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Bertrang Joseph from Haiti weighs in on President Trump’s recent comments



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APSU Distance Education hosts presentations of Canvas, Blackboard, D2L for campus selection

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APSU is considering changing the online class system from Desire 2 Learn, or D2L. Proposed systems include Blackboard and Canvas. Each service, including D2L, will have open demonstrations in the MUC Ballrooms later this month.

While current students are familiar with the system, APSU has not always used D2L.

“I began teaching classes that used an online learning management system at APSU as an adjunct in the early 2000s while I was a full-time working journalist,” communications professor Amy Ritchart said. “At that time, we used

the Blackboard learning management system. I believe I first used D2L Spring 2013 when I taught Writing for Electronic Media online.”

The main features of D2L include dropboxes, quizzes and discussion boards.

“D2L has many features that I believe facilitate student learning. Features I use particularly often in both my online and on-ground classes include the Dropoxes that can be linked to Turnitin.com, the gradebook and the discussion areas,” Ritchart said.

D2L also offers the opportunity to have grades instantly available to students.

“I also appreciate the ability to grade, use rubrics and post immediate feedback in the online learning system,” Ritchart

said.

Ritchart has experience with both Blackboard and Canvas.

“I have previously taught in Blackboard and D2L, as well as using the University of Phoenix online learning management system. I am currently working on my Master of Fine Arts in creative nonfiction at Murray State University where I currently use Canvas there as a graduate student.”

The All State has reported on D2L in the past, and students have not always been happy with the way the system works. Concerns about the website crashing, and unfamiliarity with the system have been issues with students over the years.

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DATES AND TIMES OF DEMONSTRATIONS

Blackboard

Monday, Jan. 22, at 8:30 a.m.

– 10:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. – 3:45p.m.

Canvas

Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 8:30

a.m. – 10:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. – 3:45p.m.

D2L

Friday, Jan. 26, at 8:30 a.m.

– 10:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. – 3:45p.m.

SNOWY START



The Clarksville area was hit by a winter storm as students travel back from break

TOP: APSU Students sled down hill near campus during winter storm on Friday, Jan. 12. WAQAS AHMED | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

TO THE RIGHT: The Sentinel still covered in snow on Saturday, Jan. 13. TAYLOR HARRELL | THE ALL STATE

More snow in the forecast for Montgomery County on first day of classes

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In a time utilized as a long weekend to prepare for the impending semester, students were met with a winter storm during travels back to campus.

Freezing rain and sleet coated the Montgomery County area causing slippery roads, parking lots and sidewalks.

Many took notice of the storm with the National Weather Service issuing a warning through 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12.

The winter storm brought closings to APSU and Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools.

It also brought a record number of accidents within the area.

According to The Clarksville Police Department, nearly 300 weather related accidents were reported in the area.

As classes resume this week, there is another chance of snow for middle Tennessee.

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory from 3:00 p.m. Monday though noon Tuesday.



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Dean of College of Arts and Letters, Dixie Webb, to step down

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According to TheGovSays, Dixie Webb has resigned as Dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

Professor Barry Jones, chair of the APSU Department of Art + Design, has agreed to serve as interim dean and Tony Morris, associate professor of art history, will serve as interim chair of the Department of Art + Design.

In a letter to campus sent out today by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Rex Gandy he clarifies Webb’s resignation.

“I wanted to take a moment to recognize Dr. Webb’s achievements in her tenure as both an interim and full-time dean of the college,” Gandy said. “I am happy to report that Dr. Webb plans to return to the Department of Art + Design, where she will resume her professorial duties.”

The letter also states Webb has been a member of the APSU community for 25 years serving in various capacities.

“Dr. Webb is a well-respected academic among the faculty, and she is often recognized for her kind, approachable demeanor,” Gandy said.

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REX GANDY  
PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

President Alisa White also spoke about Webb in the letter saying that she is “pleased” by her decision to stay at APSU.

“Dr. Webb is a tremendously kind and caring person who is compassionate about students and colleagues,” White said. “Her knowledge of art history and

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Here are 8 new laws that took effect Jan. 1

According to (WATE), there are 16 new laws to take effect in Tennessee, but here are eight that could apply to college students.

For example, there is now regulation on cell phones in school zones, headlights, free speech on higher education campuses and handgun permits.

CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES

This bill makes talking on a handheld cell phone in a school zone while the warning lights are flashing punishable by a fine of up to \$50.

HANDGUN PERMITS

This bill creates an exemption to the firing range portion of the training required to get a handgun carry permit if the applicant can prove they successfully passed small arms training or combat pistol training in

any branch of the United States armed forces.

BARBERS

This bill allows a barber to perform services in a home for anyone. In the past, a barber could only come to a person’s house to cut their hair if they were ill. However, a residential barber certificate is required to perform these services.

CAMPUS FREE SPEECH

This bill recognizes students’ right to free speech and directs institutions of higher education to give students the freedom to speak, write, listen, challenge, learn and discuss any issue, as long as they do not violate the First Amendment. The bill also directs institutions not to deny student activity fees to student organizations

based on the viewpoints of the organization. And an institution cannot bar guest speakers invited to campus by students or faculty just because the speaker’s speech might be considered offensive or otherwise disagreeable.

