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## President Trump announces end to immigration program

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On Tuesday, Sept. 5, President Donald Trump announced that he was pushing forward the cancellation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, more commonly known as DACA.

The DACA program was instated in June of 2012 under the Obama administration. The program worked to protect children who were brought into the U.S. by their immigrant parents.

DACA came as an aid to those children to help them progress in the U.S. by providing them essentials such as a decent living, quality education and fitting future. These children, commonly labeled as “DREAMers”, are now perceived to be under threat by Trump’s recent decision.

Roughly 1.3 million individuals annually apply for DACA. The program gives immigrants five years of living comfortably in the U.S. without deportation. This gives immigrants a chance to pursue careers, higher education and all other comforts.

Many public figures have spoken out about the President’s recent decision.

“It is cruel and self-defeating,” said former President Barack Obama.

“The decision is not pro-life,” said Pope Francis.

“It will crush [immigrants] dreams and weaken the American dream for the rest of us,” said former President Bill Clinton.

The end of DACA could lead past recipients to deportation, sending them back to countries they are unfamiliar with.

President Trump views the Obama-enacted program as a threat to American society.

“Millions of Americans are victimized by this unfair system,” Trump said.

For those who are opposed to the

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# Campus Crowding

## APSU students experience longer waits for lunch, housing in hotels, heavier foot traffic, pained parking during 2017-18 year

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APSU is lacking the necessary resources to support the entire student body. This year, the freshman intake was the largest yet with APSU welcoming nearly 2,000 freshmen to campus. This has led to several problems with the campuses ability to provide for the students.

“I think it is great that so many people are here to further their education. I just think that the school should work on accommodating all of them more,” said senior K-6 education major Alexis Caudill.

One problem has been a shortage of housing to accommodate students that want to live on campus. APSU had to make deals with two hotels in Clarksville in order to make up for the lack of on-campus housing and provide upperclassmen a \$200 incentive to move off campus.

This arrangement includes a shuttle service to and from hotels, a queen-sized bed for each student, and complimentary breakfast every morning.

Students residing in hotels are required to travel to campus in order to do their laundry. The temporary housing cost is \$3,400 per semester. The cost is expected to decrease after students are moved into on-campus housing.

The temporary housing arrangement between APSU, Country Inn and Suites and The Riverview Inn could



Students hang out on campus during the first week of classes. BRYAN SMITH | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

last the entire academic year.

Another problem that students and staff have noticed is the increased foot traffic around campus, particularly around the Morgan University Center and the Ann Ross Bookstore.

Many people are feeling the effects of campus crowding, particularly the freshman population.

“It gets on my nerves because it makes it harder to get past people to get where you need to be. It is a struggle,” said freshman psychology major Helena Bottega.

APSU has come up with one way to combat this issue. They have partnered with Barnes and Noble to operate the campus book store. With this partnership comes a new 13,000

square foot retail bookstore that will be located at the corner of College and Fourth St.

By moving the bookstore away from the middle of campus, APSU hopes to decrease the amount of foot traffic around that area.

Parking is always a hassle at the start of the academic year. APSU has combated this issue by purchasing several Jenkins and Wynne properties near campus to provide overflow parking that is open to any color parking permit.

APSU is currently working on finding more ways to better accommodate its ever-increasing student population.

For more information regarding solutions visit [www.apsu.edu](http://www.apsu.edu).

## NPHC annual convocation showcases Greek life

### Prospective students learn about the ‘Divine Nine’ organizations at APSU

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On Thursday, Sept. 7, students gathered in the Morgan University Center Ballroom for the National Pan-Hellenic Council Fall Convocation. Every semester, NPHC hosts this event to attract potential members for the “Divine Nine” fraternities and sororities that make up the council.

Despite being interrupted by a fire drill, the event ran smoothly as the room filled with prospective NPHC members.

“Convocation is a time where those who are potentially interested or just want to know more can come and learn about the different organizations,” President of NPHC at APSU Cortney Grisham said.

Grisham’s career for NPHC started two years ago.

“I joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in Nov. 2015 and it has just been history from there,” Grisham said. “I loved it so much I became the President of NPHC.”

Prospects were hopeful as they lined

up to register.

Nianda Glover, freshman business administration major, came to convocation hoping to follow in her mother’s footsteps and join a sorority.

“My mom was [a member],” Glover said. “I like the way they carry themselves.”

NPHC as a whole is important to Glover.

“I just like the way they work and what they are about,” Glover said. “They show you about your heritage and where you come from.”

Andre Green, freshman biology major, said he appreciates how a fraternity stresses leadership and academic success.

Maya Brown, senior communications major, came to NPHC to find a community.

“I feel like this whole time I have been in school I have not found a place, like a friend group,” Brown said. “I know it is a little late, but I am hoping it can happen.”

Brown feels like NPHC sororities would be a good fit for her.

“I feel like being here at a predominantly white school, it is easy to kind of forget your culture, like black culture,” Brown said. “I feel like I want to be a part of something that encourages and celebrates someone like me, who looks like me and who can relate to me.”

Grisham said that NPHC fraternities and sororities are just as relevant today as they were at their inception.

“NPHC is just as important now as it was at the beginning of the 1900s because they have been some of the forefront leaders of historical movements. They have been leaders on many campuses, particularly campuses that are PWI’s (predominantly white institutions),” Grisham said. “Having the influence of NPHC shows students of color the leadership opportunities they could explore.”

“It is representing brotherhood and sisterhood for the black community as well,” Grisham said.

NPHC organizations offer many service and scholarship opportunities.



