of the B-Cycle program could cost as much as \$50,000. The stations are maintained and operated by the City of Clarksville Parks and Recreation Staff.

The SGA Blood Drive will be held Feb. 8-9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in MUC Ballrooms A & B.

SGA meets every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in MUC 307.



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“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

OUR TAKE

Mental health affects APSU students

Mental illness not inherently dangerous



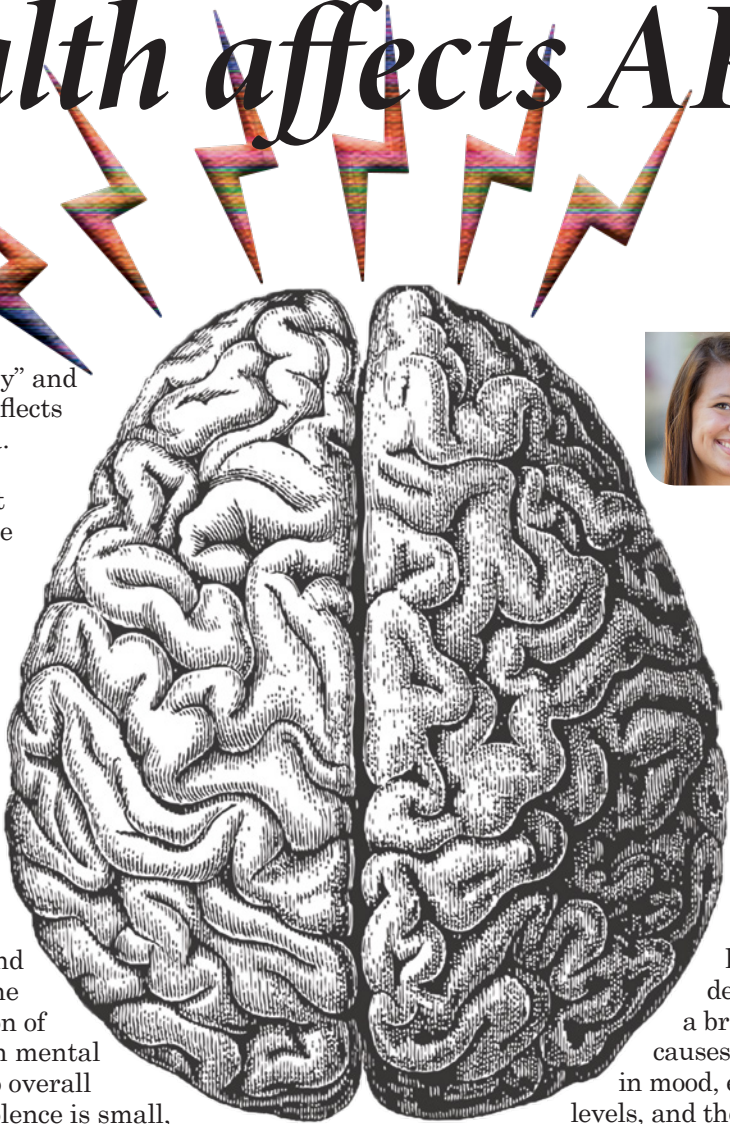
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Evil exists. It is difficult to believe that in real life, anyone is inherently capable of wishing to inflict pain for their own gain. Whether it is believed or not, people that commit extreme criminal acts without any excuses exist. Mental illness should not be an excuse for these people, whether they have them or not, and the world needs to stop acting like they are. The idea that people who have mental illnesses, whether it is depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or anything else, are inherently dangerous is harmful to both self-preservation and the lives of those with mental illness.