MARIJUANA JURISDICTION

This bill removes the Alcoholic Beverage Commission’s jurisdiction over enforcement of criminal offense involving marijuana.

HEADLIGHTS

This bill amends a current bill to prohibit any vehicle with steady-burning lights to have any color light, other than white or amber, whether they are steady or flashing. Exceptions include emergency vehicles, school

buses, mail carriers and authorized law enforcement vehicles.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

This bill authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to create a voluntary prescription drug donation repository program to allow people to donate prescription drugs and supplies to be used by eligible individuals. The drugs have to be in their original sealed, tamper-evident packaging and must be inspected before they are dispensed by a licensed pharmacist.

ALARM SYSTEMS

This bill allows a homeowner to cancel a contract for alarm services that is longer than two years by giving 30 days notice to the alarm system contractor if the homeowner has to sell the property for medical reasons.

APSU College of Business appoints Mickey A. Hepner as Dean, beginning Jan.2

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APSU’s College of Business has appointed Dr. Mickey A. Hepner as the dean.

According to a press release, before Hepner came to APSU, he was employed at the University of Central Oklahoma, and he served as dean of the university’s College of Business from 2011-17 and as a professor.

While at UCO, Hepner assisted the university in becoming one of only six in the state to receive accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the internationally recognized accrediting agency for business.

With Hepner’s guidance, the UCO College of Business ambitiously evolved and expanded with the adoption of a new undergraduate admissions policy designed to improve student retention and success according to a press release.

Also according to the press release, the college also strengthened relations with businesses in the Oklahoma City area, creating an undergraduate mentorship program and a redesigned MBA program based on feedback from business leaders.

The college ramped up fundraising efforts under Hepner, tripling its endowment, exceeding \$3 million while nearly quadrupling the amount of scholarship funding distributed annually.

In addition to serving as the dean of UCO’s College of Business, he also served as a board member and president-elect of the Southwest Business Deans Association, while also serving on the boards of the Oklahoma Academy and the Oklahoma Council for Economic Education.

Preceding his appointment as dean, Hepner served several roles as an economics professor at the university from 2001-2010.

In 2007, he was named the Oklahoma Professor of the Year by the Carnegie



Mickey A. Hepner has been appointed as the Dean of the College of Business. PHOTO COURTESY OF APSU PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING

Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching according to a press release.

His research has been published in several nationally recognized think tanks, including the Urban Institute, the Heritage Foundation, and the Cato Institute.

“APSU is excited to attract someone of Hepner’s reputation to the dean position for the College of Business,” APSU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Rex Gandy said.

“He has an outstanding track record as both a leader and educator, and his experience in fundraising and building relationships with the larger business community will be an asset to the University.”

According to a press release, Hepner earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in economics in 1992 and a Master of Arts in economics in 1994, both from the University of Oklahoma.

He also received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Oklahoma in 2001.

Hepner is replacing Charles Moses, who was appointed as interim dean of the College of Business in May, 2016.

WEBB

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related subjects, combined with her warm personality, are a tremendous asset to the University and I am

pleased that she will continue to serve the University in her role as a faculty member in the Department of Art + Design.”

APSU will launch a national search for a permanent dean Fall 2018.

D2L

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Several of the graduate degree programs at APSU are entirely online, completely dependent on D2L.

“I think one of the biggest issues with D2L is the difficulties in communicating with the professor. My biggest issue has always been the efficiency of communication on D2L and the inconsistencies between different professors,” graduate corporate communications student Will Roberts said.

Roberts said some professors do not use the D2L gradebook feature, and may choose to communicate information via email rather than D2L. Communicating with other students for group projects is also difficult, he said.

A change could bring benefits and problems to student education.

“I think the only way it would be beneficial if it would be used consistently across the board.” Roberts said. “It’s necessary because D2L is very intricate and many people, including myself, don’t know how to use it to its fullest potential.”

A committee that includes faculty members is looking into the proposed systems. Presentations for each system are as follows: Blackboard on Monday, Jan. 22, Canvas on Wednesday Jan. 24 and D2L on Friday, Jan. 26. Two presentations will be shown on each day in the MUC Ballroom from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 1:45-3:45 p.m.

“No matter what system is chosen, it will likely be a change for APSU because systems are continually updating to include new features,” Ritchart said. “As technology continues to change, the selected system — whether D2L or another contender — will likely be different in some ways from what we use now.”



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# PERSPECTIVES

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— First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

## My country is not a “shithole”



Left: Residents of Port-Au-Prince Haiti make their regular commutes. Both motorcycles and automobiles can be seen pictured. Top Right: Local drivers waiting on a street corner to receive their fare. Motorcycles are considered a convenient form of transport in this area. Bottom Right: Homeless man sleeps on the sidewalk in front of newly hung election flyers, Feb. 24, 2017. | THE ALL STATE

Haiti is a strong country which shares many values with the U.S. as a whole



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President Trump’s statement about Haiti, El Salvador and the countries of Africa being “shithole countries” is disgraceful, disappointing and deeply disturbing. Yet, I appreciate his honesty and welcome this revelation of his character, hoping that people may now see the true colors of our leader.

As a Haitian, such statements, made so close to the eighth anniversary of the earthquake and the cholera that devastated my first country, sound to my ears as an ironic cacophony, comic in

its ignorance, tragic and dangerous in its arrogance.