Fraternity and sorority display boards at NPHC Convocation on Sept. 7 in the MUC ballrooms. TAYLOR HARRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



# APSU faculty hosts critical conversation

A facilitated talk about confederate monuments and events in Charlottesville

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The violence that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia on Aug. 12 shocked the nation. The aftermath brought discussions to the media about race relations, white supremacy and the validity of controversial monuments, specifically those of Confederate figures. Although the events happened in Charlottesville, the implications affect cities and college campuses across the nation.

On Tuesday, Sept. 5 APSU literature professor Dwonna Goldstone, history professor Kelly Jones and coordinator of fraternity and sorority affairs Stephen Dominy moderated the first “Critical Conversation” of the school year. The conversation was pertaining to the events in Charlottesville and how they affect APSU.

In light of the Sept. 1 decision to keep a bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest, a Confederate general and first grand wizard Ku Klux Klan, in the Tennessee state capitol, this conversation was particularly timely.



Stephen Dominy and Dwonna Goldstone facilitate critical conversation. MAHALIA SMITH | THE ALL STATE

“We decided we needed to mark down a time and place for students to talk about recent events,” Jones said.

The room was full of students and faculty, many of whom gave their opinions on the validity of confederate monuments in state buildings. Several people expressed concern about the placement of such monuments, feeling that a museum would be a better place to recognize the darker parts of history.

One student equated state-sponsored monuments with “propaganda” because monuments on state property seem to be an endorsement by the government of the views expressed by the subject. Others, however, felt the Nathan Bedford Forrest statue is little more than the stone and metal that make it up.

Some felt that the removal or installation of a monument has little effect on the way people think and behave. Those that disagreed questioned whether people, particularly minorities, should have to experience these statues and monuments in public spaces, because those in the majority feel the monuments are okay.

The installation date of many monuments was problematic to many students. The Nathan Bedford Forrest bust in the state capitol was installed in the 1970s, which was over 100 years after the Civil War. Several in attendance at the meeting expressed concern that monuments such as these were put up fairly recently and that state governments allowed them.

Recurring themes throughout the discussion were the concepts of true and real history, the context of those monuments and what role certain privileges play in the acceptance or rejection of those monuments.

The problem, many students explained, has to do with education. Many Americans, whether it be the fault of state education or cultural norms, have a limited understanding of history and make judgments based on limited information. Changing this is difficult.

One professor said it is “like swimming upstream in a narrative of misrepresentation.”

“This conversation was just the beginning,” Dominy said.

## DACA

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DACA program, it is viewed as a system that allows many illegal aliens job opportunities that should belong to American citizens.

“DACA is inconsistent with the rule of law, inconsistent with the president’s own promises, and inconsistent with the president’s principled stand against illegal immigration,” said Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach.

Trump’s plan is not to outright eliminate the immigration program, but to reconstruct the plan and replace it with a system that is more efficient.

“What I would like to do is a comprehensive immigration program,” Trump said. “But our country and political forces are not yet ready.”

It is clear in the media that there are more condemners than supporters.

“It is particularly cruel to offer young people the American dream, encourage them to come out of the shadows and trust our government and then punish them for it,” Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg said.

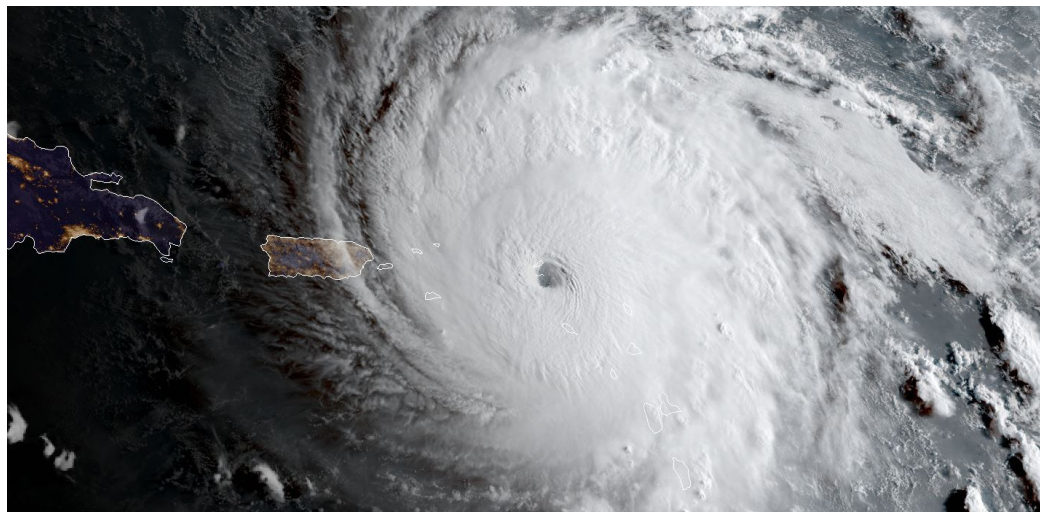
For more information on statistics visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).



**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE AFFECTED BY THE DACA REMOVAL?**

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# Hurricane season keeps Atlantic busy



Satellite image of Hurricane Irma, the most recent hurricane to hit the U.S. | NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

**HARVAE HEROD**  
NEWS EDITOR

The Atlantic Ocean has been busy with hurricane traffic. After Hurricane Harvey ravaged Texas, three more hurricanes formed in the Atlantic. Hurricanes Irma, Jose, and Katia formed just days after Harvey and all had targets pinned on North America.

Hurricane Irma became a Category 2 storm just 24 hours after formation. By Sept. 5, the storm had intensified to a Category 5 storm.

