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## ASANBE DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM



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**KAREN SORENSON**  
LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

## The annual symposium honors professor by promoting diversity, respect at APSU

LAUREN COTTLE PERSPECTIVES EDITOR

Feminism, race and gender were the main themes of the “Ain’t I a Woman!” performance by the Core Ensemble and actress Shayla Simmons in the Asanbe Diversity Symposium on Thursday, March 16. The performance included acting and music. Simmons pranced across the stage with joy and lamented with sadness as she portrayed four prominent African-American women: Zora Neale Hurston, Clementine Hunter, Fannie Lou Hamer and Sojourner Truth. The Core Ensemble provided upbeat, slow and whimsical songs with Ju Young Lee playing cello, Mikael Darmanie playing piano and Michael Parola playing percussion. The Asanbe Diversity Symposium is held annually and put on by the

Department of Languages and Literature with the help of other departments. This year, the co-sponsors of the symposium included: Theatre and Dance, Women and Gender Studies, Academic Affairs, the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts, the University Diversity Committee, the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center, the African American Studies Program, the Latin American Studies Program and Glover’s Lock Service. The original committee for the symposium included professors Arthur Eaves, Joseph Asanbe and Karen Sorenson. Sorenson still teaches at APSU within the Languages and Literature department. After Asanbe died in

1996, the symposium was named after him to honor his being “longtime chair of the department’s Diversity Committee,” according to the APSU website. “We were charged with finding a way to nurture what was then called ‘multiculturalism’ in the Department of Languages and Literature,” Sorenson said. “Over the years, the Symposium has brought a wide variety of speakers first to the department, and now to the campus and to the community at large.” The performance spanned historically from years 1851 – 1979 and the four women featured spoke about civil rights, feminism and discrimination they felt simply because of their skin color and gender.

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## SGA works to improve campus life

PATRICK ROACH  
STAFF WRITER

SGA voted in unanimous support of Sen. Jaden Davidson’s Resolution No. 31, which calls for the installation of additional surveillance cameras at Blount, Sevier and Harvill residence halls, during their meeting on Wednesday, March 15. Davidson said he authored the legislation in reaction to cases of theft and vandalism outside those halls. “I figured cameras might help bring that [crime] down,” Davidson said. Executive Secretary Blaine Gundersen and President Ryan Honea began discussing the technical aspects and requirements of installing such technology on campus. The conversation ended when Vice President Dylan Kellogg reminded SGA that passing legislation such as Davidson’s No. 31 is meant to represent the voice and desires of the students. “We should remember that your purpose as senators is to pass legislation that benefits the students we represent,” Kellogg said. “The specifics are going to be left to the university...In our scope is to say that we want this done.” Kellogg gave his support to the legislation after his input. Sen. Rebecca Jacks said the passage of this legislation was important as SGA lacks significant legislation that focuses on students living on campus. The legislation received zero votes in opposition. Senators also voted overwhelmingly in favor of both pieces of legislation proposed by Sen. Duane Kessler.

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**DYLAN KELLOGG**  
SGA VICE PRESIDENT

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## Clarksville Senator, Mark Green, up for Trump’s cabinet as secretary of the Army

PATRICK ROACH  
STAFF WRITER

Sen. Mark Green is under serious consideration by President Donald Trump to be appointed the new secretary of the Army, according to *The Tennessean*. Green launched his bid for Governor of Tennessee Jan. 5. Trump’s previous nomination for the position, Vincent Viola, withdrew his nomination citing numerous conflicts of interest. Green is a former Army flight surgeon who interviewed former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein after his capture in

2003. Green served 20 years in the Army receiving numerous medals, before being elected to the Tennessee Senate in 2012. He graduated from West Point in 1986, and currently resides in Clarksville, TN. Green retired from the military in 2006. If nominated, Green will need to be confirmed by the Senate after proper hearings, interviews and background checks. Secretary of the Army is the top civilian position in the Department of Defense. The secretary oversees many different aspects of operation for the Army including finances, communication and personnel.

Trump traveled to Nashville on Wednesday, March 15, for a rally and to commemorate the 250th birthday of the seventh president of the U.S., Andrew Jackson. Politico reported Trump and Green met during the president’s trip and “solidified the deal,” but the White House has not made the nomination official. The president filled out the Municipal auditorium for the Nashville rally and was met with incredible support as well as seemingly equal resistance in the form of 2,500 protesters according to *The Tennessean*.



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Senator Mark Green | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO





## SGA LEGISLATION

### RESOLUTION NO. 29

Calls for APSU's academic calendar to align with the Montgomery County School System's for the purposes of holiday breaks.

**Passed**

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## SGA

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Kessler also said nontraditional students do not always have child care and may be required to leave their children home alone while they go to class. He said he hopes that this resolution will allow those nontraditional students to spend that week with their children.

Both resolutions received a single vote of opposition.

Honea announced the 2017 Big Event garnered record signups with 667 participants for the giveback event.

Honea also announced that SGA's nomination for Distinguished Faculty Member was not eligible, and therefore the runner-up nominee, Barry Kitterman, would be submitted.

