



Healy brings in first commits

Three recruits commit to APSU under Head Coach Healy's watch

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During Healy's announcement speech held at Governors stadium he said, "We've got a month left in recruiting. Plenty of time."

Following the Dec. 23, 2015, speech, three new signees were announced on Jan. 5: three-star lineman Dee Nalls, running back Taeler Dowdy and tight end Dillon Daniels.

Nalls, a 6-foot-3 inch, 300 pound lineman out

of Fayette, Alabama, joins a much needed offensive line for APSU. The Governor's defense allowed 25 sacks in the season, averaging about 2 1/2 sacks per game.

According to ESPN, Nalls is a three-star offensive

guard who ranks 34 in his position, 243 regionally and 16 in Alabama. Nalls also received honors to the All-USA football team and was named a finalist for the Alabama Class 4A Lineman of the Year Award.

Nalls was originally committed to Mississippi State University, but de-committed via Twitter.

"The decision I have made is based on what I think is best for me and my family," Nalls said. "Once again, thank you to the Mississippi State family."

Nalls also had offers from Indiana University, Louisville and Memphis.

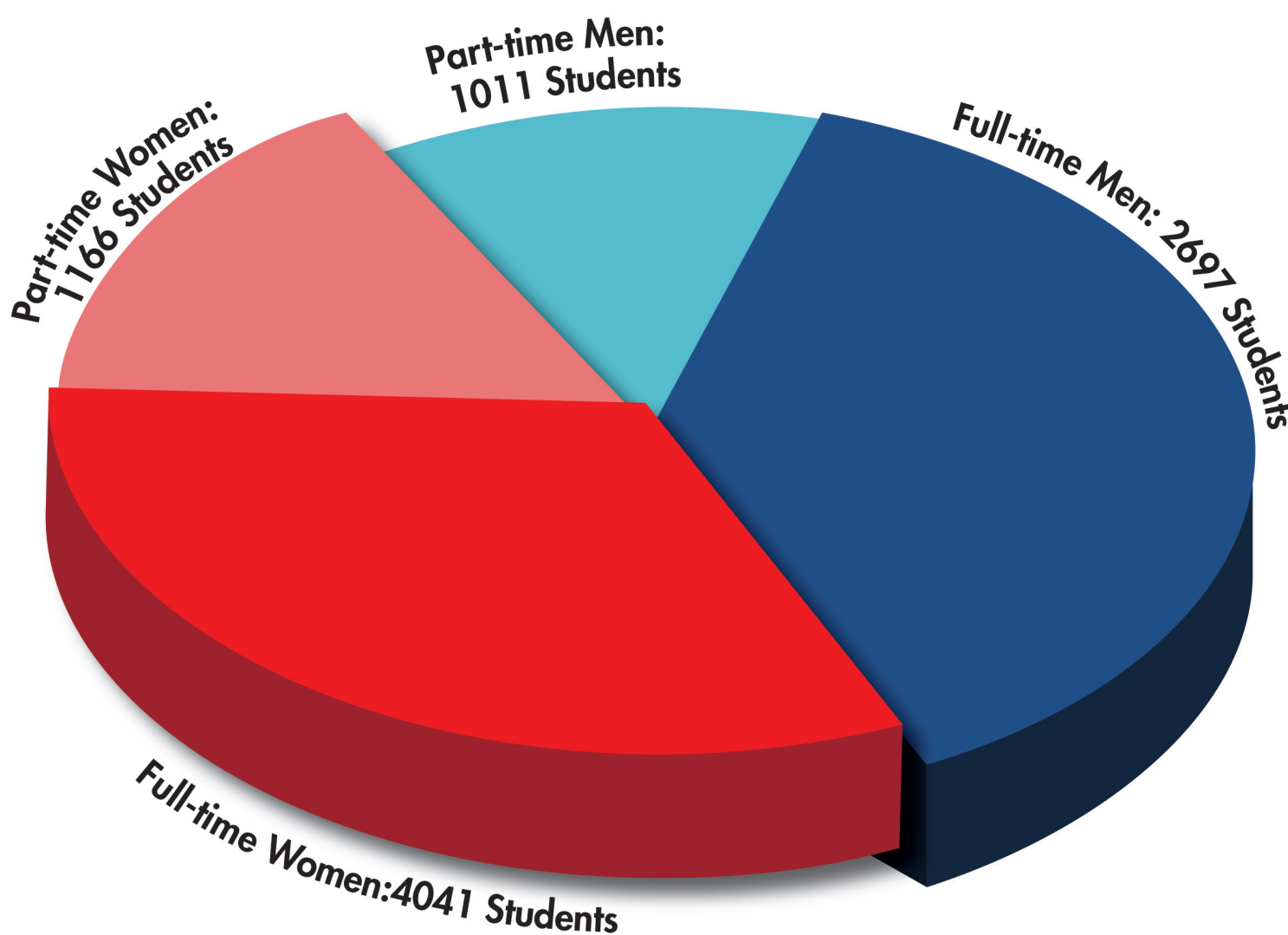
Dowdy is a 6-foot-1-inch, 185 pound

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Head Football Coach Will Healy. TAYLOR SLIFKO | PHOTO EDITOR

FRESHMAN UP 8 PERCENT, TOTAL NUMBERS FLAT



This graph represents the full-time and part-time enrollment at APSU. The full-time section includes the freshman demographic that experienced an 8.11 percent increase in the 2015-16 academic year.