When people hear something truly wrong has been done, the first instinct a lot of people have is to blame it on some kind of mental illness; maybe they think a school shooter was depressed or a man who killed his wife and children before committing suicide was bipolar. Often they claim dismissively that there ‘had to be something wrong with them.’ Writers go there quickly as well, when they cannot imagine any other way to drive their characters to do something wrong. Of all characters with mental illnesses on prime time television, 60 percent were shown to be involved in crime or violence by 1999, according to Mental Health American. The public has decided people who do bad things

are “crazy” and media reflects that idea. Where does that idea come from? According to the Institute of Medicine, “Although studies suggest a link between mental illnesses and violence, the contribution of people with mental illnesses to overall rates of violence is small, and further, the magnitude of the relationship is greatly exaggerated by the minds of the general population.” A statistic from the Mental Health Reporting facts sheet on washington.edu states that “People with severe mental illnesses, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or psychosis, are 2 and a half times more likely to be attacked, raped or mugged than the general population.” The very people who need to be protected from crime most are being blamed for it because of social stigma.

Fear a criminal, not a diagnosis.



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Using mental illnesses as adjectives is one of the most ignored issues people are facing today. The definition of bipolar disorder: “Bipolar disorder, also known as manic-depressive illness, is a brain disorder that causes unusual shifts in mood, energy, activity levels, and the ability to carry out day-to-day tasks,” according to the National Institute of Mental Health. Being bipolar is not when your girlfriend or boyfriend is happy one minute, and a couple minutes later upset over something. Just because someone has a change in mood once, or even more than once, does not make that person bipolar. It means that person is moody, or even sensitive. If that person can live their life accordingly and not be affected every day of their life because of it, he or she is not bipolar. You are not funny, you are offensive.

The definition of depression:

“Depression (major depressive disorder or clinical depression) is a common but serious mood disorder. It causes severe symptoms that affect how you feel, think, and handle daily activities, such as sleeping, eating, or working. To be diagnosed with depression, the symptoms must be present for at least two weeks,” according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

Notice in the last sentence, the symptoms must be present for two weeks. You are not depressed because you failed a midterm. You are not depressed when your best friend goes out of town for a week. This is called sadness. You are sad when you fail a midterm. You are sad when your best friend goes out of town for a week. You are not depressed. Depression is when you force yourself out of bed every morning, even though you feel as if you do not have a reason to. Sometimes, you may even fail at that. Depression is something that affects your daily life.

This casual attitude is more serious than ever and needs to stop.

You never know when you say, “Ugh I’m so depressed” to someone, and someone who wanted to take their own life due to depression overhears you. You never know when you call someone bipolar, and someone else overhears you, who has a parent who struggles with bipolar disorder and affects their every day life.

Mental illness is not a joke or an adjective. It is an illness and deserves to be treated as such.

Taking medication for mental illness often necessary, not a sign of weakness



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You are not weak for taking medication for a mental illness. Mental illness often affects your brain in chemical, physical ways. Neurotransmitters are chemical substances released by a nerve fiber. They help send chemical messages between neurons so the brain can talk to itself.

Mental illness can occur when this process is abnormal or is not working correctly. Do not listen to people when they tell you it is “all in your head.” There are physical elements and symptoms associated with mental illness. These symptoms may make it difficult to focus in class, pay attention to conversations or even get out of bed. Medications for mental illness have come a long way. Common medications to treat mental illness are anti-depressants, anti-anxiety, stimulants, anti-psychotics and mood stabilizers,

according to the National Institute of Mental Health. These medications all work in different ways to make it easier to function if you have a mental illness. Do not listen to people when they tell you all you need is to start running, start going to church or just stop thinking about it to solve all of your problems. All of these things may have their positive aspects, but when there is literally a chemical imbalance in your brain that requires medication, a 20-minute walk is not going to cure you of your mental illness.

Someone would not tell you to just walk it off if you broke your leg. Cancer patients are not told to just get over it. Why are people who have mental illnesses treated in a way that invalidates their experiences? Oftentimes, people suffering need more than just therapy and self care. Just as you would not judge someone for taking Tylenol for a headache, do not judge someone taking medication for a mental illness. Stop judging and assuming someone’s situation and start listening.