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**DUANE KESSLER**  
SENATOR

## GOP presents health care reform

**MAHALIA SMITH**  
STAFF WRITER

Republican House members released the details of the American Health Care Act or ACHA, a bill to replace the Affordable Care Act on March 6. The bill is struggling in the House, with critics on both sides of the aisle opposing the bill.

As written, the ACHA will bring major changes to health care, but many elements of the ACA will remain. The bill repeals penalties for people who do not have healthcare, and Medicaid will be cut. The ACA expanded Medicaid eligibility to include "non-elderly adults within 138 percent of the federal poverty line" per state options. The new bill proposes a per-capita cap per state on Medicaid to limit its growth.

Under the ACHA, single adults and couples that are filed jointly are given tax credits at a flat rate determined by age and income. Tax credits begin to fade out at \$75,000 income, and will be reduced to zero at various incomes depending on age and marital status.

People will be able to use their tax credits to pay for healthcare, so long as the plan they choose does not cover abortion. Under both the ACA and ACHA, federal funds cannot be used for abortion unless the mother's life is in danger, or in cases of rape or incest per the Hyde Amendment.

The new bill states small employers with healthcare plans including abortion outside of the Hyde amendment will not receive tax credits.

Another big change the ACHA could bring is the defunding of Planned Parenthood. A summary of the bill on the Kaiser Family Foundation's website states Medicaid funding of Planned Parenthood will be suspended for one year depending on the date on enactment.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the limits on Medicaid will cut the federal deficit by \$337 billion by 2026—but around 14 million more people will be without insurance bringing the total number of uninsured people to 24 million.

## DIVERSITY

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Hurston spoke of her job as a writer, working with Langston Hughes and how she felt about discrimination: "When do I feel most colored? When I am put against a white background."

Later, Hurston joked that when she feels racism on behalf of white people, she does not feel angry, she is "astonished" because "Who could deny my company?"

In between scenes of monologues and intense emotions, the Core Ensemble played melodies and solos that paired with the passion of the scene.

Hamer spoke angrily about the discrimination and violence she felt after trying to register to vote. Because of obstacles facing African-Americans registering to vote such as literacy tests and poll taxes, Hamer was unable to register and later fired from her job, arrested and beaten.

Truth spoke about how men claim women are not equal because "Jesus was a man." She asked: "And how came Jesus into the world?"

The committee for the 2017 symposium

included professors Dwonna Goldstone, Jill Eichhorn, Ozzie DiPaolo-Harrison, Linda Crenshaw, Jane Wessel, Barry Kitterman and Karen Sorenson.

"Several of us have served on the committee for many years as a way to honor the memory of our friend and colleague, and to continue [Asanbe's] vision of moving APSU toward becoming a more diverse university, and a campus that respects and values the many threads of its tapestry," Sorenson said.

Simmons has received an award from the NAACP as Best Actress Achievement in Acting, Singing, Writing, Producing and Directing and is a graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy.

After the performance, a panel was held in the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center where students and professors could discuss what they saw and how they felt about the social issues being discussed.

Speakers at the symposium in the past have included Marnie Mueller who talked about internment of Japanese citizens during World War II and Joy Ladin, who discussed being transgender and the issues surrounding gender identity.



**NAACP Award Winning Shayla Simmons performing 'Aint I a Woman' for the Asanbe Diversity Symposium. After the show, students, faculty and staff attended a forum on Thursday March 16 in the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center** STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE



