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ANTS Camp provides Non-Trads, Transfers with study time

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For students, juggling work, chores and personal time is a major component of keeping themselves stable throughout a semester. If a student has children, they must adjust their schedules to take proper care of them.

ANTS Camp is a free program in the Adult, Nontraditional and Transfer Student Center for students to bring children aged 3-12. While children are being watched and engaged in the center, students can use their newly free time as they see fit.

In this current semester, ANTS camp will happen Saturday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“ANTS Camp is a program that existed last year; however, it did not run in the fall. One of my focuses as a new coordinator for the center was to help decrease barriers for our students who are parents,” Coordinator of the ANTS Center Ashley Nelson said. “I wanted to bring ANTS Camp back because I see the value in this program. This will be the first semester that ANTS Camp will have occurred on the weekend, so I am interested to see if

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College Republicans hosts U.S. Senator candidate, Toyos

CELESTE MALONE
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APSU College Republicans had U.S. Senator candidate, Rolando Toyos speak to the organization on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m.



ROLANDO TOYOS

Toyos spoke about his platform and on ideas to help fix the economy like immigration and health care.

One issue that he addressed is health care and his plan to combat it.

According to Toyos website, he proposes a solution called the Protective Healthcare Act or PHA, to insure citizens while also lowering personal tax.

“The goal of the Protective HealthCare Act, PHA, is to medically insure everyone without raising personal taxes and at the same time lowering the cost curve closer to what is seen in other free nations,” the site said.

Toyos also spoke about immigration and how his Cuban father and Dominican mother came to the U.S. legally making him a first generation immigrant.

Toyos said part of the issue with illegal immigration deals with Mexican gangs trying to control the drug trade in border towns and their being able to

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YEAR-ROUND PELL GRANT



“It’s a good opportunity for students to take summer classes and to either get on track of stay ahead of their timing for graduation.”

DONNA PRICE
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

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Summer aid made simple

The U.S. Department of Education offers Pell-Grant aid for enrollment in the Summer beginning this year

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Many students rely on the Pell Grant for financial aid. Starting this summer, students will be able to access additional funds.

“It’s something that the department of education passed, it’s really called Year-Round Pell,” Donna Price, director of the office of financial aid, said.

Year-Round Pell allows Pell Grant recipients the option of using aid for summer classes.

“Basically for the summer what it means is, typically Pell and other financial aid are awarded fall/spring, you get 50 percent of your award in fall, and you get 50 percent of your award in spring,” Price said. “Which means if you come to summer classes, you don’t have any aid, because you already used all of it in fall and spring.

Students will get additional funds for taking summer classes.

“Beginning this summer we are allowed

to award an additional 50 percent of pell grant for summer, if a student is enrolled at least half-time,” Price said. Students only taking one course are not eligible for these funds.

“A full Pell Grant recipient would get \$5920 total for fall and spring. That would be 100 percent. The additional 50 percent would be \$2960 that could go towards the cost of summer,” Price said.

Students who take this opportunity may graduate faster.

“We think that it’s a good opportunity for students to take summer classes and to either get on track or stay ahead of their timing for graduation,” Price said. “It would actually encourage students to take classes all year, so that they complete their degree more quickly.”

Pell Grant recipients are not the only students who can benefit from summer aid.

“Hope lottery recipients can also receive some of their hope lottery scholarship in the summer as well,” Price

QUICK FACTS:

- Pell Grants are not loans and do not need to be repaid
- Pell Grants are typically awarded to undergraduates
- Pell Grant amounts change annually
- Year-Round Pell will require students to apply for aid seperately
- Enrollment status determines eligibility of recieving a Pell Grant
- Pell Grants have a maximum useage limit

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College of Education, Diversity Task Force host 7th annual Multicultural Food Feast

‘We wanted to create a social kind of environment within the community’

VICTORIA BOLKCOM
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On Monday, Feb 19, the Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education, Special Education faculty and staff, and the College Diversity Task Force put on the 7th Annual Multicultural Food Fest.

The Multicultural Food Fest is directed by Moniqueka Gold of the College of Education.

It is the product of the Special Education faculty whose focus is in inclusion.

The theme of inclusion was created in conjunction with the multicultural students.

It has now been adopted by the faculty and the College of Education.

