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Security guard removes posters with 'hate symbol'

BY SEAN MCCULLY

News Editor

Posters portraying Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump as leader of Nazi Germany Adolf Hitler were removed by an APSU security guard from the Trahern building last week because they contained "hate symbols," according to APSU Chief of Police Michael Kasitz.

Kasitz said this was an act of a security guard and not a sworn APSU police officer.

"A security guard in Trahern took it upon himself to remove posters with a hate symbol representing white supremacy," Kasitz said. "He was not ordered to do so and there was no political motivation behind his actions."

Chair of the Art Department Barry Jones said postering is not typically monitored in Trahern. "Since this is the art department and postering is part of

what we do, APSU police usually don't police this," Jones said. Executive Director of Public Relations and Marketing Bill Persinger said the security guard has since been told not remove posters in the future. 745



HONEA WINS 415-405



BY SEAN MCCULLY

News Editor

Ryan Honea is the Student Government Association presidentelect for the 2016-17 academic year.

Honea received 415 votes over Faith Merriweather's 405. Jay Alvarez, who was named ineligible for the presidency the day before elections began, received 17 votes.

There were 15 additional write-in candidates.

Honea said being SGA president had always been a part of his long-term



"When they were saying the names [of the other write-in candidates], I was thinking a ton of different things like 'OK what's my contingency plan if I lose," Honea said. "But most of my long-term plan has been going towards that election so I often didn't think much past it.

"When I saw how many people came to support me, all the friends I've gained and all the people who really do care about me... that was pretty powerful."

Honea won by 10 votes and he attributed that success to last-minute campaigning on the last day of

"I was completely exhausted eating dinner on Thursday night at 6 p.m. and I remember thinking, 'There's five hours and 45 minutes left until those polls close," Honea said. "So I called Dylan Kellogg and said 'If you want to win this I think we've got more work to do.' I just felt like [the election] was close."

Honea said he called friends, walked around campus to talk to people and even talked to residents of Meacham Apartments who were outside because of a fire alarm.

Honea said he will be sworn in as president within the next few weeks, though current SGA President Will Roberts will be acting president until the commencement ceremony in May

The Executive Council for the 2016-17 year will be Kellogg as vice president and Blaine Gundersen as executive secretary.

In addition to the presidency, eight SGA positions were elected for all colleges and classes.

In the College of Education Alvarez, Jenna Cottingham and Elizabeth Johnson are the elected senators.

In the College of Arts and Letters, Sara Alexander, Thomas Murphy and

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SGA opposes provost's plans

BY WILL FISHER

Staff Writer

The Student Government Association is now in opposition of Provost Rex Gandy's search for an external interim dean of the College of Business which could restart the college's accreditation

This opposition is in accordance with the recently passed Resolution No. 32, authored by Sen. Rebecca Jacks, which was passed at the Wednesday, March 30, SGA meeting.

The Senate suspended Roberts's Rules of Order to pass the resolution in the same meeting.

According to Jacks, the resolution aims to prevent possible interference the appointment of an external interim dean may cause the College of Business's ongoing attempt to gain accreditation.

The College of Business started the accreditation process through the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business in 2010 and the AACSB recently deferred the College of Business's accreditation to Fall 2016.

"A lot of the faculty and staff, as well as students and recent graduates, do not want to see the accreditation process start over," Jacks said. "Being AACSB accredited makes your degree worth between \$5,000 to \$10,000 more."

Jacks' resolution suggests the current Associate Dean of the College of Business Susan Cockrell step in as the interim dean until a full-time dean is hired.

The other piece of legislation passed by the Senate was Act. No. 12 authored by Sen. Johnathan Johnson. This act clarifies the role of the associate chief justice within SGA's Bylaws by properly naming the office.

Several senators introduced other resolutions, including Sen. Lydia Bullock's Resolution No. 29. This legislation requests SGA place stock photos of babies in the SGA sponsored Lactation Station in the APSU library. The pictures would allow breastfeeding mothers to see babies, which would

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ADPI RAISES \$13,327 FOR CHARITY

BY MEGAN OLIVER

Staff Writer

APSU's chapter of Alpha Delta Pi raised over \$13,000 for the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, April 2, with their annual Run for Ronald 5k and 1-mile fun run on the APSU intramural field.

According to the Ronald McDonald House website, "A Ronald McDonald House is that 'home-away-from-home' for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost."