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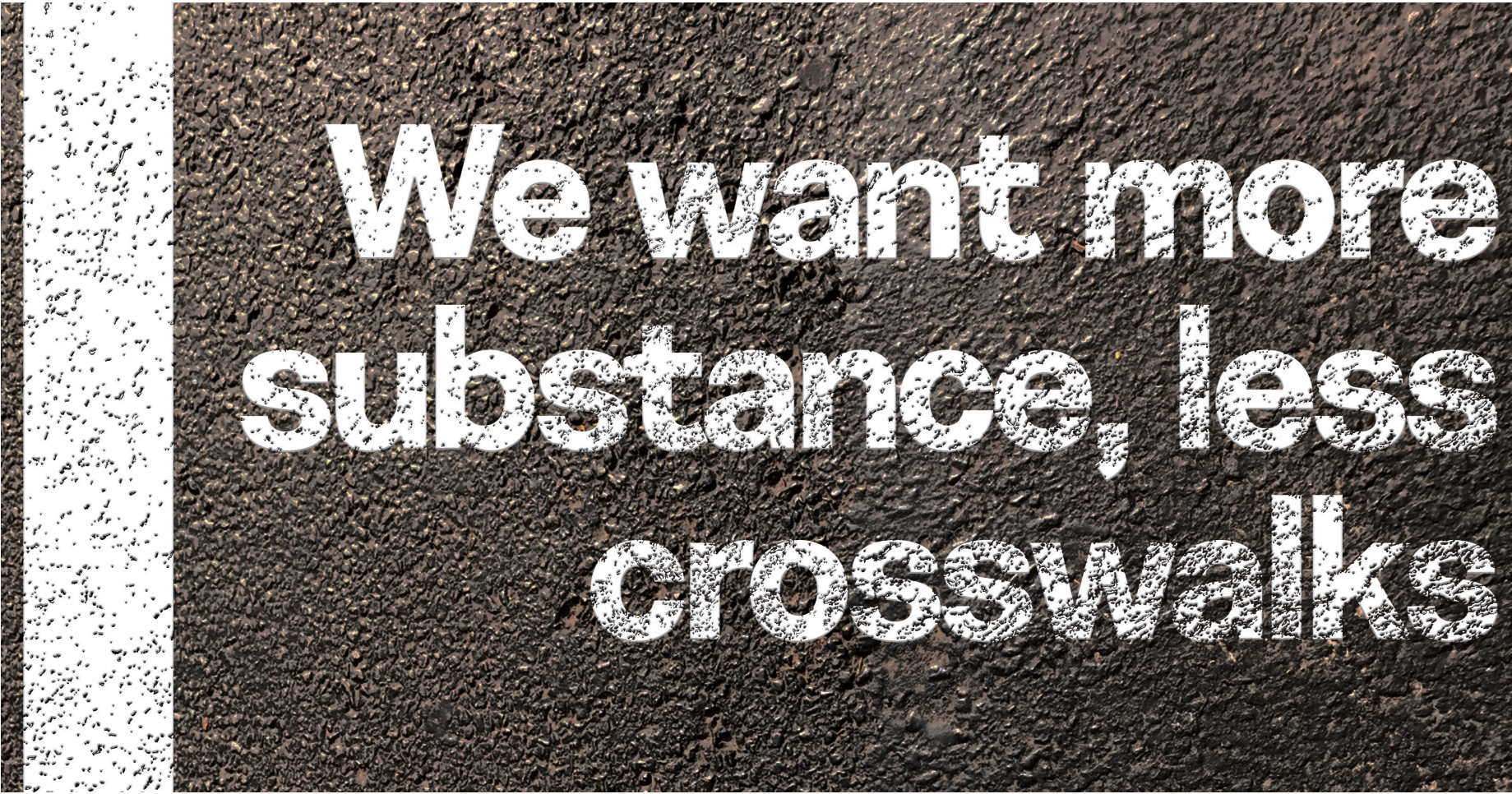
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# PERSPECTIVES

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”  
— First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



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APSU’s Student Government Association (SGA) needs to stop passing irrelevant legislation about crosswalks and focus more on the major concerns of the students.

“The main focus of SGA legislation is to listen to the students and their concerns – find out about what students feel the problems on campus are, what they like and dislike, and then create ways to assist their needs,” Sen. Sara Alexander said.

One problem SGA senators face is creating legislation in order to fulfill their requirements and not actually implementing quality resolutions.

Senators are required to propose two pieces of legislation, one each semester, and the senate must collectively vote on the piece before the legislation becomes an act or a resolution, SGA President Ryan Honea said.

Creating legislation to add crosswalks, speed bumps, road signs and sidewalks are weak pieces of legislation because students do not care about road safety, but are more concerned with the lack of student involvement and community within the campus.

“Instead of painting a crosswalk, I wish SGA implemented resolutions to add more on campus activities, better academic resources within each

department and cleaner resident halls,” junior chemistry major Hannah Musgrove said.

According to SGA’s past legislation documents, in the 2015 – 2016 academic year, 10 out of 39 resolutions were about adding or replacing crosswalks, speed bumps or sidewalks to roads on campus.

Other weak legislation includes Sen. Haley Adkison’s resolution to solve the amount of time residents leave their finished clothes in the washing machine or dryer.

Some SGA senate and executive board members this year are standing up against insignificant legislations.

“I am very much against crosswalk, road sign and light bulb fixing legislations. If SGA writes legislation to paint crosswalks every year, we might as well paint over the entire university,” Sen. Dominic Critchlow said.

President Honea said his main focus this year is to encourage the senators to focus on the students’ concerns and not their own agenda.

“I am proud that the majority of legislation this year is going towards fixing student problems. SGA experienced healthy legislation; however, I would like to see even more sustainable changes,” President Honea said.

According to Strategic Legislation Implementation Plan, during the fall semester, only one piece of legislation dealt with adding a crosswalk – Resolution No. 1 proposed by Sens. Lillian Long and Rebecca Jacks.

In order for SGA to stop creating irrelevant legislation such as adding crosswalks or



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**SARA ALEXANDER**  
SGA SENATOR, ARTS AND LETTERS

sidewalks, the senate should stop voting yes to pass the proposed piece.

Instead of focusing on campus roads, SGA should create legislation dealing with the lack of student attendance at athletic events or finding more ways to connect the university and the Clarksville community together.

Sen. Duane Kessler’s legislation about making APSU’s academic calendar similar to the Clarksville Montgomery School System’s schedule is a prime example of quality resolutions.

Also, Resolution No. 4, written by Sens. Joseph Spear and Thomas Murphy, promotes student involvement by purchasing glasses to give out to the community during the 2017 solar eclipse.