The Multicultural Food Fest is an event that encourages students to feel involved and interact with the faculty and other students on campus.

It is held around February annually.

This event is held for three main reasons.

“First, we wanted to honor various cultures of students at our university. We wanted there to be an opportunity for faculty and students to have comradery. Then, we want students and faculty to

sit together and eat and talk outside of class,” said Gold. “We wanted to create a social kind of environment within the community. And third, food because whenever you say eat people always come. You can say study session and they may or may not come, but when you say eat (students come). Strangers get to know strangers over food.”

“Some participate because they’re education majors so their teachers have announced it in class. Some of them participate because they’re in this building for other courses that are out of education like math and they see our sign and we post it well in advance so that they know and they come,” according to Gold.

This event also includes the graduate students.

They have food ready for the graduate students when they come in at 4:30. They have drinks, chips and sometimes cupcakes.

There is not any hot food, but they do have some snacks.

This serves as a kind gesture for the graduate students who are coming to the university after a long day of work.



Students, faculty and staff participate in a Multicultural Food Fest hosted by the APSU College of Education and Diversity Task force on Feb. 19 in the Claxton Building. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE

Google breaks ground in Tennessee

ASSOCIATED PRESS | CELESTE MALONE
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Google has broken ground on a \$600 million data center in Tennessee that will bring 70 to 100 high-tech jobs.

Google officials on Friday announced new and expanding data centers and offices in 14 states, including the Clarksville, Tennessee, center.

Sen. Bob Corker’s office says the facility will be Google’s eighth U.S. data center and the 15th worldwide.

According to The Leaf-Chronicle, the new facility is expected to create 1,000

construction jobs and will likely go online in the first half of 2019.

The Tennessee center is part of a \$2.5 billion investment that includes new and expanding data centers in Alabama, Oregon, Virginia and Oklahoma.

Google is also investing in new or expanded offices in California, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington.

Also according to The Leaf-Chronicle, Google has plans to work with local schools, APSU and Fort Campbell.

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kill without being documented.

“There’s about four or five gangs right now that are trying to take control of the drug market. If you look at a town right across the border, like Tijuana they had 1,700 murders,” Toyos said.

Toyos believes there should not be amnesty and no DACA for these residents.

“My feeling is that we shouldn’t have any amnesty. There should be no DACA. We should build the wall or some type of technology to try to prevent illegals from trying to get here,” Toyos said.

He feels with the U.S. being so far in debt, open borders would not be beneficial. Toyos also feels the process of legally immigrating does not need to be modified.

“By not curbing illegal immigration, your making life worse for people who don’t live here,” Toyos said.

He followed by also announcing that he is pro-2nd amendment and had previously been a teacher after being asked about the school shooting in Florida.

“I am pro-2nd amendment. Wouldn’t it have been better if some of them

[teachers] had guns and not only shielded the students but actually fired back,” Toyos said.

After Toyos had finished, the College Republicans went into their regularly scheduled meeting.

Sophomore political science major and President of College Republicans Taylor Scott spoke about how the organization is trying to rebuild itself.

“We’ve just experienced a lot of leadership changes, and we just elected new officers in the Fall,” Scott said. “When I came into office in the Fall we did not have a lot of members so we have been working on gaining traction.”

She explained that social media is how they have gained membership and connections are how candidates, like Toyos come to speak on campus.

“We’ve really had a lot of people reach out, and we have gotten a lot of people to come to our meetings,” Scott said. “The majority of our Executive Council have internships and we have a lot of connections so they reach out to us and that’s mainly how we get candidates to come talk to us.”

Scott said students can get involved by signing up on Peaylink and their meetings are at 4 p.m. on Mondays in room MUC 307 and 4 p.m. on Thursdays in room MUC 308.

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that works better for our students.”

If a student needs community service hours, they can consider reaching out to Nelson at nelsona@apsu.edu to see if they could help out.

“I would love to have conversations with those interested in volunteering,” Nelson said. “However, I do want to make sure that those helping have an understanding and passion for working with children. I have a background in education and will be present at all ANTS Camps to better ensure the safety of the children present.”

Nelson hopes this program will help students find more time to do things they both want to do and need to do.

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said. “The requirement for that is they would actually have to go full time in the summer.”

Using Year-Round Pell would count towards a student’s aid limit. There is a maximum amount of federal aid that students can receive.