Each year Alpha Delta Pi hosts several other events throughout the year to raise money and awareness for the house.

Students and community members were invited to attend the event in the days leading up to the fun run, and they were able to register both online and in the Foy during select hours.

The Ronald McDonald House was

founded in 1974 in Philadelphia.

The website says that the mission of the Ronald McDonald House is to "create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and wellbeing of children. Guiding us in our mission are our core values: lead with compassion, focus on the critical needs of children, celebrate the diversity of our people and our programs, value our heritage, and operate with accountability and transparency."

The Ronald McDonald House has four other philanthropic mediums: the Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, Ronald McDonald Care Mobiles, grants and the Ronald McDonald House U.S. Scholarships.

For the past 42 years, The Ronald McDonald house has been providing resources for families whose children are battling life-threatening diseases.

The Ronald McDonald House is one of ADPi's philanthropic organizations. 745



Pharos task force sees concerns with town hall meeting

BY WILL FISHER

Staff Writer

On Monday, April 4, the Printing Task Force held a town hall style meeting in the Woodward Library to inform students about recent developments in the implementation of Pharos and to answer student concerns about the new print management system.

The hour-long meeting featured representatives from various departments at APSU including Finance and Administration, Student Affairs, IT and faculty. After a brief introductory PowerPoint, Laura Prange, the head of the task force, encouraged students to voice their concerns to the panel about Pharos.

During the discussion, the panel discussed several new developments about Pharos and its implementation.

One change to the system is the new ability for students to have the unused remainder of their \$30 credit to roll over from the fall to spring semester.

The Printing Task Force changed the policy in response to student concerns discussed at the March 23 SGA Senate meeting.

The panel said they did not know if

funds would roll over into or from the summer semesters.

Another change discussed is how faculty will work to accommodate the new limits placed on students.

Chemistry professor Robin Reed mentioned the university would encourage professors to print out materials for students each class, clearly state what students must print and to provide online material.

APSU has gathered data regarding students' printing habits. It was collected in a Spring 2013 review using the library's old printing services software. The report showed 1,233 students each printed out over 500 sheets of paper with one student printing out 8,863 sheets of paper alone.

Political science major Crystal Brinkley asked the panel why the data was old and if the task force could publish up-todate data. Director of University Facilities Andy Kean promised to have recent numbers published.

of March or April" will be made public.

Brinkley also said that students with light sensitivity or poor eyesight might suffer from using computer screens more often under Pharos. Kean said the Printing Task Force would go back and

consider accommodations for students with disabilities.

Kean said it might be possible for students with doctor's notices to receive some form of accommodation through Disability Services in the future.

Anthony Cross, a political science major, asked the panel if they would take into account student academic performance during Pharos policy meetings.

"My main concern, not that sustainability is not important, is if students feel like they are not academically performing as they once were it is more important [than sustainability]," Cross said.

Reed agreed with Cross saying departments will ideally pick up some of the printing burden.

"We don't want [Pharos] to affect the teaching quality and the educational experience," Reed said "I envision that the departments are going to do a lot more of the copying of materials that are truly Kean said "data from at least the month required for that course."

Prange said throughout the meeting the task force listens to the students and encourages more input from the student body about Pharos. She also stated the current policies would be up for review in 2017. *TAS*

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Austin Street are the elected senators. In the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, Duane Kessler, Jose Linares and Sierra Salandy are the elected senators.

In the College of Business, Trenton Delane, Lillian Long and Eric Powell are the elected senators.

In the College of Science and Mathematics, Colin Crist, Dominic Critchlow and Dasia Frank are the elected senators.

Jordan Kent was elected as the senator for the sophomore class.

Frank Burns was elected as the senator for the junior class.

Jordan Burns was elected as the senator for the senior class. TAS

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help the lactation process.

Sen. Dominic Critchlow's Resolution No. 30 was also presented at the meeting. It looks to have SGA ask the Physical Plant to place a Blue Light Call Box between the Sundquist Science Center and the Morgan University Center.

Sen. Blaine Gundersen submitted two pieces of legislation during the meeting. Her first, Resolution No. 31, seeks to have the speed bumps on Hand Village Avenue replaced with wider speed humps.

Gundersen's second proposed legislation, Resolution No. 33, suggests SGA move to paperless agendas for the body's weekly meetings.