As outlined on [haitianhistory.org](http://haitianhistory.org), Haiti is a small nation but since the Siege of Savannah in 1779, when 500 Haitians fought alongside the revolutionaries against the British, and since Jean-Baptist-Point Du Sable, the legendary Haitian “founder of Chicago” Haitians passionately, tirelessly and proudly contribute to the development of the U.S.

We share the same core values: an everlasting thirst for freedom, perseverance and a deep faith in God. It is not a coincidence that these core values lead both nations to rise against their oppressors, earn their independence shortly one after the other

and become symbols of freedom and hope for the whole world.

It is true that Haiti has been a poor country in many ways, and Haitians have been through a lot.

However, it is the resilience of its people that make Haiti one of the richest places on Earth.

We carry this wealth when we come to our second country, the U.S., to learn, to work and to build a future. We carry our deep history of perseverance and love for freedom and our diverse and beautiful culture. We carry our will and our determination to make the world a better place.



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Dear anyone covering Trump's "shithole" comments. Don't call it "controversial", just call it racist. It's not complicated.

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# Trump is helping the military

The president is giving the army the funds it needs to keep soldiers safe



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101st Airborne is once more getting sent overseas to fight what seems to be a never-ending war. Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers and children are getting deployed out. As you say goodbye to your loved ones for the time being, you are spreading yourself thin with worry, wondering if President Trump has your family’s well-being at heart and if you made the right decision with your election vote.

In the eight years which former President Barack Obama held the commander in chief position, the army originally held around 570,000 soldiers verses a cut which brought the size down to 490,000. He had a goal that the they would be cut to 450,000 by the year 2018, according to PolitiFact.

Within President Donald Trump’s presidency he has proposed future policies that plan to build an active army of about 540,000 according to *Fox News*. In his next years he has the mindset to slowly build the army as well as other branches back to the level of which they held before the decrease.

In the fiscal year of 2015, the discretionary spending budget was \$1.1 trillion, according to [nationalpriorities.org](http://nationalpriorities.org). Divided among the budget were things such as food and agriculture, which was 1 percent Medicare, health at 6 percent and the military stands

holding 54 percent. Although this may seem aggressive or overspending when broken down to the number spent on each issue, it still is not enough to support the troops.

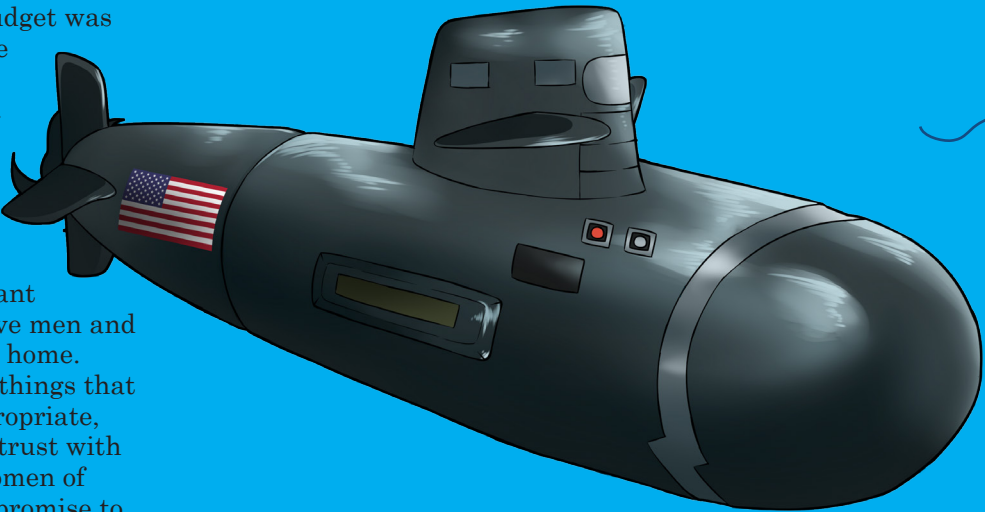
In 2015 budget allowed the military \$598.5 billion according to the national priorities project. With President Trump handling the military, the budget was fairly adjusted to support the soldiers to \$824.6 billion, according to [thebalance.com](http://thebalance.com).

When you watch your loved one step foot on a plane, you are worried sick for the nine months they are away. You as a family member, citizen or soldier want to ensure that when our brave men and women leave, they will come home.

President Trump has said things that are unforgettable and inappropriate, yet he is the man who we entrust with the finest young men and women of our country. He has made a promise to America that he will ensure everything that can be done is being done for their safety.

Alongside the policy to build the army, he also intends to build the marine corps based on 36 battalions, build a navy of 350 surface ships and submarines and build an Air Force that stands with at least 1,200 fighter aircraft, according to fox news.

As a daughter of a retired infantry man and a sister of an upcoming field artillery officer, I will support the leader of our country, as he intends to bring my loved ones back home.



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# FEATURES



## IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

It was hovering around 32 degrees as students and community leaders gathered at Greek Village to begin their march. The NAACP had already canceled other events due to the inclement weather, but the student organizations decided the weather would not stop the annual tradition. Dozens of students arrived to show unity and support towards the famous civil rights leader. BRYAN SMITH | THE ALL STATE



### NPHC, NAACP march in honor of civil rights leader

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With the snows of one storm behind them and another forecast of snow rapidly approaching, students still found the determination to march Monday, Jan. 15, in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr.