“If they use their pell grant in the summer, it counts toward their lifetime eligibility,” Price said.

Students do have to apply separately for summer aid, because the FAFSA only covers fall and spring. The application for Year-Round Pell will be available in April.

The Office of Financial Aid will be advertising various aid options to students in the coming weeks.

April 2-13 are the priority pre-registration dates for summer and fall 2018.

“We just wanted to get this information out to students so they can start thinking ‘hey I might qualify for some aid for summer,’” Price said.

“Oftentimes students with children have difficulty finding time to study or complete class assignments,” Nelson said. “ANTS Camp is a program that not only allows parents extra time to study while their children are entertained and engaged, but also allows their children to come and see where their mom or dad goes to school.”

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SELLS OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS OR INTOXICATED PERSONS

Gov’s North- 312 Drane St.
Thursday, Feb. 15- 11:02 p.m.
Cited

ASSAULT- INJURY/FEAR OF INJURY (MISDEMEANOR)

Intramural Field- 450 Drane St.
Thursday, Feb. 15- 4:15 p.m.
Referral

THEFT FROM A BUILDING (UNDER \$1000)

310 Drane St.
Tuesday, Feb. 13- 9:20 p.m.
Report

DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, UNLAWFUL USES (MISDEMEANOR)

Castle Heights- 305 Castle Heights Dr.
Monday, Feb. 12- 10:00 p.m.
Referral

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

364 Henry St.
Monday, Feb. 12- 6:42 p.m.
Arrest



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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

You have to prioritize yourself

Sometimes the help one can offer is not worth more than one’s own health



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The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance states that “Major depressive disorder affects approximately 14.8 million American adults, or about 6.7 percent of the U.S. population age 18 or older, in each year.”
Mental health is not a surprising concept in 2018, and many people find themselves suffering with these things whether it be from depression, ADHD

or anxiety. There are groups of people who find when they struggle with these mental illnesses they want to help those who are facing the same problems.
When you open your mind and allow yourself to take some of the weight off others, you are forced to decide if you are now ready to bear all their weight.
According to healthyway.com “Irritability is one of the lesser known symptoms of depression, but it’s textbook one that can typically have characterized as “quick to anger, quick to tears.” When you invite people into your life you are allowing yourself to be opened to the problems that they are

dealing with. When situations like this arise, people are fearful that they will be the bad guy If they take a step back and realize that are unable to focus on someone else.
If you find yourself going through a recovery of your own, or in general trying to be a happier person and you find it difficult to accomplish these goals with friends that are always hurting or suffering without the goal of happiness, you are okay to separate yourself from these people.
Throughout life you will hit points that are harder to deal with and with this you need to understand that you are the your number one priority. If you are suffering because you are worried about someone else, and it is hurting your recovery, you need to step away.
There is no reason to risk a relapse in

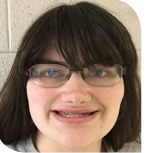
your life for anyone.
When you take a step away from a friend that is hurting it does not mean that you are a terrible friend or that you are no longer there for them. It means you have hit the point where you have to care of yourself.
In the book “An Invitation to Self-Care” by Tracey Cleantis, Danielle Keopke is quoted saying “You don’t ever have to feel guilty about removing toxic people from your life. It doesn’t matter whether someone is a relative, romantic interest, employer, childhood friend, or a new acquaintance- you don’t have to make room for people who causes you pain or make you feel small.”
You can love someone and decide that you no longer need them in your life. The only way to win in a toxic friendship is to no longer be involved with it.



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Friends are worth the patience

Personal struggles can be long-term, a friend’s efforts can make a difference



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When people go through difficult times, it is most likely their friends are there for them and support them. However, there are times when friendships can be pushed to the edge when dealing with a larger issue. This can be true with friends suffering with mental illness, and it can be hard for people to support or cheer them up.
Being in a close relationship can be pleasant, but when you have a friend who has negative thoughts or comments against you, you may feel uncomfortable or even uncertain with your friendship. Mentally or physically threatening friends can also lead one to cut their friends out of the relationship, and sometimes, it is necessary to end the relationship if the threat is serious.
Mental illness is a different issue, especially with depression. If someone is suffering from depression, there are friends who want to help him or her to cheer up, but depression is sometimes difficult and slow to recover. There are even times when people begin to feel like there is no hope of recovering their