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First-time freshman enrollment numbers up despite TN Promise predictions

BY WILL FISHER
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Despite concerns that TN Promise would drive students away from traditional four-year universities, APSU experienced an increase of more than 8 percent in first-time degree-seeking freshmen from 2014, according to the annual Common Data

Set initiative. The Common Data Set is a yearly publication containing enrollment, financial aid and demographic information for the current academic year.

The latest release was Dec. 4, 2015.

The 2015-16 freshman class is the first eligible to

receive the new TN Promise scholarship, which pays for the first two years of any community college or technical school.

TN Promise is a part of Gov. Bill Haslam's Drive to 55 Initiative which aims to have college degrees awarded to 55 percent of Tennessee residents

by 2025.

Concerns about freshman attendance arose from predictions that the program would attract students to community colleges instead of traditional four-year schools.

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OPINION

Gun control step in right direction

BY ELENA SPRADLIN
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President Barack Obama bypassed Congress and the House of Representatives to take executive action on gun control.

Executive orders are always met with some backlash and seen as something to be used only in times of emergency.

However, Congress hasn't taken any action in regards to gun control and the mass shootings are not stopping or being prevented.

The order addresses four main areas: background checks, more Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) agents, access to mental health care and gun safety technology.

Opponents of the order are concerned law abiding citizens will no longer have access to firearms and their second amendment rights will be violated.

Obama's executive order is not perfect, but contrary to the beliefs of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, it does not infringe on the second amendment.

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New year, new APSU

BY COURTNEY GAITHER
Features Editor

Spring 2016 at APSU brought in the new year with plans for its students and improvements for its campus.

A very important change that happened over the winter break was the selection of new football coach Will Healy.

Serving seven previous seasons at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga as assistant football coach, Healy is now the 19th head football coach at APSU and the second youngest in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"I cannot tell you how ecstatic I

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Students within 250 miles get in-state tuition

New program extends APSU’s reach

BY MEGAN OLIVER
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A new program at APSU provides eligible undergraduate, transfer and graduate students within 250 miles of APSU a discounted tuition rate. The program, referred to as 250-mile radius or 250R, was approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents, or TBR, in their December 2015 meeting. APSU Provost and Vice President Rex Gandy expects this new program to be a means for APSU to expand. “This new reduced rate tuition program will help us expand and diversify the university by allowing

us to reach beyond our state borders, bringing students from different locations and cultures,” Gandy said. According to Gandy, 250R will make APSU a better option for out-of-state students and enrich the academic experience for existing students. “We already offer a variety of high quality academic programs, and when you combine this with our highly affordable in-state tuition rates, it not only opens the door for out-of-state students to an option they may not have otherwise considered, it will help us further diversify our student body, which is

an important part of the academic experience for our students,” Gandy said. For potential students to be eligible for the 250R program, they must have attended a high school within a 250-mile radius of APSU, have an ACT score of at least 22 (or SAT of 1020) and be either an undergraduate student, transfer student or graduate student. Currently APSU’s undergraduate in-state tuition is \$3,751 per semester and the out-of-state tuition is \$11,167 per semester. Undergraduate students from parts of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky,

Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia who before 250R would have had to pay \$11,167 to attend APSU will now only have to pay \$6,091. There is also a difference in graduate tuition. The graduate in-state tuition is \$476.70 per hour and the out-of-state tuition is \$1,156.70 per hour. Graduate students from areas of the same 11 states will only have to pay \$476.70 per hour. Gandy said the university is hopeful for this new program’s potential. “We are excited about the potential



The yellow circle shows the area where students can receive discounted tuition. Radius includes schools in Kentucky, Ohio, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas among others. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

growth associated with the expansion of our recruiting base,” Gandy said. “This initiative should allow APSU to grow and impact students from a larger geographic area.” For more information about the 250R program or which specific high schools apply, visit apsu.edu/admissions/250R. *TAS*

SGA prepares for spring semester

BY CELESTE MALONE
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The Student Government Association’s 71st Assembly has big plans for Spring 2016 as elections, ratification, “The Big Event” and “The Sunshine Act” will be some of the focuses. Along with a new year, this spring will bring in new SGA Members. President, vice president, secretary and treasurer positions will be vacant as well as many senatorial seats. In Spring 2015, students rocked the vote casting 1,079 total votes. At the time student participation had not exceeded 1,000 votes since the spring of 2012, when 1,726 total votes were cast. In the fall, SGA had the lowest voter participation in years. Only 538 votes were cast during the election of seven senators. It was the lowest participation since Fall 2010 elections where only 385 votes were cast.

President Will Roberts said voter turnout is higher in the spring because of the election of the Executive Council and senators for the various colleges. Roberts also said SGA is important for students to be involved in. “SGA votes on funding and different projects and university policy can be affected by SGA’s decisions,” Roberts said. Last year, Zac Gillman, 2014-15 SGA president, brought an impactful day to APSU’s campus called, “The Big Event.” Over 500 APSU students, faculty, staff and community members were in attendance. According to the SGA website, “through service-oriented activities, The Big Event promotes campus and community unity as students come together for one day to express their gratitude for the support from the surrounding community.” The Big Event this year is scheduled for March 19, 2016. Act No. 2, or “The Sunshine Act,”

was tabled this fall until details could be worked out fully. There are multiple issues that were discussed regarding the bill like how often SGA takes in revenue and how often the act would require a report on the information. Roberts said he believes the bill would work if some changes were discussed and fixed by the senators. “In my opinion, the main idea behind the bill makes perfect sense, but the biggest issue with it is the frequency of the reports to provide accurate information,” Roberts said.