SGA senators are the voice for the university’s student body. The senate should create pieces of legislation not out of obligation or requirement, but out of true care for the students at APSU.

# Voters asked for Trump’s America, reform



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Love him or hate him, Donald Trump made his way into the White House to become the 45th President of the U.S. and since doing so, he has caused quite the uproar. Every policy Trump has moved on is an issue that Americans have wanted to change.

Removing the major administration slips-ups, scandals and endless accusations from the equation, Trump has been hard at work. His initial actions on Inauguration Day flooded every news outlet and he has continued to do so for good reason; he has signed a total of 17 executive orders over eight weeks.

To better understand these actions, here is a quick breakdown as to what Trump has been up to at the White House.

Out of three types of executive actions that can be taken by the president, the first, and most well-known, is an executive order. Trump has given out 17 thus far.

Some scrutinized while others praised Trump for his approach to taking office. To come out of the gate with guns blazing is not anything new. In fact, we saw President Barack Obama pump out about the same amount in his first 50 days as Trump has thus far and polish off his first 100 days with a total of 19 signed executive orders.

At this point, the only person Trump has not passed for executive orders is President Harry Truman, who signed a

total of 25 executive orders alone in his first 100 days.

Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the most executive orders in the history of the U.S. FDR racked up 3,728 executive orders during his four terms, which averaged to 287 executive orders a year according to the National Archives.

To put this into perspective, his yearly number was only 11 more than what Obama signed in his two terms combined, putting him with the lowest executive orders signed in 120 years.

The craziest thing about FDR’s first 100 days was the fact that he only signed nine executive orders. That’s 10 less than Obama and 16 less than Harry Truman, who currently leads the pack.

“With Trump, as soon as he sat down in that chair, it was like signing this and signing that and that kind of stuff,” freshman Hallie Wolfe said in response to Trump’s signing of executive orders.

So what happened?

During the 1950s there was a decline in productivity for legislation due changes in Congress. An extra layer of decision-makers was added to the process to push through legislation which also effected the amount of legislation within the first 100 days because of this. Other factors include whether or not the president and Congress are controlled by one party or the other as well as economic conditions.

Has Trump outdone previous presidents with his executive orders right out of the gate?

As stated, he is right in line with the pace Obama signed his executive

orders, along with many other former presidents. Taking all of Trump’s numbers out of the mathematical equation that his administration have been juggling, are his orders any worse in retrospect to former presidents?

Still controversial to this day would be President Abraham Lincoln’s “Emancipation Proclamation,” which was a last ditch attempt to save the Union from the Civil War that was ripping the nation apart. Ending slavery was not exactly Lincoln’s primary motive of this executive order, with much of the fine print allowing the continuation of slavery as long as the nation could be at peace.

Executive Order 9066 signed by FDR, also known as the Japanese-American Internment, was put into place in response of the attacks on Pearl Harbor by Japan.

This led to 110,000 Americans of Japanese descent to be denied the right of habeas corpus, ripped from their homes and thrown into concentration camps because of mass hysteria.

That last example may sound along the lines of the travel ban to some while to others it is an entirely isolated action that was taken.

We, the American people, asked for this. Since 1968, whether Republican or Democrat, immigration reform has been a topic of endless discussion. As much kicking and screaming as we may, Trump is doing the one thing that Congress and past presidents have taken a jab at – immigration reform.

Whether his course of action may seem extreme to some, it could possibly be what is needed to succeed in immigration

reform, no matter how radical.

Both sides have cried for reform and now here we are getting it.

Budget cuts to the EPA, the Department of Agriculture and the riddance of the national parks may be seen as too far to some but in the eyes of someone trying to turn a national deficit around, there may be a method to his madness.

Despite the majority not voting for him, the Electoral College did and it landed him behind the desk of the Oval Office doing his newly appointed job. As much as this sounds like the cliffhanger to the end of a reality television show, the American people are going to have to see what happens next. With protests, rallies and much retaliation present, it has already been and will continue to be an interesting term.

### EXECUTIVE ORDERS BY PRESIDENTS

Donald Trump (so far): 17  
Barack Obama: 276  
Harry Truman: 896  
Franklin D. Roosevelt: 3,728