SGA's next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6, at 4 p.m. in the Morgan University Center room 307. TAS

Haslam shakeup of public universities gains final approval

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Republican Gov. Bill Haslam's plan to spin off four-year



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public universities from the Tennessee Board of Regents system gained final approval in the state Legislature on

The Senate voted 31-1 in favor of the measure, sending Haslam's top legislative initiative for his signature.

Haslam's plan calls for creating local boards for APSU in Clarksville, East Tennessee in Johnson City, Middle Tennessee in Murfreesboro, Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tennessee State in Nashville and the University of Memphis.

The legislation gives the governor the authority to appoint eight of the nine voting members to each of the boards that will control budgets, tuition and the selection of college presidents

Haslam has argued that the change will give the Tennessee Board of Regents a focus on guiding the state's 40 two-year schools. The change will not affect the schools in the University of Tennessee system.

"We're excited to move forward with the implementation process," Haslam said in a statement after the bill's passage.

Sen. Jeff Yarbro cast the lone vote against the bill in the upper chamber of the General Assembly. The Nashville Democrat questioned the need for the sweeping changes in the higher education governance.

"I have yet to see where there's a big enough problem that demands this big of a solution," Yarbro said.

Board of Regents Chancellor John Morgan in January announced his resignation in protest of the Haslam plan. Morgan called it "unworkable" and contrary to efforts to enhance oversight and accountability in higher education.

Republican Sen. Frank Niceley of Strawberry Plains said he worries that the independent boards will cause each school to hire lobbyists to compete for state resources.

"I have problems with taxpayers paying lobbyists to lobby for more tax dollars," Niceley said.

Haslam has said that the Tennessee **Higher Education Commission would** still oversee the priorities for capital projects at the schools.

The House passed the measure on a 71-19 vote last month.



RESOLUTION NO. 32 Rebecca Jacks

Opposition of Provost Rex Gandy's search for an interim dean of the College of Business

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Writing a letter to the Physical Plant to place a Blue Light Call Box between Sundquist Science Center and the Morgan University Center TO BE DISCUSSED

RESOLUTION NO. 33

Blaine Gundersen Suggests SGA move to paperless agendas for the body's weekly meetings TO BE DISCUSSED

ACT NO. 12 Jonathan Johnson

Clarifies the role of the associate chief justice within SGA's Bylaws by properly naming the office **PASSED**

RESOLUTION NO. 29 Lydia Bullock

SGA placing stock photos of babies in the SGA sponsored Lactation Station TO BE DISCUSSED

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AUTISM SPEAKS BUT DOES NOT LISTEN

More than 3.5 million **Americans** fall in the autism spectrum (1 in 68 births).

35 percent of young adults age 19-23 with autism have not had a job or recieved post-secondary **education** after high school.

ASD is 4.5x more common in boys (1 in 42)than girls (1 in 189).

10 percent of children with autism are also identified as having Down Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome or other chromosomal

disorders.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SHELBY WATSON ASSISTANT PERSPECTIVES EDITOR

Autism awareness best left to more ethical organizations

BY SHELBY WATSON

Assistant Perspectives Editor

Autism Speaks is a charity that advocates the "curing" of autism and promotes fear, furthering the national stigma against autism spectrum disorders.

Autism Speaks was founded in 2005, setting out to "fund research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism."

Through fear-driven campaigns, propagating false statistics and a faulty Board of Directors, Autism Speaks spreads a mentality that autism is a plague on society that needs to be eradicated.

A common phrase used within disability advocacy groups is "nothing about us without us," meaning people with the disability should be at the forefront of the organization. However, none of Autism Speaks' 30 board members are autistic or even in the spectrum.

One of these members, Sallie Bernard, is the founder of SafeMinds, an anti-vaccination group that promotes the idea that vaccines are "the cause of the autism epidemic."

Autism Speaks also allies with the Judge Rothenberg Center, which has come under fire for using electricity on their autistic patients for minor infractions such as getting out of their seats without permission.

Autism Speaks has had two campaign ads they have since had to remove from their website and social media after allegations of promoting fear and representing the autistic child's point of view, only the views of their parents.

The "I Am Autism" campaign showcased autism

as a terrifying menace, personifying it by saying "If you are happily married, I will make sure that your marriage fails. I don't sleep, so I'll make sure you don't either. I will plot and rob you of your children and your dreams."

This campaign falsely reported that 80 percent of couples who have autistic children get divorced, when the actual number according to the Kennedy Krieger Institute is 46 percent, only one percent higher than couples with non-autistic children.