With the destruction of Hurricane Harvey being a warning sign, Florida residents were urged to evacuate while they still had time. Many heeded the

warning and traveled north, with some residents choosing parts of Middle Tennessee for refuge.

Hurricane Irma made landfall in the Florida peninsula on Sept. 10 after barreling through the Florida Keys and several Caribbean islands. The storm has left several parts of Florida under water, millions without power and the death toll in the double digits.

After hitting Florida, Hurricane Irma made its way up the coast and caused 4 deaths between Georgia and South Carolina.

Middle Tennessee got remnants of the storm that included a few inches of rain that began on Monday evening.

## CRIME LOG

### CARRYING OR POSSESSION OF WEAPON

8th St. & Bailey  
Sept. 1, 8:46 p.m.  
**Arrest**

### SIMPLE POSSESSION/ CASUAL EXCHANGE

8th St. & Bailey  
Sept. 1, 8:46 p.m.  
**Arrest**

### UNLAWFUL DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

8th St. & Bailey  
Sept. 2, 9:29 p.m.  
**Arrest**

### MANUFACTURE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

8th St. & Bailey  
Sept. 2, 9:29 p.m.  
**Arrest**

### EVADING ARREST

8th St. & Bailey  
Sept. 2, 9:29 p.m.  
**Arrest**

### CARRYING OR POSSESSION OF WEAPON

8th St. & Bailey  
Sept. 2, 9:29 p.m.  
**Arrest**

### SEXUAL BATTERY

Harvill Hall  
Sept. 5, 1:59 p.m.  
**On Going**

### POSSESSION WITHOUT A

Morgan University Center  
Sept. 5, 3:28 p.m.  
**Report**

### THEFT OF PROPERTY

Governors Terrace North  
Sept. 5, 5:18 p.m.  
**Report**

### SEXUAL BATTERY

Castle Heights Hall  
Sept. 6, 4:42 p.m.  
**On Going**

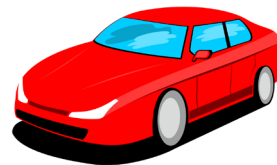
### SIMPLE POSSESSION/ CASUAL EXCHANGE

Drane & College St.  
Sept. 7, 6:01 a.m.  
**On Going**



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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

## Trump dumps ‘dreamers’

The U.S. President announces DACA’s end, recipients fear deportation nears



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The decision of some could uproot the lives of thousands. President Donald Trump has made the decision to discontinue the Deferred Actions of Childhood Arrivals program, better known as DACA. This program allows certain immigrants who entered the country before their 16th birthday and before June 2007 to receive a renewable two- year work permit and exemption from deportation.

Trump is wrongly taking away rights from immigrants who only wish to live in a country which is based on freedom. People commonly refer to the DACA recipients as ‘dreamers,’ which they are. Parents brought their sons and daughters over the border to give them a life of greatness and to allow their children to have a strong education with the opportunities that could follow.

DACA is not a program that is taken lightly by those who pursue the chance to gain benefits following approval. For these immigrants to produce a benefit-earning application, they must reach requirements such as but not limited to being under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012, having come to the states before they were 16-years-old, paying a \$465 application fee, and understanding the risks of illegally residing in the states. They risk removal proceedings if they do not qualify when they apply.

Since Trump made the claim during his election campaign he would send

*“DACA is a very, very difficult difficult subject for me, I will tell you. To me, it is one of the most difficult subjects...”*

**DONALD TRUMP**  
PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A.

immigrants back over the border, he has recently been acknowledged making statements to CNN such as “DACA is a very, very difficult subject for me, I will tell you. To me, it is one of the most difficult subjects...” If the topic is such a confusion, why must the program be processed out while it is improving the lives of many “Dreamers” throughout the nation?

According to the Center for American Progress, out of the 787,580 plus immigrants who have been approved since the year 2012, DACA is found to be showing significant improvement in their lives. 69 percent has been employed with better pay, 89 percent have received a driver’s license or state ID and 40 percent have parents eligible for Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents or DAPA.

Recipients are not expecting to gain these abilities without helping the country as a whole. Once deemed a DACA benefit-holder they pay income taxes, which allows the country to build a stronger economy, armed force, police force and court system.

This program is allowing youth and adults to lead lives that they would have only imagined, so why would we as a nation take these benefits away?

We thrive on being a country based on freedom, yet we have thousands who live in the same subdivisions, go to same schools and attend the same churches living in fear and struggle of losing their American dream.

### Trump’s thoughts on immigrants:

**"It is our right as a sovereign nation to choose immigrants that we think are the likeliest to thrive and flourish and love us."**

**“For those here today illegally who are seeking legal status, they will have one route and only one route: to return home and apply for re-entry.”**

**"Anyone who is in the United States illegally is subject to deportation."**

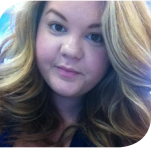


IMAGE FROM PIXABAY

### What was DACA?

-The Deferred Actions of Childhood Arrivals program for immigrants raised in the U.S.

## Trump ends equal pay act, feminist daughter agrees



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Ivanka Trump’s hypocritical approach to supporting her father’s decision to end the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, put in to act by former President of the U.S. Barack Obama, is nothing more than an attempt to further solidify the welcoming of prejudiced ways into our country.

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 was an attempt to close the wage gap for women and minorities. This law mandated businesses employing more than 100 employees to report the income of each employee to ensure discrimination was not present in pay. Allowing the records to be annually reviewed and made public added an extra level of pressure to businesses to live up to the current laws. This was an effort put in place to demand accountability and equality for all.