Roberts also said that no major changes will be made this semester because of the way things are going with his staff. “If we do encounter needed change we will do so, as we have during this semester,” Roberts said. “We have had the same mentality since we took office in May and it has worked well, so I do not see a need for any major change after this semester.” SGA’s first meeting of the year will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Morgan University Center room 305. *TAS*

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The prediction was seemingly validated by below-average early enrollment numbers in universities across Tennessee. According to the University of Tennessee school system President Joe DiPietro, early enrollment rates at UT Martin were down 13 percent from last year. At APSU however, full time freshman attendance increased 8.11 percent from the 2014-15 year. Female attendance grew 9.08 percent while male enrollment rose 6.79 percent, according to the Common Data Set. University attendance as a whole decreased by two students. To view the Common Data Set, visit apsu.edu/ire/cds. Nationally, enrollment rates in universities have fallen steadily over recent years. The enrollment rate for recent high school graduates has dropped to 65.9 percent from 68.6 percent in 2008, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. While the TN Promise will pay the entire cost of tuition at a community college or technical school, it can be also used to partially pay for tuition at any in-state private or public four-year university which offers an associate degree program. The TN Promise website reports the annual scholarship for the TN Promise at four-year institutions to be around \$2,000 a semester.

APSU and TSU are the only two state schools eligible for TN Promise students. “TN Promise was a factor in our increase overall [of freshmen enrollment],” said Executive Director of PR and Marketing Bill Persinger. He attributed the growth to marketing campaigns directed at TN Promise students and multiple associate degree programs. “APSU is looking to grow to 13,000 [students] in five years and eventually [to] 15,000,” Persinger said. Following TN Promise’s installment, APSU announced it would begin offering the APSU Promise scholarship to students who graduate from community colleges under the Tennessee Board of Regents umbrella. “The new scholarship program aims to bring more high-caliber students to campus in the coming years,” the APSU website reads. APSU Promise awards its scholarship based on students’ performance at the community colleges. According to the APSU website, students who graduate with a 3 to 3.24 GPA are awarded \$1,500 a year. The reward increases to \$4,000 a year for students who graduate with a 3.75 or higher GPA. Other programs in Haslam’s Drive to 55 initiative include TN Reconnect; a policy designed to help adults with some college to finish their degrees; and TN LEAP, which helps post-secondary institutions promote degrees the state needs. *TAS*

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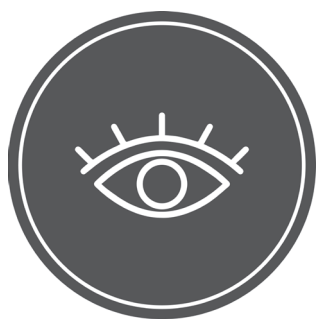
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President Obama swept with emotion while talking about victims of gun violence during announcement for gun control executive order. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO|CNN

EXECUTIVE CONTROVERSY

Conservatives fight Obama's commonsense reform

BY ELENA SPRADLIN

Perspectives Editor

THE BASICS

Obama's executive order on gun control has four main components: mandatory background checks for anyone trying to purchase a firearm, funding for 200 new Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) agents, increased access to mental health care and research into gun safety technology.

These new background checks are being strengthened by the FBI, and everyone trying to sell a gun, whether online, at a gun show or in a traditional

brick-and-mortar building, will be required to run a background check on their customer.

In addition to new agents, the ATF will have a new branch dedicated solely to tracking illegal firearm trafficking online.

The Internet Investigation Center is in addition to the creation of another new ATF branch, the National Integrated Online Ballistics Information Network.

Dealers who ship firearms will also have to inform law enforcement if their

weapons are stolen or lost while being transported in the near future, as per a new ATF rule.

The order also proposes the investment of \$500 million dollars in mental health care access.

The Social Security Administration is working on a rule that will expand background checks to include the information of beneficiaries of people trying to purchase a firearm, specifically if their beneficiaries are prohibited from

owning a weapon for mental health reasons.

The Departments of Defense, Justice and Homeland Security have been directed by President Obama to either conduct or fund research into gun safety technology. This technology includes fingerprint recognition for authorized users only for those who own firearms for home defense and would prevent children or home invaders from firing the weapons.

THE SUPPORT

A poll from the Pew Research Center shows bipartisan support for stronger background checks, laws preventing those who are mentally ill from purchasing firearms, federal database tracking of gun sales and bans on assault-style weapons.

This should be an indication that the population is more than ready for these common sense reforms to take place.

"We have a huge mental health problem in this country... The guns don't pull the trigger, it's the people that pull the trigger," said Republican candidate Donald Trump.

The "guns don't kill people, people kill people" argument isn't all-encompassing, however. Who could deny advancing gun technology so weapons recognize an authorized user or users would be a bad thing?

This would prevent children from accidentally shooting themselves or



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-Donald Trump, Republican candidate

someone else. The legislation doesn't affect anyone who's already abiding the law, as some gun vendors themselves have pointed out. It may seem trivial to them, but for anyone who's trafficking firearms online without a permit and without conducting background checks on their customers, this new legislation will be very, very bad news.

The AFT can catch unlicensed, illegal dealers after as little as two transactions, and some dealers have already been caught.

THE ARGUMENT

No matter what is being proposed, executive action and orders are always met with mixed reception at best, and this has been no different.