Their follow-up campaign, "Autism Everyday," painted a portrait paying sympathy to the parents of autistic children.

A narrator talked over sad images of tired parents, saying they can't go out with friends anymore.

These campaigns completely ignore the feelings of the children and show autism as a terrible burden no parent should ever want to bear.

It's no wonder that an organization who allocates four percent of their annual budget to pre-natal autism screening would think this disorder is something a parent could never hope to deal with.

"I think people have to be educated and know that it's called Autism Spectrum Disorder for a reason," APSU Assistant Professor of Special Education and coordinator of Full Spectrum Learning (FSL) Gina Grogan said. "There's a wide spectrum of characteristics. The behaviors, intellectual ability, difficulties, and strengths are unique to all with the diagnosis. I'm amazed at the talents and personalities of the individuals that I work with, and I don't think that any of them need to be cured of



Accept diversity. All people, no matter how it may seem on the outside, are more alike than different. If you feel uncomfortable around certain indivdiuals, step out of your comfort zone and get to know them."

-Gina Grogan, APSU Assistant Professor of Special Education, coordinator of FSL

anything."

Grogan said she believes more money should be invested in help for individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families, rather than preventative research.

Promoting the mentality that autism is a curse upon families, that autistic children can't be loved or the world would be better off without autism creates an unreachable standard for society.

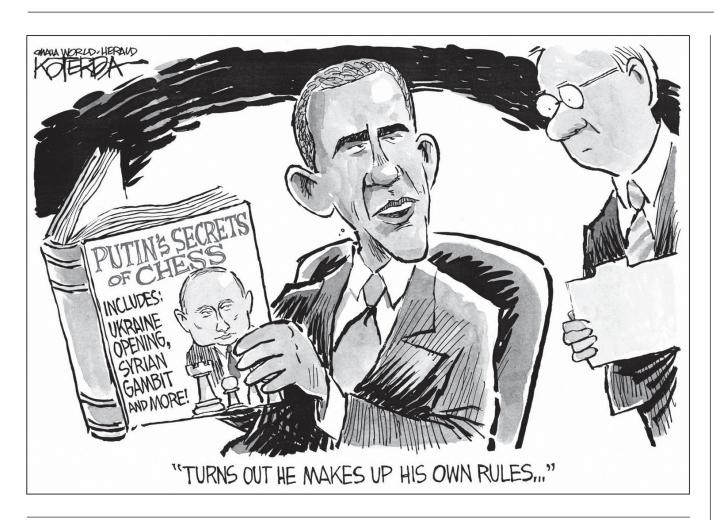
Instead of promoting acceptance, it preaches fear and ignorance in the face of a condition that, more often than not, is not debilitating.

"Accept diversity," Grogan said. "All people, no matter how it may seem on the outside, are more alike than different. If you feel uncomfortable around certain individuals, step out of your comfort zone and get to know them. You'll never realize how much you can learn from others if you don't."

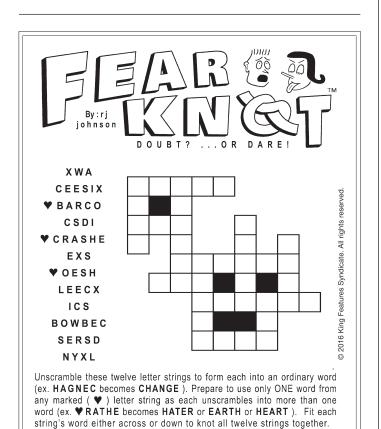
Grogan is currently accepting peer mentors for incoming autism spectrum students for next semester. If you are interested, please contact grogang@apsu.edu. TAS





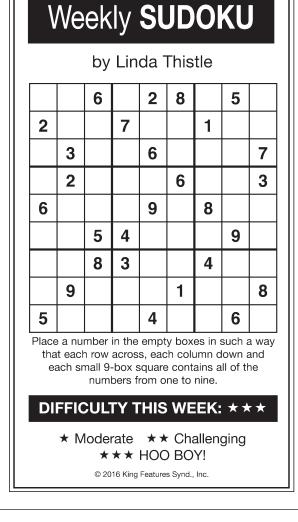




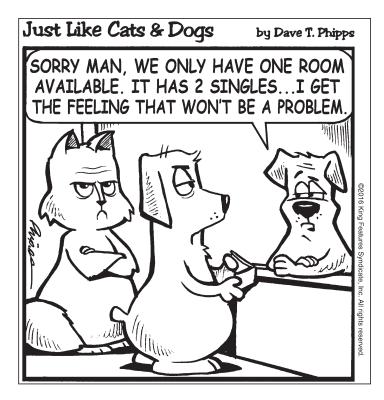


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College Republicans advocate political posters

Posters displaying hate symbol on campus cause controversy

BY ANDREW WADOVICK

Assistant Features Editor

As the 2016 presidential race continues across the U.S., various political groups have become more active. One of these groups is APSU's College Republicans.