Normally hosted by the local chapter of the NAACP, the group cancelled the march due to weather concerns. Various NPHC organizations, however gathered at APSU's Greek Village and marched in spite of the snow and ice on Monday, Jan. 15 in remembrance of the civil rights leader.

"We decided to have the march because we felt like we had an obligation as men of Alpha Phi Alpha, members of NPHC and as people of color to hold this march as a sign of unity, peace and love among the Greek-affiliated and non-Greek-affiliated students," senior communication major Emmanuel Williams and member of Alpha Phi Alpha said. "We are stronger together, and during this time of racial turmoil, we must all stand to fight against what divides us."

The weather hazard posed a challenge to those wanting to participate in the march, but students said they were determined to march because of its meaning and importance.

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## 7 years and counting: the local legacy

Gilroy celebrates seventh anniversary as part of Clarksville community Thursday

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Written on a wall in chalk were the words: "In wine there is wisdom. In beer there is freedom. In water there is bacteria. -Benjamin Franklin." The wall stands in the Gilroy, a place of comradery and entertainment for APSU students and the local community.

In Nov. of 2010, with the intention of providing a fun and exciting environment for college students, owner and APSU alumni Randy Huth opened the Gilroy.

"I remember back in 2001 there weren't enough places in [Clarksville, Tennessee] for me and my friends to hang," Huth said. "In 2010 this building became available and I thought it was the perfect opportunity."

Due to its location across the street from APSU, in an increasing military community, business at the Gilroy is booming.

"I couldn't have asked for a better spot," Huth said. "We are in the center of so much. The people that come here represent that."

The Gilroy welcomes all people of all backgrounds in varying ages. With their open mic nights on Tuesdays, college nights on Wednesdays, trivia nights on Thursdays and live performances on Fridays, the pub keeps both customers and employees alike satisfied and ultimately entertained.

"I work here only on Thursdays," employee and APSU alumni Caitlyn Linden said. "Fortunately, that's trivia

night, which I am always excited about. Loved coming here before, love working here now."

In celebration of their seventh anniversary, the Gilroy hosted a party on Jan. 11, 2018. The event purposely took place two months after the actual anniversary as the last two months of the year are full of holidays and vacations.

"We decided to do it this way, so we can give people time to actually attend," Huth said.

The party featured a myriad of celebratory events such as a guest performance by Steve Means and the seventh annual induction of regulars who made it onto the Gilroy's Hall of Fame.

"Every year we induct new members to our board of directors, also known as our hall of fame," Huth said. "It is a way we like to give back to our guests."

Promoting a competitive and positive environment, the Gilroy has their best customers get nominated with the voting

left up to the staff members.

"[The Hall of Fame] is definitely incentive to come back," Adam Beaubien said.

The simple fact that staff members can remember customers enough to vote on who they believe is worthy of recognition, and illustrates the accomplishment of the pub in establishing a relationship creating environment.

"To me they aren't staff, they're friends," Mary Stinson said. "They are so welcoming and energetic and already know my order before I sit down, and if there is ever a problem I have, I can trust that they will take care of it."

With seven years of customer loyalty and satisfaction under his belt, owner Randy Huth has no intention of going anywhere anytime soon.

"I just signed a new lease on the place," Huth said. "The Gilroy will be here for the next 10 years until we sign for another 10."



# ‘The Last Jedi’ story unique, engaging

Newest Star Wars entry fresh, fulfilling as it sets new precedent in story-telling



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This review contains spoilers for The Last Jedi.

Seeing “The Force Awakens” in theaters, almost a decade after “Revenge of the Sith” released, was a mind-blowing experience. Now, however, Star Wars had a reputation to uphold, and with criticisms saying Epsode VII was a rehash of “A New Hope,” could this new entry stand on its own?

To begin with, the setting for the film is immediately more engaging, taking place almost immediately after the events of the previous movie. After failing to nuke the Resistance base with their Death Star clone, the First Order decides instead to simply attack the planet with a massive fleet, forcing the Resistance to evacuate. When they discover the First Order can track ships through hyperspace, the evacuation turns into a desperate struggle to evade their captors before their fuel runs out.

Let us get the negatives out of the way first. For the first third or even half of the movie, there are simply too many plot arcs happening at once. Rey is trying to convince Luke Skywalker to come out of hiding. The Resistance is trying to flee the First Order’s technological superiority. Kylo Ren is having an identity crisis and struggling to come to terms with killing his father as Snoke wanted. Fin wakes up from his

coma and immediately sets out to find a codebreaker who can smuggle him into the enemy cruiser so the Resistance fleet can escape. Rey begins to learn about the Force and why Luke ran away.

All of this happens within the first 30 minutes of the film, forcing it to rapidly flip between perspectives every couple of minutes as it attempts to gain solid footing.

Once it does so, however, the difference is staggering. The main cast is intricately more nuanced than before; every one of them struggles with a glaring character flaw that impacts their success at every turn. Poe Dameron is reckless and hot-headed, sacrificing at least half of their bombing fleet to take out one cruiser, and constantly stepping over authority. Rey is idealistic and possibly a little self-righteous, viewing the Force as a weapon and throwing herself into harm’s way because she believes she is the only one that can save Kylo. Finn only cares about one person, Rey, and his fear of the First Order has turned into a self-destructive rage. Kylo Ren’s identity crisis forces him to decide for himself where his allegiances lie, and whether he truly is the monster everyone thinks he is.