friends and think they can just give up on helping them.
Just because a friend is dealing with depression does not make them the reason why you should cut them from your friendship. As human beings, we all undergo times of stress and deep sadness, and there are times when we are too stressed or sad to perform daily activities. As friends, we should try our best to help one another. Leaving someone with depression can make the issue worse and recovery would be far from possible.
First, you can begin helping out your friends by seeking professional help. In an article from the Mayo Clinic, it is stated that for “depression: Supporting a family member or friend,” it is important to set up appointments for a doctor and help your friend or your loved one to go to those appointments. Seeking treatment is a great step for your friend’s path to recovery.
Another thing in mind is that your encouraging words may not instantly bring a person out of depression. It is a process and it takes time for one to completely or partially recover. One thing that stood out in the article “Helping Someone with Depression” from helpguide.org, was the fact that the person suffering with depression

determines when to recover, not you. You cannot force someone to get better.
When you are feeling like there is no hope of helping your friends, just remember that it makes a huge difference when you support them. There are some tips that I have found in Dr. Irene S. Levine’s article on *Huffington Post*. One of them is to listen to your friend’s problems, and it is a good idea to do that because you can learn much from his or her experience of their condition. Another thing is to stay patient with your friend. Rushing them to recover may cause them to feel overwhelmed and may make the problem even worse.
Sometimes, if a friend is acting particularly out of character in their darker hours, there is a chance they are planning to harm themselves. If your friend is showing signs of possibly being suicidal, encouraging them to speak to a professional is important, but it also might be necessary to talk to an authority in their life yourself. If they are actively threatening suicide, you should stay with them and dial 911 unless they are posing an active threat to you.
You can cut off a friend who is treating you badly, but sometimes, people who are struggling through life may need your help, and you can make their hard days a little better by supporting them, by listening to their problems and by helping them seek professional assistance you cannot provide.

Warning Signs a Friend May be Suicidal

- Isolates themselves
- A focus on death
- Makes and plans for death
- Displays mood swings
- May sleep a lot more or less than usual
- Engages in substance abuse
- Makes uncharacteristically reckless decisions

(Info from WebMD)

EXTRAS



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FEATURES

One billion and climbing: the advocates

Valentine’s Day demonstration shows effects of violence against women

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Feb. 14 is a day that connects to a theme on love and coming together, but it is also a powerful day of people all around the world, coming together to dance for ending violence against women. One Billion Rising is an around the world campaign that started in 2012 on Valentine’s Day. According to onebillionrising.org the campaign was formed to call action to the statistic that one in three women will be beaten or

raped in their lifetime. “We try to get together an amount of that group and just get together and dance, changing that energy and bringing people together,” Alumni of 2017 Kristen Harper said. This Valentine’s Day at the Morgan University Center Plaza, student activist groups on campus, Diamond Divas, Purpose on Purpose and Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance teamed up



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Activists met in the University Center plaza Wednesday to raise awareness of violence against women. “One Billion Rising” says about one in three women are beaten or raped. MIYA HANEY | THE ALL STATE



TO THE RESCUE

Rescue Center provides rest stop for homeless pets

DOMININC GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

The puppy population issue in Clarksville, Tennessee has surged. With not enough dogs properly spayed and neutered as adults, their puppies are often left for dead on the side of the roads. Fortunately, located on 114 Kraft Street, the community has businesses like Precious Friends Puppy Rescue that help battle the issue of homeless dogs and provide shelter for man’s best friend. Founded in 1992, with the dream of keeping Clarksville, Tennessee free of unwanted puppies, Linda Hutchison started Puppy Rescue services. The company has since teamed up with North Shore Animal League of America, located in New York. Since the max capacity for dogs they can house is around 120, Precious Friends sends whatever dogs they do not adopt out to North Shore after a two-week period. Both services offer a no-kill shelter. Ariane Duckett is the current Director of Precious Friends. “The humane society is a big part of my life,” Duckett said. “That is what brought my attention to this organization. I thought this place was such a great thing. This is a way out for [the puppies].” The office hours for Precious Friends is limited to only four hours. This, however, is for a very important reason. “We are here at seven in the morning, actually,” Director Ariane Duckett said.