Anthony Cross, junior political science major and president of the APSU College Republicans, said the group is focused on raising awareness and participation on campus.

"We're a group of typically conservative people who try to work around like-minded individuals," Cross said. "We're typically focused on local campaigns. We do phone banks, rallies and we help secure internships for our members."

Cross said the College Republicans do not let ideological differences hinder cooperation with other groups.

"We try to be civil-minded," he said. "We work quite a bit with [College Democrats]. We're typically friends."

In terms of cooperation with the College Democrats, Cross cited their joint involvement with the recent tuition equality bill, as well as a more recent incident involving the attempted removal of political posters in the art department by a campus police.

College Republicans and other political organizations on campus advocated for the right to keep the posters up, agreeing to put their logos on the top of the replacement posters.

"Regardless of your political views, I think we can all get behind freedom of speech," Cross said. "If it were anti-Clinton posters being taken down, we'd all do the same thing."

Speaking about the national election, Cross said Republican support for current front-runner Donald Trump is not as strong as people might be led to believe.

"Most members [of College Republicans] don't particularly like him," Cross said. "They tend to lean away from his 'super-nationalist,' seemingly out-ofthin-air policies."

Cross also said most of Trump's proposed policies are unrealistic.

One of the main goals of College Republicans, according to Cross, is the exchange of ideas.

"The purpose of higher education is to challenge ideas," Cross said. "Until I got to APSU, my current ideas and beliefs weren't solidified."

Cross described the idea of democracy as a compromise, citing the necessity of outlets to express these ideas so they can evolve.

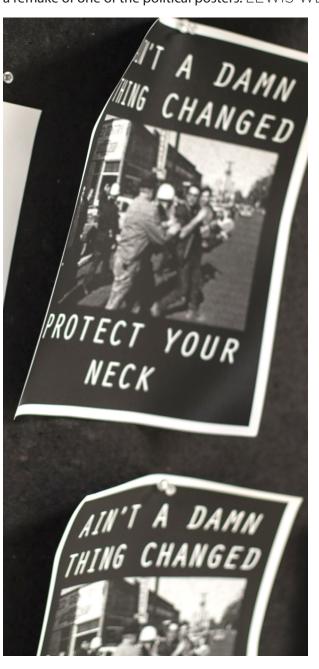
"We serve as an outlet and an information tool," Cross said. "I can guarantee you don't know everything."

Cross said students should get involved in their communities by doing things such as attending voting drives or meeting representatives and senators.

"Really, at the local level, it's easier to work together and find things in common," Cross said. TAS



Above and bottom left, two of the controversial political flier hung around APSU. TAYLOR SLIFKO | PHOTO EDITOR Bottom right, a remake of one of the political posters. LEWIS WEST | GRAPHIC DESIGNER EDITOR







Story often untold: 1866 Memphis Massacre

Memphis professor discusses details of African American women's struggle during 1866 massacre

BY ANDREA ALLEN

Staff Writer

Professor at the University of Memphis Beverly Bond discussed what women endured during the 1866 Memphis Massacre in her visit to APSU on Thursday, March 31.

The lecture "Oh I am a Woman, I am a Woman" was sponsored by APSU's Phi Alpha Theta history fraternity, The National Pan-Hellenic Council and Student Life and Engagement in honor of the event's 150th anniversary.

Bond discussed life in the south before the massacre as well as the days leading up to the event.

"My goal was to recognize the victims of the massacre, often the African Americans involved are referred to as the rioters," Bond said. "They can call them whatever they want, but it is my goal to emphasize the real violence these people experienced. The things that make the victims."

The massacre began on May 1, 1866, and lasted for three days. A total of 46 African Americans were killed and five African American women were raped.