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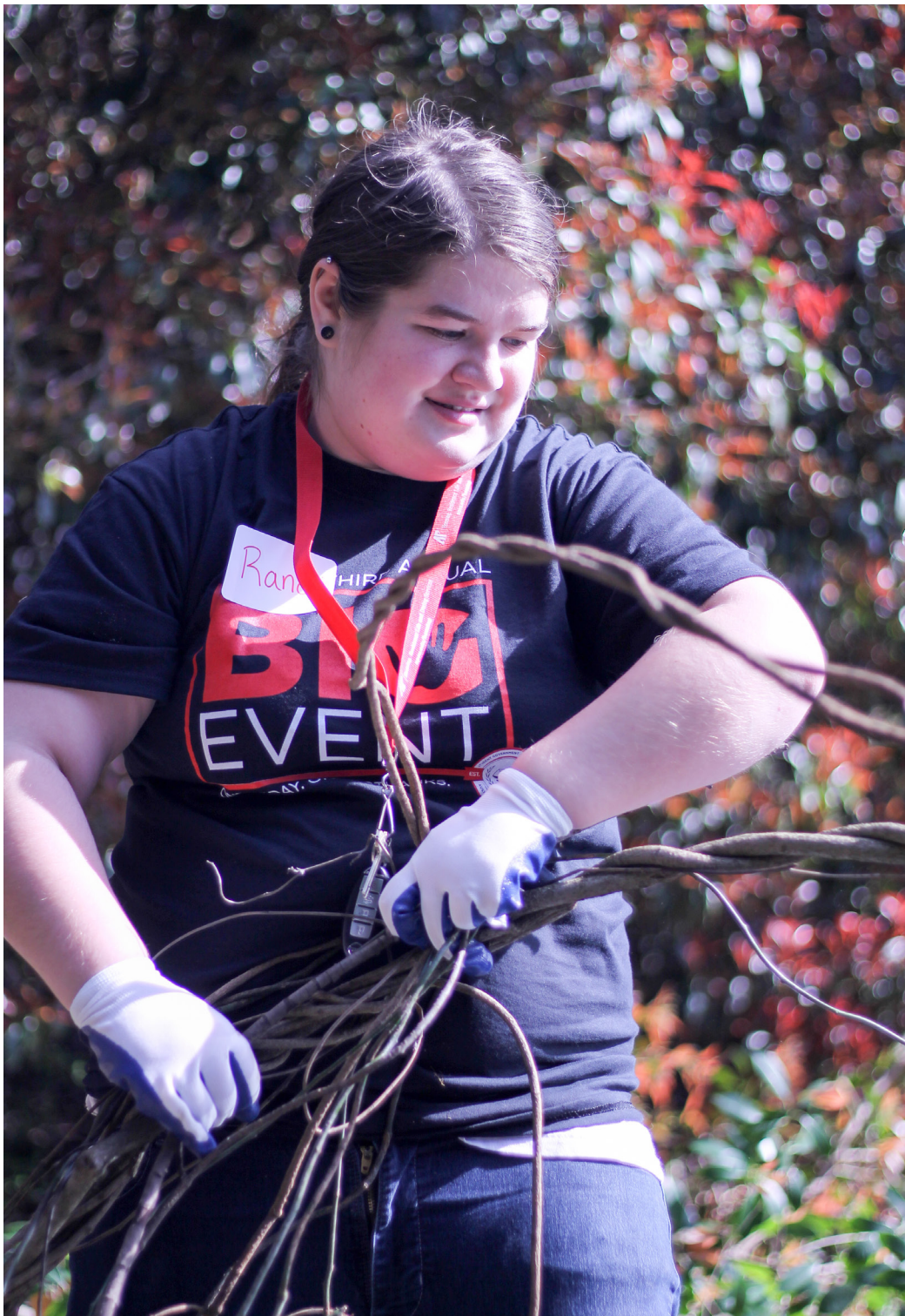


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**APSU students working at various locations during The Big Event on March 18.** CHANIECE JACKSON | THE ALL STATE

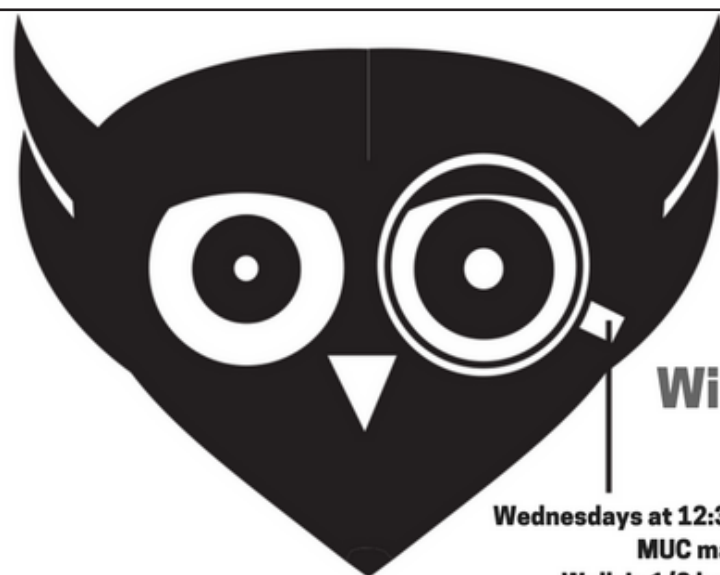
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# FEATURES

## Con-GT has an Ace up its sleeve in 2017

Riverview Inn hosts ‘Doctor Who’ conference with celebrities and panels

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The TARDIS landed in Riverview Inn this weekend for the annual Con-GT “Doctor Who” conference. Just walking the halls of the hotel from Friday, March 17 to Sunday, March 19, “Doctor Who” fans would see life-sized figurines of characters like Cassandra, otherwise known as “the last human” in the show, Vastra, the Doctor’s lesbian Silurian ally, along with creatures such as the Ood, the Weeping Angels and a remote controlled Dalek that could move and interact with guests.