With more colorful characters, the plot has room to evolve beyond the original trilogy. No one side is portrayed in an overly positive or negative light, casting doubt on everything the past seven movies seemingly built. Luke points out the Jedi, in their arrogance, allowed the Empire to rise out of the corpse of the Old Republic. Allies of the Resistance, fearful of the growing power of the First



While “The Force Awakens” received criticism of clinging to the original trilogy too closely, “The Last Jedi does a better job of defining its own identity, mostly in its cast of characters. IMAGES FROM DISNEY

Order, do not respond to Leah’s calls for help: they are alone in their fight. The smuggler, under a banner of neutrality, actually displays a lack of morality, and is quick to turn on Finn and his friends with the promise of more money. The Sith, arrogant as ever, are their own destruction, as Kylo Ren kills Snoke as an act of defiance. Rey clings to an identity marred by parents she never knew, and turns to idols who continue to fail her, first Luke, and then Kylo.

The theme of this movie is conflict. It is everywhere, and as Luke tells Rey, the Force is in the midst of this conflict. The Jedi claim to find it in peace, while the Sith claim to find it in violence and domination. The film seems to tackle the very tenants of the galaxy, a refreshing change of pace from the almost cliché

plot of “The Force Awakens.”

As a result, the film was free to wow the audience in new and exciting ways, such as Vice Admiral Amilyn Holdo launching the last remaining Resistance cruiser towards the First Order at light speed, tearing the enemy to shreds in the most spectacular way possible, or Luke outwitting Kylo Ren and the entire First Order with a powerful Force apparition, as well as Rey’s more gradual development in the Force compared to Luke’s.

With room to breathe, “The Last Jedi” profoundly delivered on the promise “The Force Awakens” teased. With the theme of this trilogy more clearly defined, I eagerly await Episode IX. This was exactly the film I was looking for, and I cannot wait to see what is next.

## Top 5: Films to watch out for during 2018

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There are many films that are being released this year, and a lot of remakes are in the lineup as well. Make sure your calendars are clear because most of these films are a “must see.”

The list starts off with “Den of Thieves,” which hits theaters Jan. 19. It is an action/thriller heist movie that stars Gerard Butler, Curtis “50 cent” Jackson, Pablo Schreiber, and many others. The movie follows the lives of the LAPD as they try to catch some of the most successful bank robbers before they rob the Federal Reserve.

Next to hit theaters will be “Maze Runner: The Death Cure.” This comes out the following week, on Jan. 26. The third and final

installment of the “Maze Runner” trilogy follows Thomas as he leads some escaped Gladers on their final and most dangerous mission yet. This is a “cult favorite,” and many have already read the books prior to the release of the films, so there should be no surprise to some.

Next on the list is the highly anticipated Marvel film, “Black Panther.” This film has pulled numbers even before the release in February. This surpassed any Marvel film in presales. Theaters are already sold out of tickets for this movie and things will only get worse as the day of release approaches. “The Black Panther” is the first Marvel movie with a majority African American cast.

Make sure calendars are marked and tickets are bought because this will be a movie few would want to miss. The world was shocked when the trailer for “Avengers: Infinity War” was released. To see almost every

Marvel character come together is like a dream come true. Everyone except the Fantastic Four and the X-Men will come together to fight one common enemy, Thanos. The fate of the world is in their hands and they must fight together to save it. This will be one of the deadliest showdowns of all time. Make sure May 4 is marked on your calendar.

There is not much that has been released about “Solo: A Star Wars Story.” It stars a young Han Solo and Chewbacca as they embark on a journey before joining the Rebellion while encountering Lando Calrissian. An official trailer has yet to be released, but there has been talk about one being released on Monday.

When the trailer for The Incredibles 2 came out, fans of the original went crazy. When Pixar released the first installment in 2004, it ended with a major cliffhanger, and had people wanting more. The writers and

production team for the movie said it would start at the 20-minute mark they left off at- when foreshadowing that Baby Jack-Jack now has superpowers as well. Hopefully, the people get to see more of the fan favorite, Frozone. This film is set to be released June 15 of this year.

These are just a few of the many films that are to come in 2018. A lot of them seem to be sequels and future installments to past films. Expect a few more Marvel films, like another “Deadpool” on May 18 and another “Ant-Man” in June.

There is another “Jurassic Park” coming out in June as well. There is even another “Oceans” coming out in the future, but with an all-female cast. Just make sure you have enough money to see the new “Mission Impossible” coming out in July.

## MARCH

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“I wanted to walk with my fellow NPHC members during this march because we represent everything what Martin Luther King wanted to see from Blacks in America,” senior health and performance major and Sigma Gamma Rho member Sadaija Chestnut said. “Our march today represents unity, black excellence and purpose.”

The NAACP had to cancel the previous day’s prayer services as well as Monday’s planned events at Burt Elementary school due to hazardous conditions, but the student groups managed to organize their annual march in spite of the snow and ice.

Thanks to that decision, junior social work major Brionna Campbell said she felt she was contributing to King’s legacy.