According to Bond, the women's testimonies given days later proved three things: "African American women could not claim the same privileges as white women, they were held to standards, and they refused to be bound to those



Dr. Beverly Bond speaks to students about the Memphis Massacre of 1866 . CHANEICE JACKSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

standards," Bond said.

The aftermath of the massacre, according to Bond, was not much of an improvement but still the faint beginning of reconstruction.

"The massacre opened the U.S. government's eyes to two things," Bond said, "the need for more military presence in the south and the African American stance to fight and not back down."

Even though it has been 150 years

since the massacre, an accurate account took some time to come out because white testimonies took precedence over those African Americans.

Through her project, "Memories of a Massacre: Memphis in 1866," Bond dedicated her recent years of research to exploring the truth and making it known.

"This is the first time I have gone to a different campus and given a lecture about this," Bond said. "We are trying to get the story out there in light of the project and reconstruction. I want students to understand that it is about honoring the victims, not refighting the causes."

Over 200 APSU history students came to hear the lecture. Some had a general idea of the event beforehand and others knew nothing. Not only did the students get to hear about the event in detail, but they were able to hear about the hate crimes committed against the victims.

"Most students do not realize the racism and violence that took place in this time period," freshman psychology major Cassidy Rushing said. I had never even heard of the Memphis Massacre before today, but it is an important part of America's history."

Because of the 150th anniversary of the massacre, the history department invited Bond to speak for Women's History Month.

APSU associate history professor Minoa Uffelman helped put the event together to give students exposure to what America was like over a century ago.

"It is important for students to understand what life was like after the Civil War," Uffelman said. Not many people have an accurate picture of what Americans went through from the late 1800s until now, We want APSU students to know the true story of America both 100 years ago and today." TAS

James Robilotta talks more than leadership

BY ANDREW WADOVICK

Assistant Features Editor

James Robilotta, a professional speaker with a master's in counseling, kicked off SLE's Leadership Conference on Saturday, April 2, at 9 a.m.

In his presentation, Robilotta talked about a new approach to leadership that focuses more inwards.

"We all have our weird quirks," Robilotta said. "In our various talks about leadership, we forget to mention we're human beings."

Robilotta gave his speech in support of higher education and the benefits it has for students.

"Academics is the reason for the season, and we're preaching it, but we aren't practicing it," Robilotta said

The bulk of his presentation focused on an acronym he said he read about previously: PEORN, which stands for Purposeful, Empower, Own, Real, Morals.

These five tenets are meant to emphasize leadership as an internal quality, which, if applied correctly,



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO | JAMES ROBILOTTA

will translate directly into external reality.

In general, "Purposeful" represents the direct correlation between intentions and actions, while "Empower" represents the methods leaders use to motivate people to complete jobs.

"Own" and "Real" are people's perceptions of someone as a leader, as well as the leader's own perception, and "Morals" are the foundation by which someone lives and leads.

For example, Robilotta talked about "Empower" by pointing out the general hype surrounding the word.

"You see it all the time in college application stuff," Robilotta said.
"Empower is a sexy word."

He described leaders' methods as pushing others, rather than pulling.

When discussing "Real," Robilotta asked the audience what version of themselves they allow others to see.

"Are you who you are supposed to be "Robilotta asked. "or are you you?"

Robilotta said leaders have a tendency to look perfect and all-knowing, but this is not the reality. He explained the difference between a hero and a role-model and stressed the need to be honest with one's co-workers in order to gain true respectability.

Towards the end of his presentation, Robilotta talked about the nature of vulnerability and how it has become a sign of weakness rather than strength.

"Vulnerability is a game of catch," Robilotta said. "You can't play catch with yourself. You both have to throw the ball." TAS



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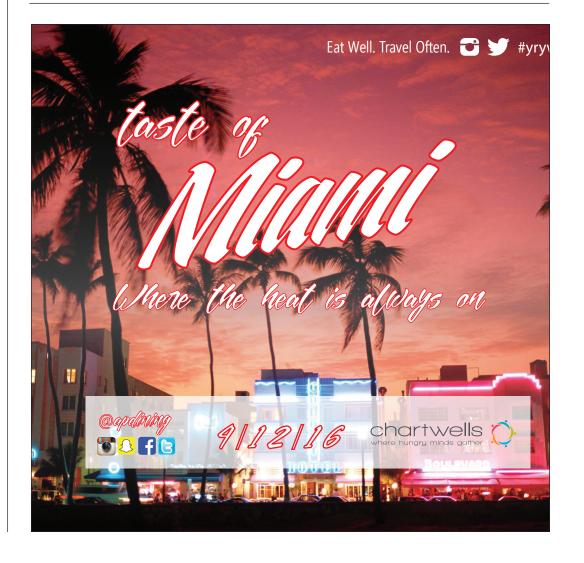
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MONDAY, APRIL 11

UREC Pool Opens for Season





BY PRESTON BOSTAIN

Senior Staff Writer

Over the past weekend, the Lady Govs softball team lost their ninth consecutive softball game.