Trump’s support comes not long after her trip to Berlin where she said, “You passed an equal pay legislation to promote transparency and try to finally narrow gender pay gap...that is something we should all be looking at,” in response to German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s Germany law, which is strikingly similar to that of the Fair Pay Act. The only notable difference between the U.S.’s and Germany’s laws are the amount of employees that dictates a business has to report. Germany’s law states if a business has over 200 employees, the business must disclose the income of each worker.

Trump’s argument, that mirrors that of her supporters, is that the

law requires too much of business owners. She said, “[The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009] is enormously burdensome.” Trump is supporting the idea that a business being frustrated by a regulation is more important than that same business potentially discriminating against employees.

There are several responsibilities that business owners have and a countless number of regulations that businesses are required to follow to stay active and legal. It is disturbing that the regulation that Trump is backing the removal of is the one that focuses on women and minorities receiving parallel pay. Yes, this is an extra step a company will have to perform, but to prove that your company is a legitimate equal opportunity employer it should be worth it, especially if there is nothing to hide.

Offering an equivalent playing field for all potential employees is an added bonus to attract employment for a business because this is something that has never been guaranteed for minorities and women before. This law did nothing more than put responsibility where it belonged: in the hands of the employers. Validating legitimacy should not be a hard task, but a required expectation for operating in a country that is supposed to be built off equality and fairness for all.

Trump’s hypocrisy was visible as she backed her father’s decision to remove something as vital to women as equal pay. Her social media dedication to women’s rights was completely discredited by her openness to eliminating the Fair Pay Act.

Trump made it clear that discrimination is not a priority, and this decision needs to be remembered going further.



Ivanka Trump’s Twitter 2017 | Twitter.com

### Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009

- Meant to apply to businesses with more than 100 employees.
- Would make records of all employee’s pay to be annually reviewed to be sure equal pay mandates are being held up.
- Criticized for requiring too much extra effort from businesses.
- Is similar to Germany law which Ivanka Supported
- The main difference between the U.S.A’s Fair Pay Act and Angela Merkel’s law in Germany is the minimum number of employees required to qualify a business: in Germany’s law it is 200, in the U.S’s Fair Pay Act it was 100.



# EXTRAS



## APSU Career Corner: Tailor Y. Career discusses internships for experience

Dear Tailor,

My professor has been mentioning how I should get an internship before I graduate college. I'm not really sure what an internship is or how to go about getting one. Can you explain that to me, please?

Sincerely,

Confused

Dear Confused,

Internships are a great way to gain work experience in a certain field you may be interested in. There are internships in pretty much all career fields. An internship can help you identify if the job is right for you. Being able to have hands-on work experience within a field of study or occupation may change your mind or give you ideas for what else you could pursue related to your career.

Most importantly, internships look great on resumes! Employers do not simply want to see that someone graduated with a degree. They want to see the student took the time to gain

hands-on work experience in their field or the field they are looking to work in now. With an internship, an employer can see the potential employee and understand how they perform certain tasks in various situations/conditions and how they interact with others.

Some internships are paid while others are not, but remember it's not about the money...it's about the experience! In addition, internship-type experiences are often called by various names, such as, practicums, field studies, clinicals, co-op (which require more than one semester, etc.

To find internships at APSU or in the surrounding areas, sign up for Jobs4Govs. Jobs4Govs is an online career management system that lists job opportunities at various businesses in the local, regional, and national level. Jobs4Govs is free to you as a student and register at [www.apsu.edu/careers/jobs4govs](http://www.apsu.edu/careers/jobs4govs)

As always, if you or anyone you know has questions related to Career Services, contact us at (931)-221-6544 or email us at [careerservices@apsu.edu](mailto:careerservices@apsu.edu).

Sincerely,

Tailor Y. Career



### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Student Government Association President Frank Burns assists with clean-up after conducting a mock meeting covering Roberts Rules of Order at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 in MUC 305. SGA also had radification on Friday, Sept. 8 announcing the new freshmen and graduate senate seats. The Freshmen Senate seats went to: Chantal Alequin - 100, Lane Manley - 115, Rebecca Thomack - 159. The Graduate Senate seats went to: Will Roberts - 4, Jennifer Freeland- 205, Duane Kessler - 251. SGA will hold their first meeting of the semester at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 in MUC 305.

JEFFERY HOOPER | THE ALL STATE



# FEATURES

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Ever really wished to be connected to Hogwarts even though it is fictional? The Harry Potter Club, part of the Harry Potter Alliance, aims to fulfill that wish by bringing the love of *Harry Potter* to APSU's campus.

The Harry Potter Club started last semester and is fairly new here at APSU. It is a club where fans of the franchise and series can gather to share interest but also help out the community within their shared interests.

"We are planning on doing *Harry Potter* movie nights, trivia ones over the movies and books. There is a lot of weird and unique crafts that are *Harry Potter* themed so we would love to do craft nights as well," Harry Potter Club President and senior English major Arielle Raymos said.

Raymos said the club plans to do all sorts of fun *Harry Potter* themed nights but also want to work on community projects.

Last semester, the club worked on a book drive called Accio Books. The club donated the books to schools in need. Raymos said that the club focuses mostly on literary themed projects.

The club is currently working on putting together a movie night for October. Raymos said she likes the Halloween theme idea because "it works well with *Harry Potter*."

"The club is also a branch of The Harry Potter Alliance, which works with a lot of nonprofit charity organizations. The alliance does a lot of campaigns on a lot of important issues," Raymos said. "The current one is on girls' education around the world. For our part of this we plan

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# ‘It’ terrifies, excites amid doubt

## New take on King novel breathes fresh air into genre of stale characters, plot

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Originally a novel by Stephen King, which then became a miniseries that aired 27 years ago, very few movies must meet the insane level of expectations that this film does; the audience knows it, and so do the filmmakers. The film is not just about a scary clown, and the movie itself, unlike the audience enamored with the marketing campaign, realizes this.