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Precious Friends Puppy Rescue serves as an adoption center in Clarksville, housing up to 120 animals at a time. If a puppy does not find a home after two weeks, the center sends it to a larger facility in North Shore, New York. Both facilities, Clarksville and New York, are no-kill. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE

Feral cat colony receives love, care at APSU

Paws to Care provides regular shelter, support for campus’s feline residents

DOMINIC GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

The APSU campus hosted roughly 10,000 students in 2016. However, among these students, 25 plus feral cats and kittens roam the campus perimeter as they please. The organization “Paws-to-Care” is doing their part to care for and shelter these felines that have no other place to call home.

Forming in 2012, with the backing of previous APSU president Tim Hall, the mission statement behind Paws to Care is to help feral cats on campus by simply “transforming” an individual’s kindness, generosity and selflessness into “organized care.” It all started with a long-time staff member on campus, who had been feeding and trying to care for the campus cats herself, covering the costs to do so, for years. Eventually, faculty and staff on campus noticed her efforts and awareness has since become widespread on the matter.

“Feral cats have a tough and usually shortened life.” Vice President of Student Affairs Sherryl Byrd said. “They are outside all the time no matter the weather conditions.”

Due to their tough upbringing and lifestyle not in any stable household, fending for themselves most all the time, the cats that reside on APSUs campus are not encouraged to be interacted with by students. Often, these cats will run if approached by students or anyone for that matter. No one is excluded from this fact, not even the individuals that aid and feed the cats on a regular basis. Instead, Paws to Care encourages students and campus visitors to instead admire the

felines from afar.

“I’m pretty sure I saw a Bengal cat once before,” freshman graphic design major Kianna Johnson said. “They’re all so cute and seeing them on campus or on my way to class warms my heart.”

If a student did want to get more involved with the cats, they are welcomed to adopt a cat or kitten or foster until permanent homes can be found. While Paws to Care tries to neuter the adults as diligently as possible, a few kittens from time to time are born. If one kitten is not caught, they can multiply until the campus is seemingly overrun with felines. Paws to Care also has an account with the university used to pay medical expenses and buy food. They welcome monetary donations or food donations. A \$300 donation provides one feral cat with vaccinations, a spay/neuter procedure and food for one year. As little as one dollar however, can go a long way.

Byrd said she has adopted two Peay kittens of her own.

“I’m a cat person, so I’ll do whatever I can to help,” freshman psychology major Nya Howard said. “Seeing groups like this on campus is really cool and I think unique.”

Until a cat can find a proper home, they will claim APSU as their territory. Similarly, they tend to stay in the general vicinity of their feeding station. This evidently helps with keeping track of them. Other ways Paws to Care keeps tabs on each cat is by taking pictures of the ones they have not successfully caught, as well as the ones they have caught and have successfully vaccinated. Moreover, the tip of one ear is clipped so



APSU founded its feral cat colony in 2012 with the backing of then-president Tim Hall. Paws to Care encourages students to not disturb cats they see on campus. IMAGES FROM APSU STUDENT AFFAIRS

that from a distance, the cats that have been caught can be easily identified.

So why allow technically stray cats to roam campus to begin with? APSU is just one of many locations around Clarksville, Tennessee with a feral cat colony. Byrd suggests a removal of the cats entirely is seemingly impossible.

“There is a difference between a feral and a stray,” Byrd said. “If all the cats were removed, it wouldn’t take long for others to appear in their place. A location this large, with lots of people and food, just draw them in despite best efforts. Most campuses are actually home to feral cats.”

Paws to Care urges students to speak up on any cats they see on a regular basis that appear to be sick, injured or distressed. Similarly, kittens are priorities. Once they are old enough to be weaned, the organization needs to capture them, so they can learn to socialize with humans and get adopted.

The process only takes a few days.

The organization has seen success stories. After upgrading to a more detailed record system, Paws to Care has spayed/neutered and released seven cats, adopted out over 20 kittens and one adult. Currently, three kittens and one adult are being fostered, with two of the kittens potentially moving to permanent homes.

“Just think of how the campus population would have grown if all these cats had not been fixed and the kittens adopted,” Byrd said.

Paws to Care said if students would like to donate or volunteer with the organization, they should contact Halliburton at halliburtonl@apsu.edu. The Office of Student Affairs is on the main floor of the Morgan University Center, room 206.