During this contest, the Lady Govs fell to the University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawks in three games on Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3.

APSU fell 5-1, 20-9 and 1-0. During Game 1, two of the Skyhawks runs came in the second inning, while the next three came in the fifth inning.

One was a run scoring double, while

the other was due to an APSU error. $\,$

During the fifth inning, the three UTM runs came off of a home run by Katie Warrick.

Carly Mattson was the only run for APSU, with her first home run of the season. Kendall Vedder led APSU with two hits in the first game.

In the second game of the double header, APSU allowed the second most points scored in Skyhawks history with 20.

UTM had two six run innings, in the fourth and seventh innings.

Renate Meckl went three for four

for six runs batted in for the Lady Skyhawks.

Niya Sparks drove in two with her second home run of the season, while Chandler Groves was able to drive in two runs from a double.

After allowing 20 runs, APSU's pitching only allowed one run in a tough series loss.

Alicia Hansen grounded out to second, allowing the only run for the Skyhawks in the top of the fourth inning. Groves and Rikki Arkansas limited APSU to only two hits.

Autumn Hanners struck out seven

and walking three to earn the loss, bringing her record to 3-10 on the season.

Michal Luckett and Chandra Parr led the club in home runs for Evansville, with them both averaging over a .300 batting average.

Morgan Florey has an average of 1.86 earned runs with an 8-5 record as a freshman.

The Lady Govs will look to take their 5-22 overall record to Evansville, Indiana, to take on the Lady Purple Aces on Wednesday, April 6, in a doubleheader. TAS



BY PRESTON BOSTAIN

Senior Staff Writer

It was no laughing matter for APSU this April Fool's weekend as they crushed the bats, earning a series win against the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech on Friday, April 1, through Sunday, April 3.

The Govs' baseball team headed down to Cookeville, Tennessee, for a three game series as APSU took Game 1 and Game 3 to earn the series victory.

The Govs headed into Saturday's game with a six game win streak, which came to an end after losing 14-3 to Tech.

This led to the first road series victory in 2016.

The Govs started off the weekend with the crack of the bat. APSU had 13 hits with 10 RBIs to earn a 10-2

Starting pitcher Alex Robles struck out a season high 10 batters to earn his fifth win on the season.

APSU put up five runs in the second inning by a two run home run by Kyle Blackburn, earning his second home run of the season.

In a season low six hits for APSU,

the Govs lost Game 2 of the series 14-3. Tech reached home five times and the Govs never were able to steal their momentum.

However, Blackburn was able to extend his hit streak to 11 games while Patrick Massoni reached a 10 game hitting streak.

Chase Hamilton reached base safely for the 12th consecutive game.

The Govs decided one loss was enough in a crazy sixth inning frenzy, earning six runs for a 9-4 victory on Sunday.

Robles, the dual threat, hit a two run home run to take the lead for good for the Govs.

Blackburn saw his hit streak end as he was unable to reach a hit going 0-3.

Massoni, however was able to earn a hit to extend his to 11 which is the longest active streak for the Govs.

For the 13th consecutive game,
Hamilton reached base safely.

Jared Carkuff recorded his second shutout victory.

The Govs with a 16-10 overall record and 8-4 in the conference will return to action at home on Wednesday, April 6 against Western Kentucky. *TAS*

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22 DOUBLE DIGIT GAMES

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SEASON HIGH 23 POINTS

SET SCHOOL RECORD WITH 8 BLOCKS IN A GAME

JUNIOR

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SEASON HIGH 23 POINTS

SET SCHOOL RECORD WITH 8 BLOCKS IN A GAME

RANKED TOP 30 NATIONALLY 11TH IN FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE 12TH IN BLOCKS PER GAME **21**ST IN TOTAL BLOCKED SHOTS 25TH IN REBOUNDS PER GAME **27**TH IN DOUBLE DOUBLES