“Surprisingly, this was actually my first MLK march. Coming together with other minority students on APSU’s campus was a formidable experience for me,” Campbell said. “Celebrating the life and legacy of Martin Luther King with peers today makes me feel like I’ve done a small but significant part in keeping his momentous dream alive.”

Other students marched out of a more personal or intimate connection to the civil rights leader beyond what he represents.

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“Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a great man of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.,” Tau Phi Fraternity Inc. president Lamarkus Day said. “Therefore, it was only right for the brothers of the Tau Phi Chapter to pay homage to our brother.”

As the air became colder with the next snowstorm approaching, the participants said they felt they accomplished something significant and meaningful.

“Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lead the civil rights movement and paved the way for many of us today. This is why we decided to march on anyway,” Day said. “Although it as a late notice, we still managed to get APSU students out there to commemorate his legacy.”



Multiple NPHC organizations teamed up to lead the march despite the cold, including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. and Tau Phi Fraternity Inc. BRYAN SMITH | THE ALL STATE



# SPORTS

## The hero that saved APSU Football



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When many people hear the word hero they think of an immortal man or woman. He or she may wear a cape or contain special powers such as super strength, invisibility, sonic speed or even the ability to fly.

Well this hero is a little different. He goes by the name of Head Coach Will Healy, the savior APSU football has been struggling to find for years.

The Govs only had one victory out of 46 games leading into this past season. Not to mention the Govs entered 2017 with a 27-game losing streak and not only the

worst team in the conference, but the worst in Division I.

Healy hit the ground running his first year at APSU. Searching and recruiting for the best talent out there, he brought in the No. 2 recruiting class in the Ohio Valley Conference. His first year was not very successful as the Govs went all season without a single win.

The following year, Healy went back to the drawing board and brought in the No. 4 recruiting class. He fought for the athletic department to change sponsorships from Russel Athletic to Under Armour.

Despite the ugly record, Healy took on this coaching position with the hero mentality. His will and determination to turn this football program around was unheard of. He had a vision for

this community and stood by his motto, #MissionPossible

He led the Govs to their first win in almost three years last season. In a 69-13 victory over Morehead State, Healy and the Govs shattered the longest losing streak in the nation at 29 games.

The Govs finished last season with an 8-4 record overall and an impressive 8-1 recorded against Football Champion Subdivision competition. The Govs ended the season taking home the Sgt. York Trophy and a 3-game win streak.

Although they missed being picked for their first playoff appearance, Healy and the Govs have a lot to be proud of.

Healy heard his calling and accepted it. He faced trials and tribulations, but one thing about heroes is that they always find a way to come back.



Head Coach Will Healy is introduced as head coach in 2016. STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER | THE ALL STATE

## Govs get back on track in OVC APSU responds to first conference loss with 87-67 win

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STAFF WRITER

APSU's hot streak in conference play continued Saturday night as the Govs traveled to Jacksonville, Alabama to do battle with the Gamecocks of Jacksonville State, where they came away victorious 87-67.

The Govs were able to defeat the reigning conference champions for the first time in Jacksonville since 2011.

The Govs showed dominance on the defensive side of the ball, allowing just over 30 percent shooting and forcing seven turnovers.

The charge was lead by senior Averyl Ugba who came up big with a double-double scoring 35 points and snagging 12 rebounds. Ugba shot 81 percent from the floor.

Amongst Ugba, junior Zach Glotta, and freshman Terry Taylor, scored 20 and 18 respectively.

APSU shot 61 percent as a whole, while

scoring on 50 percent of their three point attempts.

The Govs out rebounded the Gamecocks 40-34. Taylor and Ugba lead the team with 12 rebounds each.

From opening tip-off it seemed that the Govs game-plan was well in place, outscoring the opposition 48-25 in the first half alone. The Govs broke open the first half when they were able to go on a 27-3 run.

After the half, the Govs did not take the foot off the gas, never allowing the lead to shrink less than twenty points. Ugba came out dominating early and often in the second half, helping stretch the lead to 30 points.

APSU now advances to 5-1 in the conference, currently crushing the predicted 11th place conference ranking they received during the offseason.

APSU will look to continue its conference wide shakeup as they play the Tennessee State Tigers on the road Thursday, Jan. 18th at 7:30 p.m.



Averyl Ugba goes under the basket in APSU's win 67-47 win over Alabama A&M on Dec. 2, 2017. BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

## Women's basketball falls at Jacksonville State Govs fall to 3-3 in conference after 65-47 loss away at JSU

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STAFF WRITER

APSU Women's basketball traveled to Jacksonville State this past weekend on Saturday, Jan. 15 where they fell to the Gamecocks by a score of 65-47.

The Govs were lead by junior Fallon Baker and freshman Kelen Kenol with nine and eight points scored respectively.

The Govs were held to just about 33 percent shooting on the night while Jacksonville State shot 42 percent.

Along with the struggles of scoring APSU was out rebounded 45-35 and turned the ball over 12 times.

The evening started off fairly even as the Govs trailed 15-9 by the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter is where the deficit started to grow as JSU outscored the Govs 21-12, leading them to a halftime advantage of 36-21.

The Govs came out in the second half making adjustments, holding an even pace in the third quarter with JSU

finishing at 15 points for each team.