Counseling services offers essential help



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More students should be aware of just how useful student counseling services are when facing mental health issues. Every student at one point or another has had something in their life that began to negatively affect their ability to focus and do well in school. Whether it is some part of the transition to APSU, relationship problems or even personal issues, everyone has had a moment where the stress of it all is overwhelming. Student Counseling Services, now located in the Ard Building across from Browning on the opposite side of College Street, is typically available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. throughout the week. Every student is eligible for 12 counseling sessions per year.

“It is the stress of school,” counselor

Frank Bunner. said. “It is figuring out life on your own, a new social setting, the pressure of making this big decision in your life and what you are about to do. It is new relationships. Sometimes it is things you left at home that maybe you do not have peace about. It can be a variety of stuff.”

Stress of any kind and personal issues are left bottled up by so many students. They often feel alone and like they cannot tell anyone, like no one would understand or even listen. Student counseling services is open to all students and is completely confidential. “It is for students who clinically are in those places where it is making it hard for them to function academically,” Bunner said. “There’s something in the way they are struggling to meet their goals. Sometimes it is as easy as finding a simple solution and other times it has to deal with something on a different level than they have been used to dealing with it in order to find their

footing again.”

The Counseling Center offers individual counseling. They also offer “tool kits,” which are resources such as conversations that might help students deal with problem areas. Student counseling services plans to start groups this semester. Group therapy can be helpful for students to be able to learn from each other and to know that they are not alone.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays counseling services offers free yoga where students can come and learn to de-plug from stressors. Tai Chi is offered on Fridays. Students can come and learn to be more present with themselves and learn holistic practices. Group exercise also gives students the chance to connect with people.

Stress and mental illness affect thousands of college students. In 2014, it was said that around 30 percent of students who go to college counseling services have considered suicide at

some point in their life, according to the American Psychology Association. Year after year, the number of students struggling with stress and mental health issues rises.

Learning about and treating mental health issues is important. No one is at their best when struggling with these issues. Everyone should be able to feel strong and confident and everyone should have access to a place where they can receive help. At APSU they do.

Student counseling services offers an ear to those who need to be heard and help to those who seek it out. The most common issues they treat are relationship problems, anxiety, depression, stress, family issues, guilt, adjustment issues, relationship issues, sexuality issues, grief, loss and self-esteem issues. The counselors genuinely care about the students and want to help them to the best of their ability. Students are encouraged to seek them out if they need them. No one is entirely alone.



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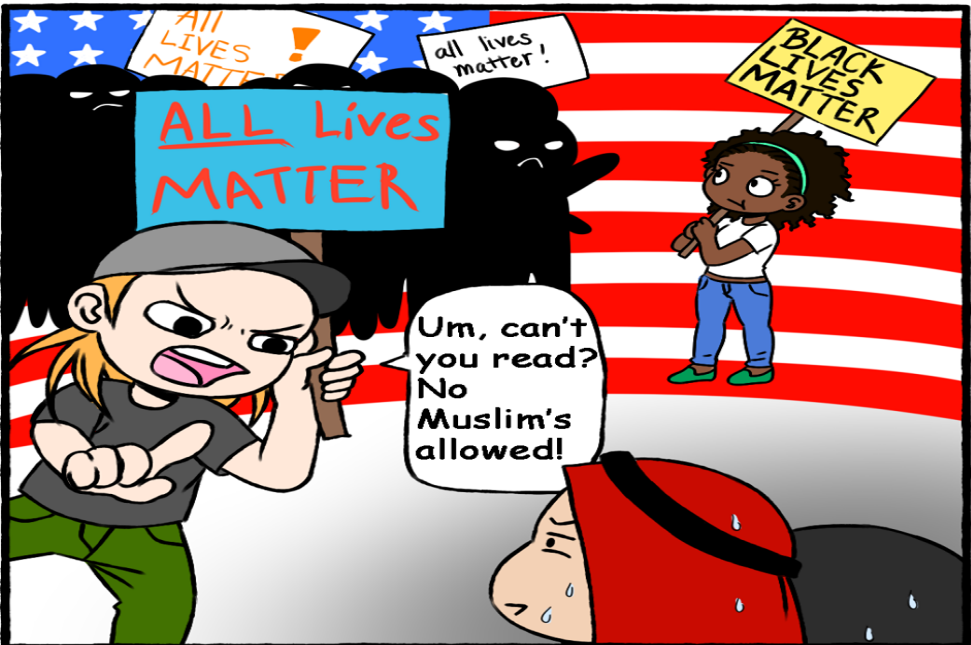
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And somehow, we've entered another...