If they would like to report suspicious behavior dealing with these cats, please contact APSU police.



The “One Billion Rising” movement says about one in three women experience sexual or domestic violence in their lifetime. The movement works to bring these issues to light. MIYA HANEY | THE ALL STATE

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to create a flash mob to support the cause. Participants presented monologues and danced with one another in the name of positive change for feminism and women’s rights.

“When women find their authentic power, we can transform our community, and it is through events like this that we do that,” English professor and Coordinator of Women’s and Gender Studies Jill Eichhorn said. “The power comes from telling our stories and connecting with each other.”

When an event like this comes together, stories spread and voices come to life. Students and faculty both gathered in the rain outside the UC listening to monologues and dancing together to “Break the Chain” by Tina Clark.

“The conversation about this topic isn’t had enough. We tend to shy away from it because when something traumatic happens, we don’t want to talk about it, but it happens,” sophomore history major Adria George said. “I feel like bringing awareness to it brings people together. They do not feel alone.”

This form of activism is performed around the world and has been an annual event at APSU.

“This is our 17th season of producing The Vagina Monologues,” Eichhorn said. “We are glad to just give this movement

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JILL EICHHORN
COORDINATOR OF WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES

a voice and hoped at least a few people could turn up for it, despite the weather.”

Events like One Billion Rising also continues to create a message, that change has to be continuously worked towards. Students can make a difference even after graduation.

“Even though I have graduated, I still try to come to this theme of events because I just want to bring awareness. We don’t have a huge support system here, so I try to help keep things going for those that may need it,” Harper said.

Some participants of this event, like George, will be giving performances in “Vagina Monologues” on Feb. 20 and 23 at 7 p.m. in Clement auditorium to further explore and educate others about these topics.

RESCUE

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“We want each puppy to be healthy so every morning we come in and bleach everything they touch. Then at around one we open up for viewing until five.”

As soon as the dogs catch sight of a foreign face from within their cages, their excitement and curiosity cannot be contained. Understanding the limited freedom of being inside a small cage is what causes the program to only allow for a maximum two week stay before they head to North Shore.

“I remember visiting [Precious Friends Puppy Rescue] with friends of mine before,” sophomore k-6 education major Brianna Huelsman said. “It was very heartwarming, seeing all the puppies cuddling with each other and playing together.”

Precious Friends is but a pit stop for many of the dogs and pups. Wednesday is the shipping day for the program, and as the week progresses new animals are found to take the spot of those who leave. The process as described by Director Duckett is bittersweet. While it is quick to form an attachment to the small canines, knowing their future is just beginning are worth the tears.

“You could tell the puppies are cared for,” Huelsman said. “They were visibly clean and happy. Its comforting to know [Precious Friends] are trying so hard to give them the best outcome in life.”

According to Precious Friends, an average of three million cats and dogs are euthanized in animal shelters each year. Precious Friends wants to raise awareness for the big pet overpopulation issue affecting the state. They offer a

spay and neuter program for \$85 as a small and simple solution to a large and urgent problem. The more adopted pets into safe and life-long households, the better.

“You’ll get a lot of people who will complain about how difficult our adoption process is,” Duckett said. “The process is so lengthy because we are looking for forever homes.”

There is a five-page thorough application process that an individual must go through. To adopt they would need to know things like proof of residence, and the current condition of animals in the household. Once an individual is approved for adoption there is a \$225 fee that includes things like the necessary spay/neuter surgery, a microchip and 30 days of pet health insurance.

“I wouldn’t mind adopting a dog,” freshman computer science major Maxwell Tucker said. “Especially if I know I can offer them a good place to stay.”

Precious Friends is always looking for donations from magazines and newspapers for the cages, to dog toys and food. If you cannot donate money or items, donate your time.

“I know a lot of [college] students are using the Tennessee Promise,” Duckett said. “They need those volunteer hours; we encourage them to help us help them.”

The program is only as good as the community supporting it. With most of the funding coming from the partnering program of North Shore, Precious Friends is hoping to gain more community involvement to put an end to the over-flow of unwanted puppies in the streets.