The Govs were never able to gain momentum in the fourth quarter, only posting 12 points and falling short 65-47 against a 5-1 conference foe.

The Govs will look to improve in their next outing as they have now lost six of their last nine outings, going 3-3 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Govs travel to Nashville on Thursday, Jan. 18 to do battle with Tennessee State Tigers (3-12, 1-5 OVC) at 5:30 p.m.



## Govs Games

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

at Tennessee State  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Thursday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m.

at Belmont  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Saturday, Jan. 20, 5 p.m.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

at Tennessee State  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Thursday, Jan. 18, 5:30 p.m.

at Belmont  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Saturday, Jan. 20, 3 p.m.

### MEN'S TENNIS

vs. UT- Chattanooga  
Saturday, Jan. 27, 1 p.m.

## Previewing APSU baseball's 2018

**RILEY GRUBBS**  
STAFF WRITER

It is January, which means baseball will soon be on the horizon and the Govs shall take the field. The team will look to improve from last years 28-30 (13-16 Ohio Valley Conference) overall record which earned them seventh place in the OVC.

Head Coach Travis Janssen embarks on his third season at the helm of the Govs posting a 58-53 overall record in two seasons.

APSU loses Alex Robles and Dre Gleason, who were the two of the best at bat last season for the Govs, but still the team has plenty of depth and should not be too worried.

APSU does return Redshirt Sophomore Parker Phillips who is the leading returner at bat with an average of 0.328.

Pitching looks to be a strong suit for the Govs as they have Josh Rye and Brett Newberg returning, just to name a few.

The Conference will be tough this year to compete against, as four players in the conference, three of which belong to Morehead State, were named Pre-Season All Americans.

Pitching, experience, and coaching will be keys for success this season if the Govs plan to spark a flame in the conference.

The season opens up at home on Friday, Feb. 16 against Maryland Eastern Shore at 3 p.m. from Raymond C. Hand Park for a 4 game series.



Dre Gleason and Parker Phillips meet at home plate last season. STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER | THE ALL STATE

## Healy contract worth \$860,000

**NOAH HOUCK**  
SPORTS EDITOR

APSU Football Head Coach Will Healy signed a 4-year contract that will keep him as the man behind the helm of APSU Football's rise on Thursday, Dec. 21.

The head coach's name in new ink places him in the top three salaries of the Ohio Valley Conference.

In addition to a salary increase for Healy, the assistant coaches will also feature a rise in pay.

"We are excited about the opportunity to keep Will and his family at APSU," athletics director Ryan Ivey told letsgopeay.com. "Without a doubt, he and his staff have changed our football program for the better, and has proven that Governors football can and will be successful."

Healy's new contract will collectively total \$860,000 over the 4 year span. Healy will earn \$200,000 in 2018, \$210,000 in 2019, \$220,000 in 2020, and \$230,000 in the final year. A buyout is also featured at \$150,000.

Healy lead the Govs to a 7.5-game improvement from the 2016 season. That serves as the seventh best single-season turnaround in Football Championship Subdivision history, and the best since the 2004 season.

"This place is special," Healy told letsgopeay.com. "I've known that since the first time I saw it and met the people who make it what it is."

Healy led his young team to an 8-1 record against FCS competition in his second season.

"I am unbelievably grateful to be part of this community and this university, and I cannot wait to see what's in store for all of us."

Healy, who is 8-15 at APSU, will enter his third season as the Govs coach. APSU's 2018 campaign will look to improve over a second place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference.

## Healy wins Eddie Robinson Award

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SPORTS EDITOR

APSU's Will Healy has been named the 2017 Eddie Robinson Award recipient. The award is given yearly to the individual named as the Football Championship Subdivision Coach of the Year by STATS.

The award is named after former Grambling head coach Eddie Robinson who led the team for 56 years while also coaching basketball for 13 years. Voting is done by a panel of over 150 media members across the country.

"I am truly honored to receive this award," Healy told letsgopeay.com.

Healy is the 31st coach to receive the award, and the third from the Ohio Valley Conference. Former winners include Houston Nutt with Murray State in 1995 and Southeast Missouri's Tony Samuel in 2010.

Under Healy's helm, the Govs program went from one win in 4 years to eight wins in a single season and second place in the OVC conference, behind Jacksonville St.



# A new era for APSU basketball under Figger



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APSU Basketball is synonymous with one name, Dave Loos, who retired after the 2016-17 season posting career 502 victories. The 2017-18 season marks the first time in 27 years that a new face is at the helm. who replaces a campus legend like that?  
Matt Figger.  
Figger, who served as the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator

for the South Carolina Gamecocks took over head coaching duties at APSU after coming off of a NCAA Tournament Final Four appearance.  
Figger has been an assistant coach since 1993, most notably associate head coach and recruiting coordinator for Kansas State (2007-2012) and South Carolina (2013-2017).  
Transitioning from an associate head coach in a big name conference to head coach in a smaller conference such as the OVC has not been as difficult as one might think.  
APSU, which only returned four players from last years roster, was

picked to finish 11th out of 12 teams in the Ohio Valley Conference this season.  
The team currently sits at 9-8 near the halfway mark of the season, hoisting a 4-1 record in the conference. The Govs are playing well on defense, giving up only 69 points per contest.  
The team is getting strong play out of freshmen such as Terry Taylor and Dayton Gumm who are averaging 15 points and 10 points per game each.  
APSU opened conference play scorching hot winning their first four games against SIU-Edwardsville, Eastern Illinois, UT Martin and Southeast Missouri. Following a

loss, the Govs got win number five in conference over Jacksonville State.  
The Govs are out to prove that the prediction made of them is incorrect and they are doing so in a big way.  
The rest of January will be an important time for the team as they look to keep up the hot hand as they push through conference play.  
The team has not won more than 19 games since the 2010 season. The Govs sit at 10 wins in the current season with 12 games left on their schedule.  
Coach Figger and this group of young players will hopefully find a way to change that soon.