Executive order is, after all, a bit counter-intuitive. The U.S. was formed to escape a government in which one person controlled everything, and executive orders bypass other leaders.

The most outspoken critics of the order have been the Republican presidential candidates. The candidates debated on Thursday, Jan. 14 and all had some strong language against the order.

"The first impulse of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton is to take away rights from law abiding citizens," said former Florida Governor Jeb Bush.

Bush also said the order was "unconstitutional."

"The president wants to do things without working with his Congress... That's a dictatorship, and we have to

be very concerned about that," said Governor of New Jersey Chris Christie.

Critics have suggested criminals who want firearms will find a way to obtain them regardless of rules.

Additionally, some feel the orders attack will do little to nothing to close the gun-show loop, as those vendors are already following the laws in how they conduct their business.

On the other hand, some feel the order doesn't do enough to prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands, either.



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-Chris Christie, Governor of New Jersey

REEL IN THE OUTRAGE

This isn't a perfect order. It won't stop every mass shooting.

However, it's from tyrannical as Christie has suggested.

Executive orders are used during times when the Congress or the House have failed to act on a pressing matter and the president has found it necessary to take

charge.

In short, the order doesn't do anything to people who are already abiding the law, amps up regulations that are already in place and invests in a future where guns won't react to people who aren't authorized to use them.

Because these reforms were shown

to have bipartisan support, it's hard not to think the Republican candidates are opposing it simply because it's Obama.

Their claims that this violates the Second Amendment are untrue.

No one's rights are being taken away. Guns simply aren't going to be available to people who shouldn't have them.

This won't prevent all gun violence, but it won't infringe on anyone who's already following the rules either.

People should resist the temptation to be outraged by the order, because it is the jump start the U.S. needs to protect its citizens from more of the devastation they've already faced. **TAS**





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National Pan-Hellenic Council hosts MLK Day

APSU students teach MLK history to younger community, march for cause

BY ANDREA ALLEN
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In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., members of the seven Pan-Hellenic chapters of APSU, both current and graduate, joined together with the community to keep the teachings of King alive.

Children ages five to eleven came to Burt Elementary school to hear about the life and beliefs of King.

The children were divided into groups and given an age appropriate lesson.

The lessons covered a variety of topics including conflict resolution, dating and etiquette.

Each chapter was assigned a group and topic to teach.

Coordinator of the event and APSU's Director of University Recreation and Chief Diversity Officer David Davenport said he believes unity should be the most prominent result.

"Martin Luther King is not only for African Americans, but for all races," Davenport said. "Dr. King stood for unity among the nation, a nation consisting of all races. That's what I would like to see from this event. I want the children to understand that they are more than the stories they hear in the news and the figures they see on TV."

The volunteers shared Davenport's belief that unity is key to a healthier community.

"It is important for these kids to learn that it is okay to make friends with those who are different," said senior political science major James Fields. "Once they realize diversity is a part of life, they will learn not to judge a book by its cover."

Volunteers who put on the event

wanted to make it clear to the children who King was as a part of their cultural history, and how he changed the lives of many people of all races.

"My hopes for the younger generations are for there to be unity, and more specifically the ability to accomplish tasks among different racial groups without fighting," said junior accounting major Jasmine Maid.

Aside from teaching, the volunteers seemed excited to be influential individuals and role models for the younger community.

"It is so important for these girls especially to interact with educated and sophisticated black women," said Ranelle Skipper, graduate chapter member of Alpha Kappa Alpha. "This is an opportunity for us to be positive role models so that girls are not limited to what they see in the media. I want them to examine our character and realize they can be like us."

In order to create a unified community, the volunteers said they want their efforts to stress the importance of keeping the past in mind but moving forward at the same time.

The volunteers said they want more than unity for the sake of unity, they want to see a community of people who thrive off one another.

Sophomore health and human performance major Chloe Woods said, "If we don't know where we come from, how can we get ahead of where we were?"

APSU's Pan-Hellenic chapters gave their day off to serve the community with the hopes that their efforts would come back in the form of a greater community. *TAS*



Top Photo: Community members lead MLK March on Monday, Jan. 18, 2015 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bottom Photo: Wanda Smith leads MLK March despite it being cancelled due to freezing temperatures.

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Seniors discuss expectations after graduation



Ankit Patel, senior HHP major CHANICE JACKSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY HALEY PALMERI
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After enjoying their winter break, students who return back to APSU to finish their final semester try to get everything in order to make their graduation run smoothly.

That's exactly what Ankit Patel, senior health and human performance major, plans for his last semester before leaving APSU.

"I've had a grueling academic and

extracurricular load, so this semester I'm relaxing before medical school," Patel said.

Even though Patel is continuing his schooling he said the next step into graduate school is bittersweet.

"I'm ready to graduate and begin my next journey, but I will miss the people at APSU," Patel said. "I've grown very attached to the university and the Peay family, so it'll be hard to leave. I have mixed emotions, but I'm ready for my next adventure."

Patel will be pursuing a doctorate of medicine at East Tennessee State University starting Fall 2016.

The one thing Patel said he is afraid of is that he won't enjoy the next part of his education as much as he has enjoyed APSU.

There's also an extra financial hurdle, according to Patel.