Guests for this year included Sophie Aldred, who played the companion named Ace in classic “Doctor Who,” Frazer Hines, who played the companion named Jamie in classic “Who” and has appeared in more episodes than any other companion, Colin Spaul, who made single-episode appearances in both the classic and the modern “Doctor Who” and Andrew Cartmel, a former script editor

for the show. Robin Burk, a cosplayer, author and freelance writer, returned for her third appearance.

“I’ve been coming I guess since it started, some friends came up and I thought it would be fun,” River Song cosplayer Rachel Stewart said. “This year we’re here because everybody wants to meet Sophie Aldred.”

The opening ceremonies were held at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Directly afterward there was an interview with Aldred and episode commentary with Andrew Cartmel in the same room. The doors to the vendor room opened at 10 a.m., offering fans pocket watches, T-shirts, action figures, comics, candles, decorations, bags, plushies, jewelry and a lot more.

While they were not engaged in a panel of some sort, the celebrity guests waited to interact with fans in a specific room. Near where they were located was a 3D



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A figurine of an Ood stood by the vendor room during the conference. In the show, when you look directly at them, and then look away, you forget you ever saw them. LUCAS CHAMBERS | THE ALL STATE

# Ideology in conflict

## Debate puts Christianity and Atheism to the test

ANDREA ALLEN  
FEATURES WRITER

Two philosophers debated the existence of God and whether or not one should believe in him in front of a live audience at APSU.

On Sunday, March 19, Matt Dillahunty, from “the Atheist Experience,” and Phillip Christie, a Christian philosopher, reasoned for and against the existence of God in the Clement auditorium. APSU’s Philosophy club and Students for Secular Humanism hosted “Should One Believe in God?” which was free and open the public as well as APSU students and faculty.

“Many people ask these questions on a regular basis, but few explore them,” junior philosophy major and philosophy club president Connor Gorman said.

Each contender had 15 minutes to introduce themselves and their argument to the audience.

Dillahunty is a public speaker, and an active member in the atheist community. According to his introduction, he travels around debating a variety of topics from an atheist viewpoint. He was invited to APSU after recently being a keynote speaker at a conference for the Nashville Nones, a secular organization.

“Perhaps there is more to whether or not we are in a reasonable position to and should believe in a

God than what our limited minds have assessed so far,” Dillahunty said.

Christie, according to his introduction, is a former graduate and philosophy student at APSU. He is currently working on his dissertation for his doctorate in philosophy.

“The historical evidence we have of Jesus does not prove the existence of God, but it does mean that something happened in the early church and to the earliest followers that caused them to believe that Jesus rose from the dead. Most of them were tortured for that belief,” Christie said.

After their introductions, they had one hour to debate whether or not one should believe in the existence of God.

They debated a variety of topics and asked each other questions about their arguments and got a chance to give more details about their beliefs.

“My understanding of the presented arguments was more in depth than previous debates. It felt like they were going back and forth on the same logical systems,” junior computer science major Dominic Volavong said.

The debaters made sure the audience could follow along comfortably. Since they approached the argument from a philosophical standpoint, they made sure to pause

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Phillip Christie is a Christian philosopher who defended the merits of believing in God during Sunday’s debate. Christie is a former graduate philosophy student from APSU. He is currently working on his dissertation for his doctorate. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE



Matt Dillahunty, an active member in the atheist community, argued against the merits of believing in God. He recently attended a conference for the “Nashville Nones,” an atheist group who parodies the “None” option in standardized tests when students are asked to identify their religion. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE



# Volunteers prepare for scientific history

## Physics department hosts information sessions to prepare for solar eclipse

ASHLEY THOMPSON  
FEATURES WRITER

A full solar eclipse is a rare sight to be seen that only specific areas are able to see around the world.

On Aug. 21, the solar eclipse will be viewable from Clarksville, and APSU is going to have many events and projects to show during it as viewers from around the country gather to witness the celestial event.

The first of a few training meetings for interested volunteers to help out on the day of the eclipse was held on March 14 in Sunquist, with a presentation by junior physics major Jacob Robertson.

“I’m using this presentation to help teach some possible volunteers about how to safely view the eclipse so that everyone can enjoy it without hurting their eyes. I also wanted to talk about the projects and activities we are doing at APSU such as the Science Department and Outreach’s events,” Robertson said.

Robertson covered the kinds of questions viewers might ask volunteers and went over basic background for an eclipse.

He said there will be cattle observation experiments in reaction to the eclipse, a high altitude balloon stream, that NASA will be participating in a live feed of the eclipse, as well as how the weekend of the eclipse will have a set of many activities to educate and enjoy the event.

“I’m definitely torn between wanting to help with crowd control since that’s part of my job, or agriculture help for volunteer work on the day of the eclipse, but I definitely intend to watch it,” freshman management major Sarah Petrie said.

APSU’s annual high altitude balloon test is doing another live-stream with a new edge on the day of the solar eclipse as well.

Since his freshmen year, Senior physics

major Dominic Critchlow has worked with the high altitude balloon project and spoke about the idea of viewing the eclipse from above.