# Tennessee Titans fire Mularkey following playoff win

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The Tennessee Titans believe the potential reward from quarterback Marcus Mariota working with his third head coach in his fourth NFL season outweighs the risk of change.  
Or sticking with the same coach.  
So now the Titans are looking for a new coach to replace Mike Mularkey and build off the franchise’s first playoff win in 14 years to make them a true NFL contender.  
“There’s nothing more that I want for our fans than to bring a championship here,” general manager Jon Robinson said Monday afternoon . “I feel like it’s my charge to put the team in the best position to do that.”  
The Titans fired Mike Mularkey on Monday, less than 48 hours after a 35-14 loss to New England in the AFC divisional round. Mularkey revived a team with the NFL’s worst record over two seasons and led them to their first playoff victory in 14 years only to become the first coach let go after winning a playoff game since San Francisco fired Steve Mariucci after the 2002 season.  
Titans controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk turned to Mularkey in November 2015 when she fired Ken Whisenhunt after 23 games . Mularkey went 2-7 down the stretch as the Titans finished 3-13 to land the No. 1 overall draft pick in 2016.

That capped a 5-27 record over 2014 and 2015 that was the NFL’s worst.  
Mularkey led the Titans to back-to-back 9-7 records — their first consecutive winning records since 2007-08. He finished with a 21-22 record after a season in which the Titans cost themselves the AFC South title with a three-game skid in December and needed to beat the Jaguars, now in the AFC championship game, to reach the postseason for the first time since 2008.  
His devotion to an offense he’s known since being offensive coordinator in Pittsburgh between 2001 and 2003 may have cost him. He said Sunday he was prepared to move “full speed” ahead after talking with Strunk. He defended offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie’s play-calling, saying he was happy with Mariota’s development.  
Mularkey also said he didn’t anticipate any changes on his coaching staff a week after Strunk issued a statement on his job security . But talk of an extension since a 22-21 comeback win against Kansas City in the wild-card round ended Monday morning when Robinson and president and chief executive officer Steve Underwood told Mularkey they was being let go.  
Strunk called it “unfortunate” that they couldn’t find common ground on how to improve.  
“I also view this as an important

moment for our football team as we try to make that next step to sustained success on the field,” Strunk said in a statement.  
Now Robinson will oversee his first coaching search with the Titans the seventh NFL team to change coaches since the start of the season. He was hired two days before Mularkey had the interim title removed in January 2016.  
“This boils down to doing what we think is best for the football team moving forward, taking the next step,” Robinson said.  
Robinson said interviews with candidates could be held as early as this week, though the Titans will confirm a candidate only after an interview is completed. The general manager declined to discuss Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, saying he couldn’t comment on coaches under contract.  
“This is a very attractive job for a lot of candidates,” Robinson said. “I look forward to working with whoever the next head coach is. I think that they will see that myself and Amy will be unified with them in our vision for the football team.”  
In Mularkey’s first full season, the Titans led the NFL scoring touchdowns inside the red zone, and they led the AFC while ranking third in rushing offense. Mariota also threw 26 touchdowns with only nine interceptions.  
This season, the Titans failed to take

advantage of an AFC South in which Andrew Luck did not play for Indianapolis and two-time defending division champ Houston lost rookie quarterback Deshaun Watson to an injury early.  
Mariota also had his worst season yet with a career-worst 15 interceptions and 13 touchdowns. The run game, the basis of Mularkey’s offense, slumped to 15th in the NFL.  
Robinson said the key is finding the right coach to get the best out of the Titans’ roster, and the general manager isn’t worried about Mariota working with yet another head coach.  
“Marcus is a pretty resilient guy,” Robinson said. “He’s a very mentally tough guy. He takes a lot from the standpoint of ownership in things. I have zero concern in Marcus being able to adapt and learn, and do what’s best to get the offense going.



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	M BASKETBALL	W BASKETBALL	
1ST	MURRAY ST.	BELMONT	
2ND	BELMONT	JACKSONVILLE ST.	
3RD	APSU	SIUE*	
4TH	JACKSONVILLE ST.	MOREHEAD ST.	
5TH	TENNESSEE TECH	APSU	
6TH	SIUE	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	
7TH	EASTERN KENTUCKY	UT MARTIN	
8TH	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	MURRAY ST.	
9TH	TENNESSEE ST.	EASTERN KENTUCKY	
10TH	EASTERN ILLINOIS	TENNESSEE TECH	
11TH	UT MARTIN	TENNESSEE ST.	
12TH	MOREHEAD ST.	EASTERN ILLINOIS	