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The APSU Dance Team rallies the crowd during the men's basketball game against the University of Tennessee at Martin on Thursday, Jan. 26. HENRY KILPATRICK | THE ALL STATE

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by Linda Thistle

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TOP: Artist Khari Turner discusses his work with visiting students. His piece, ‘Fissure: A rift Between Us,’ was on display in the Trahern building during the week of Monday, Jan. 23, to Friday, Jan. 27. BOTTOM: Students interact with the piece during its display, asking Turner questions about the inspiration for his work, from racial diversity and how he creates his art. LUCAS CHAMBERS | THE ALL STATE



Turner arrives, shakes campus ‘Fissure’ art piece on display, shows world view

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A fissure opened up at Gallery 108 at Trahern. This fissure was not from an earthquake, or any other geological phenomenon, but it was an art exhibition from junior fine arts major Khari Turner.

The show is called “Fissure: A Rift Between Us” and it showed at Gallery 108 from Jan. 23 to 27. The paintings are depictions of various women of color who represent the diversity of people of African decent.

“I named this exhibit ‘Fissure’ because there is a divide between people with different skin tones,” Turner said. “Our community is not a monolith, and we need to embrace our differences.”

Turner was also the winner of 2016 Student Summer Research Award. The school invited students who wanted funding for an art project, such as ‘Fissure.’

APSU tasked the students with submitting a formal proposal that included items like a budget and material used.

“It was a great honor being selected for the grant because there was so much strong competition for the award,” Turner said.

At the entrance of the gallery a note from Turner

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Presidential election affects diverse groups

Community reflects on politics, social issues

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Americans and people all over the world have watched the events of the 2016 presidential election unfold and the effect it has had on the nation, its citizens, its allies and its enemies. Citizens of Clarksville and students at APSU have stood up for what they believe in and debated the issues since the election began, and for many students hearing the same thing over again has become tiring.

“[It’s] exhausting. You hear it in person, at school, and then you get on Facebook to look at cats and oh, god, it’s there too. Then you go to your parents house to get fed and oh, god, it’s there too,” junior English major Ashley Kohel said.

The perspectives and viewpoints of minority demographics and people of other nations are sometimes overlooked; though all Americans are affected in many of the same ways by President Trump’s policies, there are moves Trump has made and promises to make that will affect minorities and people who do not live here, and these broader topics are sometimes overlooked.

“Both candidates on either side did not offer any solutions to the problems we already have,” sophomore computer science major Jose Torrez said. “This country

was founded on immigration. If we want to make America great, we should be allowing self-sufficient immigration for those who want to better themselves instead of hindering that.”

President Trump signed executive orders to jumpstart construction of a wall to stand on the Mexican border on Wednesday, Jan. 25, and cut off refugees from seven countries on Friday, Jan. 27, according to the *New York Times*.

These orders were consistent with campaign promises he made to his supporters during the election.

“Let’s find a way to get undocumented immigrants here legally instead of just trying to keep them out,” senior Spanish and political science major Jay Alvarez said.

Education is a major issue that affects people of all races and demographics, but has the potential to affect some more than others. Trump nominated Betsy DeVos as secretary of education, and many find this choice problematic.