This movie is about a group of misfit kids living in Stephen Kings own town of Derry, tested in what that entails for them, in a story that is not over yet. People are disappearing, people are dying, all thanks to "It" terrorizing the town behind the scenes. Our protagonists, referred to as the "losers," do not take long to realize they are all experiencing the same horrors, all the while dealing with the town bullies.

The "losers" consist of seven distinctly different and relatable children. No matter who you are, at least one of the "losers" is, or once upon a time was, you.

The antagonist, Pennywise the clown, although not the primary focus of the film, dominates the screen whenever he is on. The first time you see him, in the movie's genuinely thrilling and poetic opening, you will be hooked for all the wrong reasons. By the end of this two hour and fifteen-minute journey, it becomes clear that Pennywise has a very unique quality to him of "hey, I'm making this up as I go along," which in it of itself is intriguing.

Although his motives are only hinted upon in this "chapter," it is enough to keep you on your feet and anxious. The interactions that Pennywise has with each "loser" are based on their



See IT on page 6

'It' originated as a 1986 book from Stephen King, acclaimed horror writer. It turned into a miniseries from Nov. 18 to Nov. 20, 1990, before becoming a full film. IMAGE CREDIT | WARNER BROS. STUDIOS



# LGBTQ organization organizes on campus

## Gay-Straight Alliance plans for new semester, bonds LGBTQ community

LAUREN VON PALKO  
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Outside the door of MUC 312 lay a sign reading “Gay Straight Alliance.” Balloons and several pride flags for numerous sexual orientations and gender identities invited passing students to join them.

On Wednesday, Sep. 6 at 6 p.m. in MUC 312, the GSA held its first meeting of the year.

Inside the meeting room was a diverse group of adults, wearing name tags and stickers that indicated their preferred pronouns. Leading the gathering was the GSA committee, who held nominations for an emergency election for president and historian. Following the discussion were fun activities, such as creating slime and stress balls.

APSU founded their local GSA in 2004. Matthias Lee is the current Treasurer of GSA.

“This is just our private one at APSU,” he said. “We do work with national organizations, but are not one ourselves.”

The GSA makes an effort to inform potential members at club fairs and through local advertising on campus. The GSA holds bake sales and fundraisers for various LGBTQ organizations, such as The Trevor Project and the Tennessee

Equality Project. They also hold a biannual drag show in order to raise donations and funds for the club.

“We basically just want to bring people together. We do not want to be an exclusive club,” Matthias said. “We want to have everybody to feel welcome here, and we want everybody to feel at home in our club.”

Since its inception, the crowd has fluctuated year after year. GSA said it appears to be in part to the club’s current reputation. The club’s officers said there is a “consensus around campus that the GSA is not the place to be, that the members are pretentious or you have to be part of an in-group to fit in, and that’s not true at all.” GSA said it is open to anyone, and they said they want to make it as inviting as they can.

GSA said their goal for the executive board this year is to “show people that we are welcoming, and that we are a safe place. We have efforts to reach out into the community through our outings committee, and we invite people to meetings. We try to make sure that they are fun and that we can educate people about LGBT issues. We just want to show that we are here, and that we are not going away.”

The consensus amongst those who



The Gay-Straight Alliance held its first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 6. Students do not have to be part of the LGBTQ community in order to join. The GSA formed in 2004. HALEY PALMERI | THE ALL STATE

attended the event was generally positive, with most describing the event as exciting. One specific attendee, freshman Amelia Dicus, said she was interested in the organization.

“It could be more organized, and I think they are working on that with their officer elections, but it is definitely a friendly and inviting environment. Just improving on what they already have would be great,” Dicus said.

GSA is open every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. on the third floor of the MUC, room 312, and their meetings are open to all. Information comes through email, and anyone, no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity, is welcome to come.

## POTTER

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to show a movie about girls’ struggles to get education that is not as easy as in the U.S.”

Raymos said she hopes the club can come together, sharing an interest in *Harry Potter* while also having an impact on charities together. In terms of Raymos’s own interest in *Harry Potter*, she said her favorite character in the series is Draco Malfoy and her current house is Slytherin.

Raymos said the club does not discriminate based on interest.

“Anyone is welcome to join the club, fans of the movie or books, and even people who are just interested in the projects,” Raymos said. “That is what I like about the club: we can partner social issues also with interests in *Harry Potter*. For example, showing things like the documentaries or just a fun trivia night.”

Raymos said she hopes the club can grow because everyone always asks her what would she even do in a Harry Potter Club. She wants to spread the word that it is not just about being obsessed with *Harry Potter*. Raymos said the club is about community and enjoying a shared passion.

“I actually work in Student Organizations, and that is where you go to start a club and it was my first one, so it was really nice to have help from the organization about questions or problems,” Raymos said.

The club has already received at least 100 emails asking for details about the organization, how to join and how often it meets. The club’s first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21 at 4:45 p.m. in the Morgan University Center.

Raymos said her goal is to help everyone connect through interests and expand their perspectives, through learning about social issues or working on projects together as a club.

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ARIELLE RAYMOS  
SENIOR ENGLISH MAJOR

## IT

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individual fears, as the character feeds on it and is more powerful in scenarios where he has the advantage of providing the terror rather than receiving it.

With a strong message of unity and the strength in numbers, seemingly the love child of “Stranger Things” and the McDonalds mascot with a bit of “Twilight Zone” influence, this coming of age story will likely make you think twice about wandering alone into places you do not belong.