“Once all of the teams get all of the stuff together and working we will be live-streaming the eclipse from there to our ground station. From there it will become a stream and NASA will be streaming as well so viewers will be able to click between the different streams capturing the eclipse,” Critchlow said.

“Since my freshmen year I was really interested in doing something research and so when professors reached out to me asking if I was interested in doing this, I was in. They told me I could really take this project anywhere I wanted to and so I started working on building the program code and now I’ve got a whole team that helps me make sure this launch goes well. The eclipse brings a whole new piece to it for this year,” Critchlow said. “It something I’m very proud of that whenever I’m asked about it or get a chance to talk about it I have to.”

The training session brought up how an guest astronaut speaker will come present on the weekend before the eclipse and how the main goal of the departments is to live stream the eclipse, and further educate the community and students on the eclipse as it occurs. Robertson said overall the departments are working hard to further in that kind of community involvement.

The eclipse is going to create an eventful and educational experience for the community come August 21st joining in the excitement of move-in day.

For all the events on campus, the Mathematics and Science Department are seeking volunteers that will get a free shirt. For more information about future training sessions, email Jacob Robertson at jrobertson15@my.apsu.edu.



JACOB ROBERTSON  
JUNIOR PHYSICS MAJOR



Volunteers will make up the majority of those assisting with the eclipse viewing. The session focused on various activities, including a live-stream by NASA and speakers. HENRY KILPATRICK | THE ALL STATE

## DOCTOR

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printer and large scanner that guests could use to make action figures of themselves.

A cosplay contest was held for prizes, and the Humane Society sold raffle tickets to be drawn at the closing ceremonies on Sunday. Other panels were held throughout Saturday and Sunday, including showings of the show’s 50th anniversary special “The Day of the Doctor,” a panel on the science of “Doctor

Who,” karaoke, individual trivia, team trivia and a panel on cultural questions about Britain.

On Saturday the guests were gathered for a group photo in the middle of the day, and on both Saturday and Sunday they were offered photos with the TARDIS.

“I think with cons it’s just getting to interact with the guests. Especially at smaller cons, it’s a lot more intimate. It’s kind of like a family reunion in a lot of ways. Especially with “Doctor Who,” because with “Who” fans, you’re always running into the same people,” Stewart said.



A life-size statue of Vastra stood watch over the registration table Saturday morning. The convention featured a wide variety of “Doctor Who” accessories and trinkets. LUCAS CHAMBERS | THE ALL STATE

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and explain their terminology and reasoning to the audience.

They debated topics such as the kind of evidence needed to convince one to believe in God, the necessity of a perfect being and the reason and general existence of the universe.

“I think this was a good civil debate.

No matter which side you are on, you can learn how to give professional arguments on sometimes sensitive subjects,” freshmen education major Mikaela Slighter said.

After the debate the audience had the opportunity to vote on the winner, with their donations to the sponsoring clubs. The point of the argument, for both of the philosophers, was to inspire the audience to know what they believe and how to gather evidence to defend it.



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MAJOR

The two presenters debated whether a person should believe in God. They repeatedly explained their terminology in case the audience became confused. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE





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# Alumna Tiasha Gray shows overseas excellence

After heading to Sweden, she has shown her skill, averaging 24 ppg

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After going from Clarksville High School to APSU, Tiasha Gray's basketball talents would take her past the 931 area code and halfway across the world to Sweden.

However, despite the change in surroundings the 23-year-old is still excelling in her talents.

Gray has started in all 20 of her appearances for Mark Basket in Sweden's Basketligan Dam. Across those appearances, Gray has been named Player of the Week once, 2nd Best Performer of the Week and 3rd Best Performer of the Week.

Gray averages 24 points per game, 7.3 rebounds per game and 5.3 assists per game.

She also averages over 35 minutes per game.

On the season the former Gov has hit 44.6 percent of her 2-point shots and scored 492 points through 20 games.

She has made 78 percent of her shots from the line since crossing the Atlantic.


Gray excels at more than scoring, as she has recored 144 total rebounds and 105 assists in her time in Sweden.

In addition to that, she has five blocks and 74 steals. Gray has reached all these numbers across 705 minutes on the court.

Gray's talents have been cited as lockdown defense, great vision, great decision making and an explosive speed.

Gray, and her team, Mark Basket, will take the court on Wednesday, March 22, in the league's quarterfinals against Telge Basketball.