“When you look at who Donald Trump has appointed to be in charge of education, you have someone who has only gone to private schools, someone who does not understand the public school system. Someone who has never had a student loan and doesn’t really know anyone who has a student loan,” director of the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center Marcellus Braxton said.

Another issue that directly affects many students and marginalized communities on campus is Trump’s healthcare reform.

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SOPHOMORE COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR

“I would say health care would affect the African American community. It is already a problem now, but when you strip away Obamacare, it makes things harder, because many African-Americans can’t afford any type of insurance. I think that may be the biggest thing that will affect African-Americans in general,”

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Students gather around a table as they play cards with each other. The Generation of Disciples choir group hosted the game night to bring the community together CHANEICE JACKSON | THE ALL STATE

‘Disciples’ who play together, stay together

Generation of Disciples choir group hosts community game night Tuesday

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APSU extra-curricular activities offer an opportunity for students to express their interests and share their lifestyles with other students, they also provide students with a community.

On Tuesday, January 24, APSU’s Generation of Disciples hosted a game night to kick off their first meeting of the semester and get to know their new members.

The members got a free meal and a fun evening filled with team and board games as they reconnected after the break or got to know other members.

Generation of Disciples (G.O.D), is a gospel choir group at APSU. The group practices on campus every week and is open to all students. For some, the group is like a taste of home and for others it’s a way to practice their faith. According to their Facebook page, the groups mission statement includes, “inspire, evangelize and enlighten every person that is ministered unto by showing them the love of Jesus through music.”

“Students get involved because they are away from home, and this is a great place for them to have community and sing some gospel music at the same time,” senior social work major Trinity Jackson said.

G.O.D travels to churches around Tennessee. In Clarksville they have visited Liberty Church, Greater Saint James Church and the Dominion Worship Center.

The group has also traveled to churches in Chattanooga, Nashville and Memphis. In addition to churches, G.O.D. travels to other Tennessee universities and performs with their gospel choirs.

“We travel around praising the Lord and it’s a great community to be a part of,” former criminal justice student Tieranee Gordan said.

G.O.D also participates in Black History Month and puts on various performances on campus with guest singers. Every performance gives them a chance to express their faith and spread their happiness while doing what they enjoy.

‘Oh, Kevin G!’

‘Mean Girls’ star visits campus community, talks about life journey

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Most fans will know him as Kevin G, notorious math geek and rapper in the film “Mean Girls,” but his real name is Rajiv Surendra, and he came to speak at the UC Ballroom on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Surendra came to speak at APSU and tell more about himself, his book and journey during his time in college. He wrote a memoir published in 2016 about his attempt to get the part in the movie, “The Life of Pi.” During his presentation he spoke of this important piece of his journey and some of his personal hobbies.

Surendra said he traveled to India to learn more about this possible role in his life. A student in the audience asked Surendra how he gained the courage to drop out of school and travel to India. “I started thinking, ‘What’s the worst that could happen?’ Taking those little steps led me to the bigger ones in life.” Surendra said. “My advice on how you have the courage to kind of jump, is to do little things first. I always ask myself what’s the worst that could happen? It may be scary but it’s like when you’re on a rollercoaster and you know its going to be scary going down but that’s part of the thrill.”

He played Kevin G in “Mean Girls,” but some people might not know of his struggle to get a part as Pi Patel in “Life of Pi,” his calligraphy business or how he worked normal jobs at historical sites and as a nanny. At the event he sold his book with a calligraphy signature showing passion.

“I thought his speech was really interesting. It was different than what I expected. I actually worked at a historical site over the summer like he did, so I thought it was really cool to see his perspective on that kind of thing. I related to it,” sophomore English major

Hailee Crawford said.

Surendra said he dropped out of college and packed up to India to fully understand its culture for learning about Pi Patel’s life, and ultimately did not land the role.