Each time Pennywise can feast on a child, it is notably in situations where they are left to their own devices. The twisted “after-school special” also acts as a guide on what not to do in life, such as: not talking to strangers, particularly clowns, and not wandering into homes, particularly of the abandoned and broken variety.

“It” is a very special film in that it nails what is wrong with a lot of horror movies these days: a lack of story and meaning. Most other films in the genre involve a demon, or mentally unstable individual, attacking a group of underdeveloped cannon fodder, or “characters” then rinse and repeat for a sequel.

Fortunately, Stephen King does not write like that, so the film had to be

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DOMINIC GONZALEZ  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

different, and it is.

With quick and efficient character development, the story is able to progress at such a speed that there is no lull in the viewing experience: the viewer is likely fully focused the whole time.

This is not only a testament to the creative team behind the cameras, but of the on-screen talent attached to “IT.” An important part of acting is reacting, and the young adults do so effortlessly with such a relatable and likable quality.

The entire movie is odd, thrilling and unexpected, as I was expecting a more traditional horror film with a clown front and center. This movie reached out and grabbed hold of me, like a vivid dream or haunting experience.

As the final title card came on screen revealing the “Chapter One” subtitle, the audience erupted in applause. The stories of Derry, the losers and Pennywise are far from over.



Unlike many horror films, the characters in ‘It’ are fleshed-out and feel more real. As a result, the film progresses to the actual horror faster and more consistently. IMAGE CREDIT | WARNER BROS. STUDIOS

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# SPORTS

## Volleyball finish second at Ole Miss

Govs respond with two wins after Ole Miss Loss

ALLY WILLIAMS  
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

APSU volleyball team (8-2) competed in the Ole Miss Classic in Oxford, Mississippi, on Thursday, Sept. 7. APSU took a three-set loss against Ole Miss (22-25, 15-25, 22-25). The following day, the Govs faced Mercer in a four-set win (25-18,25-23, 16-25, 24-23) and a five -set victory over Northwestern State (25-19, 23-25, 25-18, 16-25, 15-10).

Letsgopeay.com reported that the Govs kept Ole Miss close during the first set. After 17-17, the Rebels took charge of the set. APSU tried to comeback after a block from senior Ashley Slay at 22-24, but the Rebels would go on to get the final point.

The Rebels won the second set by restraining Slay. The APSU senior only managed three attack attempts and was not allowed any kills.

In the third set, the Govs hung with the Rebels and took a lead at 8-7. APSU maintained the lead until a block from the Rebels tied the score at 19-19. After a kill from Mississippi’s Kate Gibson, the Rebels took the lead and held it until the end.

The Govs saw better results the next day in their contest against Mercer. Freshman Brooke Moore had a break-out performance with a career high of 19 kills.

Moore opened the first set with five kills and a 0.363 attack percentage. The freshman also impressed with 12 digs in her second career double-double.

The Govs took the match against the Bears after a 5-0 run, consisting of two kills from Moore and some help from Slay and redshirt junior Christina White.

The Govs and Northwestern State battled in the opening set. The Lady Demons threatened the Govs at 15-14, but thanks to kills from junior Logan Carger, White and Moore as well as a block from junior Kristen Stucker, the

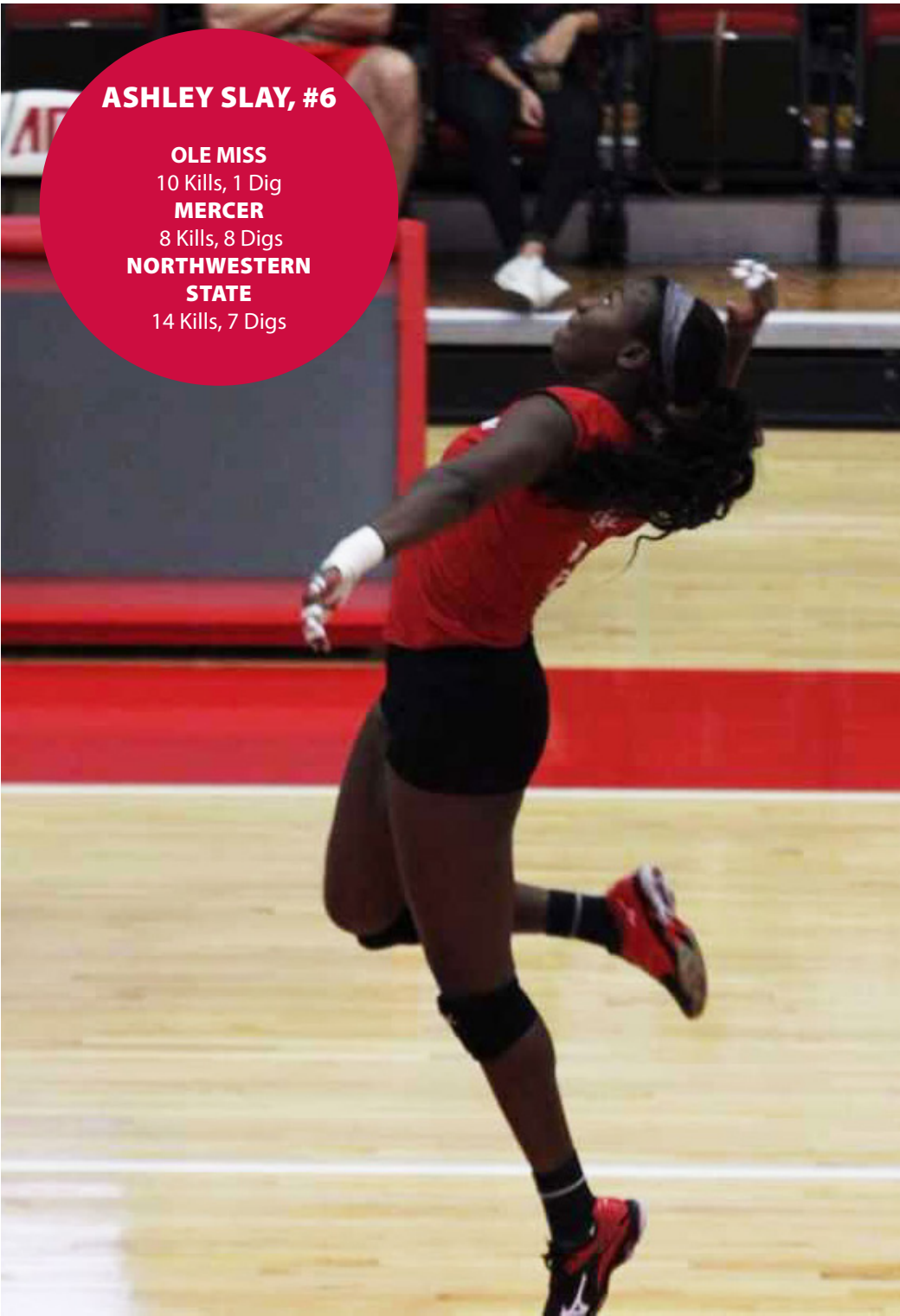
Govs were able to end the set. Northwestern continued to rally, and when the Govs were up 16-12, the Lady Demons managed to tie the score at 22-22. After they took a one-point lead, the Lady Demons overtook APSU once again to win the set.