"I never had to take out undergrad loans, but now starting medical school I'll

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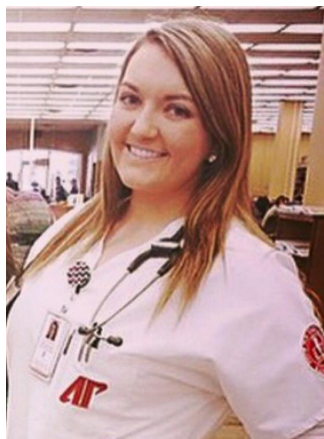
-Ankit Patel, senior HHP major

have take out a lot," Patel said.

In spite of these obstacles, either his or those of other students, Patel gave some advice "to give every endeavor your best effort because you never know what a small opportunity can lead to, so give everything your all"

Patel's feelings resemble many of those in the 2016 graduating class: excited to enter a new chapter in their lives, but nervous to open the book. *TAS*

Reflection of time spent at APSU



Emma Claxton, senior nursing major CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BY ANDREW WADOVICK
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The exam leaves your hand; you leave the classroom one final time.

You've done this before, like every other semester, yet something is different.

There is a feeling in your chest you can't quite explain, and suddenly it hits you.

You're graduating.

That road you didn't think would ever end actually did.

Senior Emma Claxton is graduating in May with a degree in nursing.

"I am so ready for graduation and ready to start my career as a nurse," Claxton said.

Claxton is native to Clarksville, and said being able to stay near home while earning her degree was a definite strong point.

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Claxton has her sights set beyond APSU as well.

"Once I graduate, I hope to get a job working as an RN in a hospital in Nashville, really, I just want to start working, build my career, save money to buy a house, and be successful in whatever I do," Claxton said.

When asked if she would change anything about her four years at APSU, she cited her involvement.

"I am a member of Chi Omega, so I was always pretty busy going to different things for my sorority, but as far as other organizations on campus go, I was not," Claxton said. "I would definitely use the opportunity to be involved more if I could." *TAS*





EVENTS
ON CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

Govs Trail to Success
11:30 a.m. to Noon
MUC Plaza

ANTSC CoffeeBRAKE
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
MUC 112

Lady Govs Basketball @
Morehead State

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

Last Day to add a class

FSA Risk Management &
Prevention Training
5 to 6 p.m.
MUC 307

Govs Basketball vs. SIU
Edwardsville
7 p.m.
Dunn Center

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

UREC IM Basketball Earlybird
Deadline
8 p.m.
Foy Center

SATURDAY, JAN. 23

Lady Govs Basketball vs. Eastern
Illinois
3 p.m.
Dunn Center

Govs Basketball vs. Eastern
Illinois
7 p.m.
Dunn Center

SUNDAY, JAN. 24

MONDAY, JAN. 25

WNSAACC First Day to Check
Out Tech & Library Resources
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TUESDAY, JAN. 26

UREC IM Basketball Registration
Deadline
10 p.m.
Foy Center

FSA NPHC Spring Convocation
6 p.m.
MUC Ballroom

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to get an opportunity to be the head football coach here," Healy told letsgopeay.com. "I believe its going to be done in time and with everyone's help. I cannot wait to develop relationships with everybody here and do this thing together. When we look back four years from now, we'll look at this moment and say, Ryan Ivey made a great choice."

APSU also increased its spread of in-state tuition to a 250 mile radius, which will add to the growth of campus and APSU's status within the community.

President for Academic Affairs Rex Gandy plans to implement more academic improvements this year at APSU to aid in the growth of students.

"As we grow, we have more degree options for our students, but even with the growth, we want to maintain the caring relationship that we have between our faculty and our students," Gandy said. "We are excited about the potential

growth associated with the expansion of our recruiting base. This initiative should allow APSU to grow and impact students from a larger geographic area."



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-Rex Gandy, president for Academic Affairs

Gandy said he plans to focus mainly on two separate initiatives to improve the academic experience at APSU. The increased range of in-state tuition will help to accomplish the goals of Academic Affairs.

"Enrollment growth and improved student success are the two initiatives that we want to focus on. Enrollment growth is dependent on establishing several new degree programs. Our student success initiatives focus on helping students choose the correct degree program and providing the academic support services to help them graduate," Gandy said.

With the initiatives in place, APSU students will have a more stable, academic plan and a higher percentage of on-time graduation.

Academic Affairs also plans to undertake a major reorganization of the Fort Campbell campus in order to provide more academic options for students and plans to align class schedules more closely with APSU's main campus.

If all plans are approved APSU students on the Fort Campbell campus should see changes in Fall 2016. *TAS*

BACK TO THE FARM



Bonnaroo hosts collection of people during month of June for music, food and good vibes. TAYLOR SLIFKO | PHOTO EDITOR

Bonnaroo celebrates 15 years, new additions

BY COURTNEY GAITHER
Features Editor

Bonnaroo is one of the most diverse showings of musicians and artists in the industry, cited by Rolling Stone as one of the "50 Moments that Changed the History of Rock 'n' Roll." Now, on its 15th anniversary, Bonnaroo is upping its game with a variety of improvements to make the experience more enjoyable for fans.