“Although I kind of fell flat on my face, at the end of my journey I realized I had learned so much about life and myself from it. There are no guarantees in life and when you’re done with school you all will be facing that big, scary open door,” Surendra said. “There is no guarantee what you’ll achieve out there and it’s very important to not be afraid of failure. Because if you’re not afraid of failure there is always the possibility of great success.”

“Mean Girls” was another topic during Surendra’s lecture. He even performed the rap from the film for his audience during his presentation.

“My favorite character goes hand in hand with the actress. It was Amy Poehler’s character, Regina’s mom. There was so much she did unscripted that just made me love her character even more. She was just so funny,” Surendra said.

Students who watched put their perspectives in as well. “I was passing by, I asked what this was and was surprised it was Kevin G. I was like ‘Is this legit?’ I found his speech was really inspiring,” freshmen political science major James Levan said.

Surendra told his audience the main thing he wanted viewers to get from his lecture is not to fear failure and know that it is ok to be adventurous and go outside of what you may get a degree for.

“If change is needed in your life then make that change for yourself and do not worry about everyone else’s opinions,” Surendra said.

Students can learn more about Surendra’s travel to India in his memoir, “The Elephants in my Backyard.”



Rajiv Surendra poses with a student during a signing session after his presentation. Surendra talked about his experience with searching for the lead role in the ‘Life of Pi.’ REBEKAH LANGLEY | THE ALL STATE

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junior psychology major Rodrick Darwin said.

APSU students who do not live in the U.S. are strongly affected by the events they have observed this election, as well.

“The U.S. hasn’t had a direct conversation with Taiwan in over 30 years,” Taiwanese senior Physics major Wayne Fu said.

President Trump has called Taiwan’s president in the first official contact America has had with Taiwan since the country was officially recognized as a part of China in 1979, according to CNN.

The president has also ordered climate change policy be changed and all mention was erased from the White House websites the day of Trump’s inauguration. “He doesn’t believe that climate

change is based on human actions. When someone says that, I think he doesn’t care about the environment. He won’t make policies or laws like he cares about the environment,” said Austrian junior social work major Dominik Illmer.

Climate change will affect everywhere, but Taiwanese students noted that Taiwan would be one of the first places destroyed by the affects if climate change was not addressed.

“The U.S. is kind of like a model of the Earth. What the U.S. does, other countries will follow,” Taiwanese senior English major John Huang said.

Moving forward, there is a push for Americans to recover from the riots and mudslinging and unite for what they want and need.

“All over the world, the guy who stands at the front of the government is just a marionette. The people in the background are the real people who decide what’s

going on. It was the same with Obama and it’s the same with Trump now.” Illmer said.

Students all over campus can take steps to educate themselves and be more prepared for the next election, but with voter suppression all demographics may not be represented in the election’s turnout.

To make sure everyone’s perspectives are included, some people are emphasizing how what is good for the entire country may not be in the majority’s direct point of view.

“Respect differences of opinion, but know there are certain things that do not equate to a difference of opinion. Things like racism, sexism, homophobia, et cetera are not something we should have to debate or discuss,” Braxton said.

Braxton said people “should discuss policy, and we should speak out against things that are wrong.”

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JUNIOR SOCIAL WORK
MAJOR

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KHARI TURNER
JUNIOR FINE ARTS MAJOR

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welcomed the viewers to his exhibit and informed them why he created the paintings.

“I was initially inspired by Kendrick Lamar’s ‘To Pimp a Butterfly’ as I wanted a political theme to my art,” Turner said. “When I started to put paint to canvas I see where it takes me, and that is when I changed the theme of the exhibit from politics to focus on the diversity of people of African heritage.”

Part of the open letter told the viewer what kind of materials he used with his work and why he chose them in particular.

“Since I used oil based paint when I made these pieces, I was able to change something if it was not working I used a

knife to change it to something I am happy with instead of working around it like with other materials,” Turner said.

The letter also mentioned a goal that Turner wanted as an outcome for the exhibit as it is going to help him fund a trip to Italy.

“I have never traveled abroad, so I wanted to find a way to do so, as it will broaden my world view,” Turner said.