APSU took control of the third set early and sailed to the win; however, Northwestern responded in the fourth by taking an early lead and maintaining it for the 25-16 victory.

The Govs used a 5-0 run to break the 4-4 tie of the fifth set. Two kills from Carger, a block from Stucker and a kill from Slay helped to ensure the win for the Govs.

Carger had an impressive 14 kills in the match along with a 0.478 attack percentage. Moore also posted her second straight double-double with 10 kills and 12 digs.

The Govs return to action on Friday, Sept. 15 in Jacksonville, Florida. APSU will face South Florida, Presbyterian and Jacksonville.



ASHLEY SLAY, #6

OLE MISS  
10 Kills, 1 Dig  
MERCER  
8 Kills, 8 Digs  
NORTHWESTERN  
STATE  
14 Kills, 7 Digs

### TOURNAMENT RECAP:

OLE MISS, L 3-0  
22-25, 15-25, 22-25

MERCER, W 3-1  
18-25, 23-25, 25-16, 23-25

NORTHWESTERN ST,  
W 3-2  
19-25, 25-23, 18-25, 25-16,  
10-15

Slay sets up to make a play in the 2016 season. | THE ALL STATE



## GOVS GAMES

### FOOTBALL

Morehead State, Saturday, Sept. 16, 6 P.M.

### SOCCER

@ Eastern Kentucky (OVC), Fri-  
day, Sept. 15, 3 P.M.

@ Belmont (OVC), Sunday, Sept.  
17, 2 P.M.

### VOLLEYBALL

JAX Classic

South Florida, Friday, Sept. 15, 2  
P.M.  
Presbyterian, Saturday, Sept. 16,  
9 A.M.  
Jacksonville, Saturday, Sept. 16,  
Noon

### MEN’S GOLF

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17, All Day

### WOMEN’S GOLF

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### CROSS COUNTRY

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day, Sept. 16, 9 A.M.

APSU Invitational, Saturday,  
Sept. 23, 9 A.M.

## Football lose to Miami (OH) 31-10

RILEY GRUBBS  
STAFF WRITER

APSU traveled to Oxford, Ohio, where they took on the Miami RedHawks in a losing effort, falling 31-10 on Saturday, Sept. 9.

APSU entered the game, still searching for a way to shake off the nation’s longest active losing streak, which is now at an absmal 29 games.

This was the second week in a row APSU was able to hold its opposition to less than 300 total yards of offense. Although the team allowed 31 points, the defense looked stout as they racked up four sacks and forced three turnovers.

The RedHawks scored the game’s first points as the team methodically strolled down the field on a 15-play 60-yard drive. The drive ended as Gus Ragland found Kenny Young for the five-yard score, leaving a 7-0 hole for APSU.

APSU seemed undaunted. The team struck back almost immediately, cruising 71 yards down the field in just five plays. JaVaughn Craig used his feet to help

find the end zone on a 22-yard scamper, knotting the score up at 7-7 to end the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter the RedHawks found the end zone again on a drive that took half the plays and a third of the time as their previous one. They found the end zone in just eight plays. Ragland threw his second touchdown of the day, this time finding James Gardner on a 42-yard connection.

The Govs would not answer back, and just five minutes later the RedHawks were on the board again. Ragland found Gardner again, this time for 34-yards and the touchdown.

APSU would not score again in the first half, but would recover a fumble, stopping the opposing offense from creating a bigger deficit. APSU went into the half trailing 21-7.

The third quarter belonged to APSU as the team put the RedHawks into -1 yards for the quarter and recovered another fumble.

After the fumble the team was able

to put points on the board following a 37-yard Cole Phillips field goal. The ReadHawks lead 21-10 at the end of third quarter.

An APSU fumble in the fourth led Miami to another long drive and a score, as the team held the ball for five minutes and scored after Leonard Ross punched the ball into the end zone on a one-yard carry. The RedHawks led 28-10 with just 7:54 left.