According to a press release issued on Jan. 12, Great State Park, where Bonnaroo has been held for the past 15 years, "will now feature its own permanent water line, allowing for the installation of more than 400 permanent toilets [...], hundreds of permanent shower stalls [...], and a large number of water filling stations newly installed throughout the

site." The event is currently scheduled to run from June 9 to June 12, 2016, and the press release states it will feature "more than 150 musicians, bands, and comedians performing across 12 unique stages." Great State Park is located 60 miles south of Nashville, in Manchester, Tennessee. *TAS*

'The Voice' contestant
set to perform at APSU,
discusses new EP

BY COURTNEY GAITHER
Features Editor

After his successful performance on NBC's The Voice, folk-pop songwriter Jordy Searcy announced his future EP, Seasons, slated for a Nov. 13 release. For those unfamiliar, EP is short for an Extended Play, which is defined as being longer than 12 minutes, but shorter than a Long Play, or an LP, which is defined at 30 minutes. An EP is usually a

group of three, four or possibly five songs. "Seasons is best described as folk-songwriter-pop," Searcy said. "I focus on lyrics a lot, and let the acoustic guitar, groove and lead vocals carry the tracks." According to the press release, the EP is a kind of reintroduction of Searcy "not as a TV star, but as a young artist who's just now entering his heyday."

This mirrors the theme found in Searcy's title track: "The seasons will change, and we will, too / But the less that remains, the more we're brand new." Searcy said this is the heart and soul of the record. Searcy will perform as a guest singer at Open Mic Night held in Einstein's Cafe on Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. *TAS*



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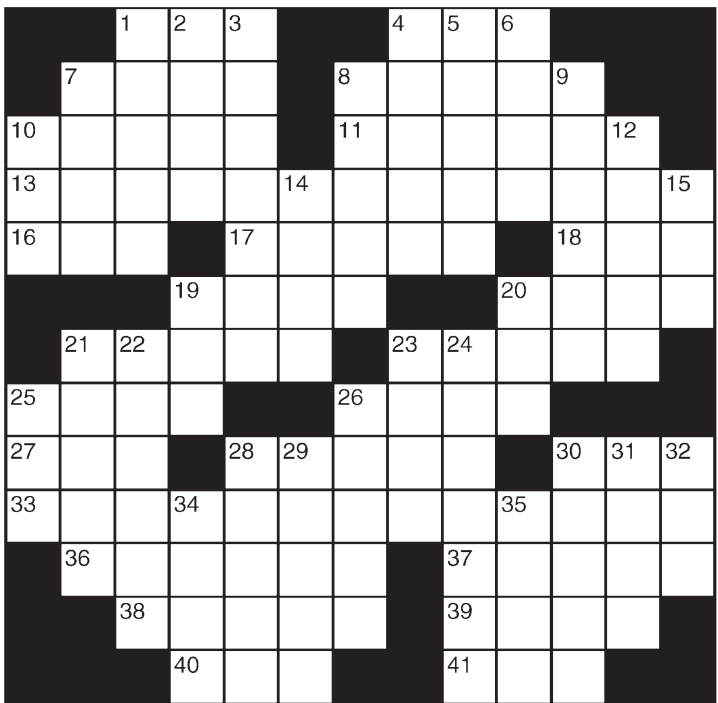


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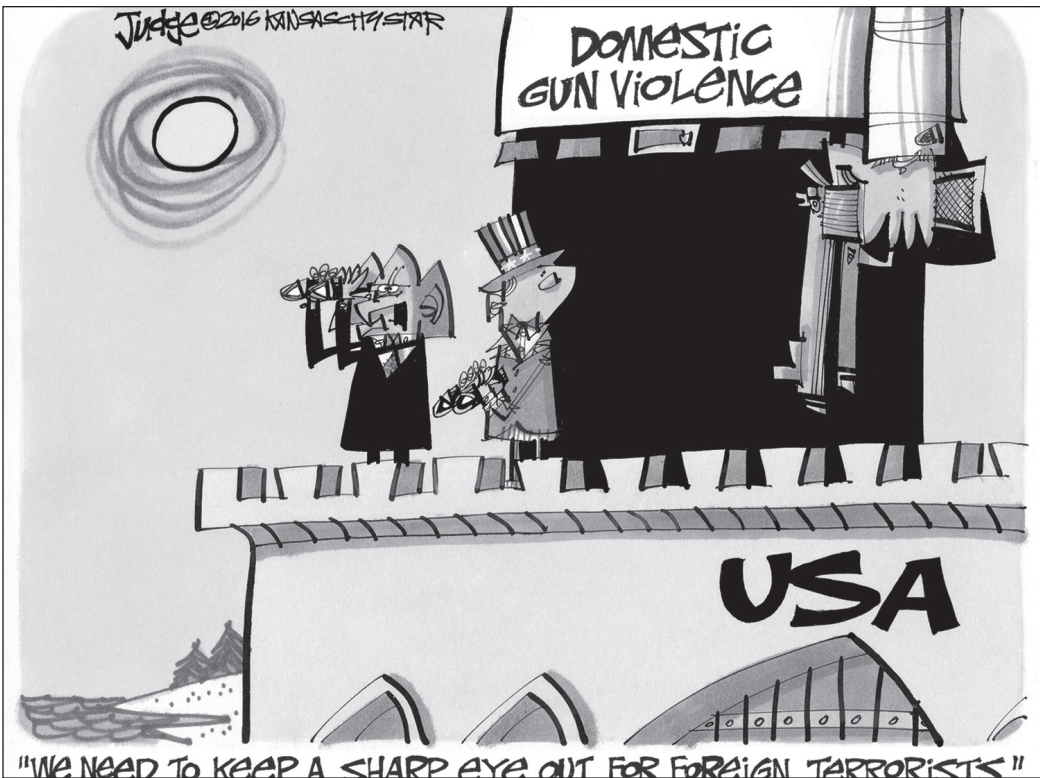
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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Titans keep Interim Head Coach Mike Mularkey

Tennessee Titans Interim Head Coach Mike Mularkey looks on during the second half of an NFL football game against the Indianapolis Colts in Indianapolis, Jan. 3, 2016. AP PHOTO | AJ MAST

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The Tennessee Titans are keeping Mike Mularkey as their coach. The man who handled the final nine games after the team fired Ken Whisenhunt this season was chosen Saturday, Jan. 16, just hours after the Titans wrapped up their fourth and final interview for the job.