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<div><div></div><div>OVC STANDINGS</div></div>				
	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL	WOMEN'S TENNIS	MEN'S TENNIS
1ST	TENNESSEE TECH	SIUE	APSU	JACKSONVILLE STATE
2ND	MOREHEAD STATE	MURRAY STATE	SIUE	TENNESSEE TECH
3RD	APSU	BELMONT	EASTERN ILLINOIS	BELMONT
4TH	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	UT MARTIN	UT MARTIN	APSU
5TH	MURRAY STATE	MOREHEAD STATE	EASTERN KENTUCKY	EASTERN KENTUCKY
6TH	BELMONT	JACKSONVILLE STATE	MURRAY STATE	TENNESSEE STATE
7TH	JACKSONVILLE STATE	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	BELMONT	EASTERN ILLINOIS
8TH	SIUE	EASTERN ILLINOIS	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	
9TH	EASTERN KENTUCKY	EASTERN KENTUCKY	TENNESSEE STATE	
10TH	EASTERN ILLINOIS	APSU*	JACKSONVILLE STATE	
11TH	UT MARTIN	TENNESSEE STATE		
12TH		TENNESSEE TECH		



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## Hooper strikes out 100



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## Govs softball team drops double header to Lipscomb

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Even though the Govs lost, there was still a bright spot. Pitcher Sidney Hooper became the 15th pitcher in school history to record 100 strikeouts in a career.

The Govs softball team traveled to Lipscomb University to face the Lady Bison in a doubleheader on Saturday, March 18 where the Govs took two losses of 1-3 and 0-8.

According to letsgoapeay.com, Lipscomb held the Govs’ offense until the top of the fourth. APSU scored their 1 run on a home run over the scoreboard in right-center field from Kacy Acree. This cut Lipscomb’s lead to one run.

The Govs tried to overcome the

Lady Bison in the fifth inning with Carly Mattson and Emily Moore both getting hits; however, these hits were last of the contest for the Govs, which resulted in the first loss of the weekend.

Lipscomb was able to contain APSU’s hitters in game one by striking out 14 Govs over the course of the game.

In game two, the Govs could not manage to get a single run across the plate.

According to letsgoapeay.com, APSU had few scoring opportunities throughout the match up, but the Lady Bison defense held strong to prevent any Gov from reaching home.

There was potential for the Govs to score in the first after Acree drew a walk and stole second to be in scoring position.

Unfortunately, the only other big moment for APSU was in the fourth inning when Christiana Gable and Kendall Vedder both reached base on a pair of singles.

The Lady Bison’s lead grew slowly until after the final inning, they took the 8-0 victory.

The teams reconvened on Sunday, March 19 for their final game.

The Govs fell to the Lady Bison once again; however, APSU went down fighting and found themselves in extra innings.

APSU brought the energy early and scored 3 runs to kick off the first inning. The lead was a result of Mattson’s fifth homerun of the year.

Lipscomb also scored in the first, but their 2 runs did not take the lead from APSU.

Vedder and Danielle Liermann were responsible for 3 more being added to the Govs’ total.

This brought the score to 6-2 with APSU in lead.

After securing a reasonable lead, APSU’s offense failed to keep up the momentum.

This allowed the Lady Bison plenty of time to put themselves back in the game.

By the end of the sixth inning, Lipscomb had tied the score to force extra innings.

Both teams could not produce runs in the seventh, but in the eighth, the Lady Bison scored with a one-out single to end the ballgame.

The Govs next game is against Samford at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22 at home.

## Govs lose Murray series 2-1

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APSU baseball (10-9, 4-2 Ohio Valley Conference) recorded their first conference losses of the season over the weekend as Murray State (11-8, 3-3 OVC) took the series 2-1.

The Racers took the first contest behind a 8-6 win that featured a 7-0 lead for the home team after three innings. The Racers would go on to shut out APSU through the first five innings.

The Govs started to score in the top of the sixth.

The inning began with Dre Gleason getting on base, and culminated with Imani Willis knocking a ball down the right field baseline, scoring both Gleason and Chase Hamilton.

The Govs added four runs in the top of the eighth, but could not stage the full comeback. Malcom Tipler’s single brought in Gleason.

On the next at bat, Imani Willis knocked a triple out towards the wall, scoring Parker Phillips, Hamilton and Tipler. The inning ended with the Govs falling into a double play.

Murray added a run in the bottom half of the inning, securing the first game for the Racers.

APSU took the second game of the series with a 8-5 victory. The Govs opened the game by taking a 3-0 lead through two innings.

Alex Robles’ single opened up the scoring Garrett Giovannelli. On the next at bat, a Dre Gleason single saw Cayce Bredlau score.

In the second inning, APSU added a run off an Alex Sala solo home run. The Racers fought back in the bottom of the third with a pair of runs, cutting APSU’s lead to 3-2.

In the fourth, the Govs added another run via Hamilton scoring on a throwing error. The Govs held a 4-3 lead entering the seventh when they managed to add four runs to their score.

The scoring began with Bredlau blasting a home run. APSU added another one a couple batters later when Robles scored off a wild pitch.

Now leading 6-3, the Govs continued to tack on runs as Gleason scored on a Hamilton fly out and a Kyle Wilson triple brought in Sala.

Murray State added a run in both the bottom of the seventh and ninth, but could not match the Govs’ output, sealing the second game of the series for APSU, 8-6.

The final game of the series turned into a offensive showcase as Murray State won 17-12. Parker Phillips knocked out a 2-run home run as the Govs fell in the final game of the series.

APSU Baseball will return to action on Tuesday, March 21, against Arkansas State (11-8). The Red Wolves will be in town for a two game series at Raymond C. Hand Park.



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