The RedHawks later added on a field goal, taking the 31-10 victory.

APSU played well, accumulating 270 yards of offense. Craig finished with 129 yards of total offense and the only touchdown of the day, but left the game in the first half and did not return.

Gunnar Scholato finished with 11 tackles, a forced fumble and also recovered a fumble.

APSU comes home to Clarksville for their next game, hosting Morehead State in their home opener. The game will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16 in Fortera Stadium.



Kentel Williams offers some motivation in the 2016 season. | THE ALL STATE



# Soccer routes weekend competition

## Mississippi Valley St.

**RILEY GRUBBS**  
STAFF WRITER

APSU women’s soccer earned their second clean sheet of the season Friday night, as they defeated Mississippi Valley State 3-0. APSU’s season record improved to 4-2 on Senior Night, as Kirstin Robertson scored the lone goal amongst seniors.

The Govs made their way past the opposition early as Morgan Drawdy intercepted a pass and scored within the first two minutes of the game. The Govs took an early 1-0 lead and did not look back.

Later on, Kirstin Robertson found the back of the net as APSU scored in the 23rd minute of the first half of play. Robertson received an assist from Pamela Penoloza as she scored the team’s second goal of the night.

The game stayed quiet for some time, until Penoloza was able to find the lower

right corner of the goal in the 83rd minute of the game, giving the Govs the 3-0 win.

Both the offense and the defense for APSU had tremendous outings.

Mississippi Valley State was only able to take six shots the entire game. Only two of them were on goal, which were both saved.

APSU on the other hand, took 23 total shots, 14 of them were on goal, 11 of which were saved by Mississippi Valley State. The Govs, however, did have 11 fouls and two offsides throughout the entirety of the game.

Head Coach Kelley Guth told letsgopeay.com “They were difficult to break down. They throw a lot of numbers behind the ball. I was pretty proud of our girls in their commitment to maintain possession. We scored on two set pieces which is positive as the season goes on, that is going to make a difference.”

The win puts APSU at 4-2 on the season with conference play looming.

## Little Rock

**NOAH HOUCK**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Led by a Kirstin Robertson brace, APSU soccer (5-2) remained unblemished at home following a 3-0 thrashing of Little Rock (3-4). In the offensive showcase, nine Govs combined for 16 shots, seven of those being on frame.

In the 50th minute, freshman Claire Larose opened up the scoring with a right side finish assisted by fellow freshman Morgan Drawdy.


In the 69th minute Robertson doubled the lead with a shot placed in the lower left corner. 15 minutes later it was Robertson again, firing a shot to the opposite side of the net and putting APSU ahead 3-0 with six minutes left. Robertson now sits on six strikes for the season.

On the other end of the field sophomore

Mary Parker Powell helped APSU to continue to blank their opposition two games in a row with five saves. Powell’s efforts came up big for the Govs in the final few moments which featured a diving penalty save to her left.

Head Coach Kelley Guth told letsgopeay.com, “Hopefully this gives us confidence we need heading into the conference schedule, but like I told the girls in the post-game talk, it is just another game next week. Sometimes we put too much onus on conference play, we need to approach it as just another game. It is just the game of soccer, let’s go do what we do, and do it better than we did last week.”

**Kelley Guth**  
HEAD COACH



### Player of the Week

Kristen Stucker

The junior setter out of Johnston, Iowa, did her job this weekend by accumulating 85% of the assists for the Govs in the Ole Miss Classic.

Stucker finished with all 28 assists in the 3-0 loss to Ole Miss while recording 112 assists and 33 digs in the three game spell.

# Titans lose opening game of season

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Tennessee Titans missed their big opportunity to show the NFL they’re ready to play with the league’s big boys.

They lost an onside kick to open the season, missed tackles on both defense and special teams, untimely penalties and settled for two field goals instead of touchdowns.

The Raiders are coming off a 12-4 season that ended in the playoffs when Derek Carr was out with a broken right leg.

The Titans made a six-win improvement in 2016 for a 9-7 record, and this game offered a chance to show just how much they had improved as a favorite to win the AFC South.

Coach Mike Mularkey certainly tried to make a statement from the opening kick, having Ryan Succop handle the first onside kick in the NFL since 2009 to open a season. Yet the Raiders recovered

easily, and Carr hit Amari Cooper for an 8-yard TD pass four plays later.

Mularkey refused to second-guess himself either.

“We could have had at the ball at the 50-yard line with a pretty potent offense if we execute the onside kick,” Mularkey said.

Asked about why the Titans didn’t execute, Mularkey declined to go into what went wrong.

The Raiders exposed what had been a couple of strengths of Tennessee’s last season.

The Titans led the NFL in scoring touchdowns inside opponents’ 20 at a rate of 72 percent. Twice they got inside the Raiders 10, but settled for field goals.

The second time, Pro Bowl running back DeMarco Murray, who led the AFC with 1,287 yards rushing last season, was stopped for a 1-yard loss on third-

and-2 at the Oakland 7 in the third quarter.

The Tennessee defense ranked second against the run last season, but the Titans could not stop Marshawn Lynch and the Raiders in the fourth quarter. Lynch ran 10 times in the fourth, six of those on a drive that featured Lynch blasting over Pro Bowl defensive lineman Jurrell Casey.

Casey said they knew that the Raiders would feed the ball to Lynch to run out as much time as possible, yet a defense that gave up just 88.3 yards rushing per game last season couldn’t make the stop. Lynch finished with 76 yards on 18 carries with the Raiders running for 109 yards.

The Titans insist their confidence is not shaken by a third straight loss to Oakland in as many seasons, this by the largest margin yet.

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