“He has experience as a head coach and a track record for developing young quarterbacks and dynamic offenses, and he also brings continuity for our franchise quarterback.” Amy Adams Strunk, controlling owner

Tennessee interviewed Mularkey; another former Buffalo coach in Doug Marrone; Detroit Lions defensive coordinator Teryl Austin; and finished the process by midday Saturday by talking with the Titans’ defensive coordinator, Ray Horton. The last NFL team with a head coach position to fill chose not to wait around for more candidates, instead joining the other six teams who all decided to hire

offensive coaches for their openings. Controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk said Mularkey won the job with his vision for the Titans and how he handled the final two months of the season as an interim coach. Mularkey was 2-7 in nine games after Whisenhunt went 3-20 in his tenure before being fired Nov. 3. “Mike is a quality coach and an outstanding person who will help us build this team the right way,” Strunk said in a statement. “He has experience as a head coach and a track record for developing young quarterbacks and dynamic offenses, and he also brings continuity for our franchise quarterback. We understand this may take time as we rebuild the roster and bring in new coaches for Mike’s staff, but we believe he has the experience and expertise to build a consistent winner.” Mularkey becomes the 18th coach for this franchise overall, and Tennessee’s third since Jeff Fisher left in January 2011. Keeping Mularkey means avoiding having Marcus Mariota, the No. 2 pick overall in the 2015 draft, start over completely going into his second season. “We won’t be starting from scratch,”

Mularkey said. “With that as a basis, we will now be installing some new systems and bringing in new coaches and players to build on what we have started. There is plenty of work to be done until we reach our goal, but we will all work tirelessly to get us there.” The Titans hold the No. 1 pick in April’s draft and have more than \$20 million in space under the salary cap. “Mike’s attention to detail as well as his track record of building dynamic offenses while developing young quarterbacks such as Matt Ryan is impressive,” said new General Manager Jon Robinson.

COACHING CAREER

Mularkey coached Buffalo in 2004 and 2005, leading the Bills to a 9-7 record in ‘04 that was the Bills’ last winning season until 2014. After his stint in Buffalo, he was offensive coordinator at Miami, then coached tight ends in 2007. Atlanta hired him in 2008 as offensive coordinator, and the Falcons had a 3,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard rusher and 1,000-yard receiver in three of his four seasons, which earned him another chance as the head man in Jacksonville

in 2012, where he went 2-14 before being let go when the Jaguars hired a new general manager. Mularkey took off the 2013 season and traveled. “He did an incredible job with what happened this year and handling everything. I am very excited to have him as a coach, and I look forward to getting to work.” Marcus Mariota, Titans quarterback

His old friend Whisenhunt brought him back by hiring him to coach tight ends in Tennessee in 2014, and Delanie Walker turned in the best season of his career that year before topping it in 2015 by becoming the franchise’s first 1,000-yard receiver as a tight end. Several Titans congratulated Mularkey on Twitter, with undrafted free agent rookie Quinton Spain thanking the coach for giving him a chance to start at left guard down the stretch. “He did an incredible job with what happened this year and handling everything,” Mariota said. “I am very excited to have him as a coach and I look forward to getting to work.” TAS

Governors set records during 6 game home stand

BY HENRY KILPATRICK
Guest Writer

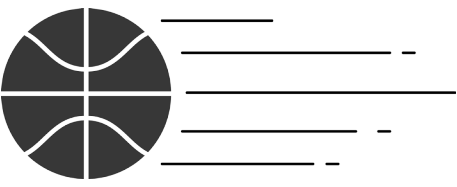
Despite setting many records during their six game home stand and receiving Player of the Week awards two weeks in a row, the APSU men’s basketball team went 3-3 over the home stand of winter break. For the first time since 2009, the Governors basketball team has had two consecutive, 30-point scoring games and had two players receive the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week recognition. Senior center Chris Horton received the OVC Mid-major Player of the Week recognition after his 37-point, 13 rebound double-double performance against Lipscomb on Dec. 20, 2015. He was also awarded the Tennessee Sports Writers Association Men’s Basketball Player of the Week. Sophomore guard Josh Robinson received his first ever OVC Player of the Week recognition the following week after scoring 30 points, shooting seven out of nine shots in the paint and 100 percent from behind the arc as well as at the free throw line against Wofford College on Dec. 22, 2015. This is the first time the Govs (8-12, 1-4 OVC) have had two consecutive

30-point performances since 2009 when previous Govs forward Drake Reed scored 32 points and 30 points a week apart, according to letsgopeay.com. The Governors tipped off their six game home stand by defeating the Westminster Blue Jays 112-61 with a record performance of 31 assists and a school record of seven players each reaching double digits. The last time the Governors had more than six players score in the double digits was Nov. 18, 2010, according to letsgopeay.com. Coming off of a blow-out win against Westminster leaving them 7-8 on the season, the Governors prepared themselves to face Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Islanders before heading into their first OVC game of the season against EKU. Despite the Governors having two OVC Player of the Week recipients, the Islanders (13-3, 4-0 conference) won the contest 74-70. Horton fell victim to foul trouble early into the game. Senior guard Khalil Davis picked up his third career double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds, but it wasn’t enough to account for the Governors 19 turnovers the Islanders capitalized on for 24 points.