Turner talked about his personal goals for the gallery, but he also spoke about what he wants the viewer to take away from his work.

“I do not want to impose my interpretation of my art on anybody else,” Turner said. “I want that person to come up with their own interpretations because if they feel anything on an emotional level about my work. That is what makes me happy.”

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Govs drop nail biters in OVC play



Kenny Jones knocked down 6-8 from the floor in pursuit of his total 15 points on the night. CHANEICE JACKSON | THE ALL STATE



The Redhawks played tight defense on Junior Josh Robinson throughout the night only allowing Robinson to barely break double digits. CHANEICE JACKSON | THE ALL STATE

APSU Men’s Basketball struggles against SEMO, UT Martin; Coach Loos: ‘We are in a fight to get into the OVC tournament. Every game is important’

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APSU Men’s Basketball shot 49 percent from the field in their 85-79 loss to The University of Tennessee at Martin. Leading the charge for the visiting Skyhawks was Jacoby Mobley with 36 points. Josh Robinson finished the night with 21 points for the Govs.

John Murry opened up the scoring when his jumper hit for a 2-0 lead. One minute later, Mobley hit his first shot of the game, and APSU never saw the lead again.

Throughout the following minutes Mobley, Javier Martinez and Kahari Beaufort combined for 18 points, putting UTM ahead 20-7 at the 13:15 mark.

The teams started to trade blows for the remaining minutes of the first half, with the Govs trailing 51-37 at halftime.

Robinson, a two-time Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week, had 4 points at halftime while Kenny Jones and Chris Porter-Bunton combined for 17 points. Mobley had 27 points in the first half for the Skyhawks while Martinez had 10.

APSU was only shooting 42.3 percent in the first half, while UTM had 56.7 percent accompanied by six 3-pointers.

The Govs improved in the second half, shooting 56 percent as tempers started to flare in frustration.

“We just kept talking to each other, saying stay focused,” Robinson said. “We just ran out of time”.

As APSU’s scoring heated up, UTM’s slowed down as Mobley left the game with an injury.

The night ended with APSU being out-rebounded 35-24, with Robinson and Murry having five each.

“That won’t work, we have to do better then that,” Loos said. “It’s a matter of personal pride, energy, passion and saying ‘I’m gonna go after the ball tonight.’”

The Govs battled themselves back into the game in its late stages, even coming within 4 points of UTM with 1:52 left in the game.

After APSU’s tough loss to the University of Tennessee at Martin on the men’s basketball team needed a win against their opponent Southeast Missouri on Saturday, January 28.

Unfortunately, the Govs fell in this matchup with a final score of 82-71.

The Govs and the Redhawks both showed strengths and weaknesses throughout the contest; this led to six ties and four lead changes.

When the teams came back to the court for the second half, the Govs could not seem to get an edge on SEMO.

The Redhawks kept adding to their lead while the Govs began to fall behind.

By the end of the second half and the game, SEMO had taken an 11-point lead, which the Govs could not lessen.

The Govs’ top scorers were Kenny Jones, John Murry, and Jared Savage with 15 points each. Absent from the top was Josh Robinson, who usually has double digit points.

Head Coach Dave Loos said, “The word is out. They’re going to get the ball out of his hands. They’re not going keep letting him get 30 points. They’re going to double team him and get it out of his hands.”

The Govs are set to face Eastern Kentucky on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

If the Govs want a shot in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, they are going to have to get finish the season strong.

Savage said the Govs know they have things to work on, “We have got to come into practice and work. That’s what it is going to take. Work. We’ve got to finish out this season and get into the tournament.”

Loos said he knows how critical every game left in the season is if APSU wants to make it back to the tournament.

“We’re fighting to get into the OVC Tournament, so every game is important now,” Loos said.

APSU will play against Eastern Kentucky at 7 p.m. in Richmond, Kentucky on Wednesday, Feb. 1.



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