The Islanders took advantage of Horton’s foul trouble and the Governors turnovers to pull off a 79-70 win against APSU. As if it was déjà vu, the Governors’ Chris Horton quickly found a spot on the bench after picking up two early fouls close to a minute into the first half in their first OVC conference game of the season against Eastern Kentucky University. EKU’s Jarelle Reischell and Javonta Hawkins, who both average almost 20 points per game, fouled out in the second half. Throughout the game the Governors

NEXT GAME

Thursday, Jan. 23
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couldn’t find their chemistry and ultimately payed the price falling to 79-70 giving the Governors their first OVC loss of the season. The Governors were hungry for a win against Jacksonville State after getting their first OVC loss under their belt. The Governors took the lead early in the first quarter and went on to build a 24-point lead against the Gamecocks. Horton finished with 24 points and 13 rebounds achieving his 13th double-double of the season. Their determination to win showed against the Gamecocks where the Governors won 73-54. In the final game of their six game home stand against Tennessee Tech, the Governors lived another three-point nightmare like they had against EKU. Chris Horton achieved his 14th double-double of the season but fell apart at the free-throw line like many of his teammates. Ultimately, the Governors lost due to their poor shooting at the line only making 8-18 and Tennessee Tech using the three point game to their advantage. The Governors will return home Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016 at 7 p.m. to host Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. TAS



WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, 2016



Healy brings new commits

Will Healy was officially named the 19th head football coach at APSU on Dec. 23, 2015. "Whatever it takes to win games and show progress for this athletic department, we are going to do right away," Healy said. TAYLOR SLIFKO | PHOTO EDITOR

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running back out of Blackman High School in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Dowdy rushed for 2,132 yards with a total of 30 touchdowns in 2015 for the Blaze. Dowdy was named the District 7-AAA Offensive MVP and the Daily News Journal's Offensive Player of the Year. He also led his Blackman team to a Class 6A State Quarterfinals and was a

Tennessee Titans Class 6A Mr. Football semifinalist. Dowdy commits to APSU with another offer from Tennessee State University, another OVC school. Daniels, a 6-foot-6-inch, 240 pound tight end from Batesville, Arkansas, will help the offensive passing game that has struggled in the past season.

Midway through the season, senior quarterback Trey Taylor was removed from the starting position and replaced by redshirt junior Tamarius Mitchell. The two often swapped in and out during the second half of the season. According to "24/7 Sports", Daniels comes in as a two-star recruit. He ranks 2,473 nationally, 111 in tight-

ends and 36 in the state of Arkansas. Daniels has received offers from division two schools as well as an offer from Southeastern Missouri State University, another OVC competitor. Daniels committed to APSU under previous Head Coach Kirby Cannon, along with tight end Dalton Frasure and wide receiver Cynterius Lyons. *TAS*

Peay X still missing

BY GLAVINE DAY
Sports Editor

Despite Governor Peay X winning 64 percent of the votes during the mascot election, The Gov is the mascot attending basketball games. According to Director of Corporate Relations Alaric Klinghard, Governor Peay X is going to be the mascot attending athletic events while The Gov will be the mascot going out into the community. "There is a hierarchy in mascots that we have now, and so Governor Peay X will take over basketball and be our traditional mascot, and The Gov will hold his place in the community and going to elementary schools and being youth-focused," Klinghard said to *The Leaf Chronicle*. Klinghard said even though The Gov won with less votes than Peay X, the election was not rigged. "When it came down to

it, tradition held strong," Klinghard said. "I think a lot of people expected it to be rigged for The Gov, but that is not how it works. There is a certain amount of integrity involved when you have an election and you allow people to vote, and that is how it ended up." Despite Klinghard saying Governor Peay X will be the basketball mascot, Governor Peay X has only attended one women's basketball game, after *The All State* published two back-to-back articles about Governor Peay X not making appearances. On Nov. 30, 2015, APSU Athletics released a search campaign for Peay X. Athletics posted a clue every Friday until Dec. 18, 2015. Although athletics posted four clues, they never revealed where Peay X is. It is still unknown where Peay X is and why he has not made any appearances after winning 64 percent of the election votes. *TAS*

Ohio Valley Conference basketball standings

*Information compiled from ovcsports.com

OVC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
SCHOOL	OVC	OVERALL
Southeast Missouri	5-1	12-7
SIU Edwardsville	5-1	10-9
Tennessee State	4-1	9-9
Belmont	3-2	11-7
Eastern Kentucky	3-2	9-7
APSU*	3-2	5-13
Jacksonville State	3-3	8-10
UT Martin	2-2	9-8
Murray State	2-3	6-10
Morehead State	1-4	7-12
Tennessee Tech	1-5	5-14
Eastern Illinois	0-6	1-17

OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL		
SCHOOL	OVC	OVERALL
EAST		
Tennessee State	5-0	14-4
Belmont	5-0	13-6
Tennessee Tech	5-1	13-6
Morehead State	3-2	9-8
Jacksonville State	3-3	7-14
Eastern Kentucky	2-3	11-9
WEST		
Eastern Illinois	3-3	6-12
UT Martin	2-2	10-9
Murray State	2-3	8-10
APSU*	1-4	8-12
SIU Edwardsville	1-5	4-14
Southeast Missouri	0-6	2-16