Precious Friends is only open for roughly four hours a day because of all the behind-the-scenes work. The application process for adoption is five-pages long. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE

SPORTS



Women drop close clash with JSU

APSU Women’s Basketball fell to Jacksonville State 51-50; Stay even in OVC

RILEY GRUBBS
STAFF WRITER

The Govs lost a 51-50 heart-breaker to the Jacksonville State Gamecocks in the Dunn Center on Saturday night.

The Govs were lead in scoring by Brianne Alexander with 15 points.

Alexander was followed by junior Keisha Gregory, who finished the contest with 13 points.

Gregory also had a team high nine rebounds to go along with her scoring efforts in the loss.

The Gamecocks and Govs both shot around 33 percent from the field.

The Gamecocks shot 22 percent beyond the arc, while the Govs were only able to shoot 20 percent.

Jacksonville State outrebounded the Govs 40 to 34, while making their second chance opportunities count.

The game featured plenty of turnovers as the Govs and Gamecocks combined for 29 on the day.

The game got off to an intense start as both teams jockeyed for an edge early.

The Govs and Gamecocks remained even throughout the first quarter, heading into the second tied at 12 each.

A scary moment occurred in the first quarter as freshman Briannah Ferby came down hard on the court during an offensive possession.

Ferby exited the game and was unable to return.

Jacksonville State found the slightest of edges in the second quarter outscoring

the Govs 13 to 12 in the second.

The pace of the game remained relatively slow, with physical play as neither team found an edge early on.

Jacksonville State struck first in the second quarter, but a 3-pointer by Gregory gave the Govs the one point lead.

The teams traded shots for the rest of the quarter, and the Gamecocks took the slim one point lead into the half.

The Govs came out of the break looking like a completely different team, only giving up six points the entire third phase of the game.

They were able to outscore the opposition 16 to 6.

APSU opened up the third with a 10-2 run, while suffocating the opposition’s defense efforts.

Gregory and Alexander combined for 12 points in the third alone.

The Govs second half transformation did not last though, as the Govs only mustered up nine points in the fourth, while giving up 19.

APSU fouled late in the game, giving up free throws and falling behind by a single point.

The Govs had a chance at the buzzer, however the ball was swatted away as time expired.

The Govs fall to 8-8 in conference play on the season.

The team sits at sixth place in the Ohio Valley Conference standings.

APSU play on the road at Southern Illinois at Edwardsville on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.



Brianne Alexander gets in on the action late in APSU’s 51-50 loss to JSU. VALARIE LINERAS | THE ALL STATE

Tennis struggles on trip up North, go 0-3

NOAH HOUCK
SPORTS EDITOR

APSU Men’s and Women’s tennis went 0-3 across the weekend that featured trips to Ohio and Indiana.

The Govs best performance came in the form of a 4-3 loss in women’s tennis to Dayton on Friday, Feb. 16.

APSU got off to a fast start in the singles subdivision with three consecutive wins.

Featuring in the wins for the Govs were Fabienne Schimdt, who topped Dayton’s Mattea Kilstofte 6-3 and 6-2, and Helena Kuppig, who defeated the Flyer’s Jackie Kawamoto 6-a twice.

APSU also recorded a win in the opening of doubles from the duo of Schimdt and Lidia Yanes Garcia defeated Kilstofte and Marlys Bridgham 6-2.

However, the doubles portion closed out when the Dayton women recorded two consecutive wins. Ana Albertson and Kuppig fell before APSU was forced to forfeit the third match of the doubles portion.

APSU men opened up their weekend with a 7-0 loss to Dayton.

The men opened the doubles portion with Almantas Ozelis and Aleh Drobysh combining for a 4-3 win over the team of

Carsen Fisher and Zach Berry.

However, the Flyers bounced back to win the final two matches in doubles as the teams of Timo Kiesslich and Christian Edison both lost.

Dayton swept the singles competition 6-0. The closest the Govs came to a win was in the opening match.

Dayton’s Jordan Benjamin topped Ozelis 7-6(4) in both sets.

Edison battled with Fisher before dropping 7-5 and 6-3 while Kiesslich fought to keep pace with Dayton’s Theo Jener before losing 6-4 and 6-3.

Aleh Drobysh, Jacob Lorino and Chad Woodham all also lost in the match with Dayton.

Men’s tennis continued their road trip a day later by visiting IUPUI in Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday, Feb. 17.

The Govs improved in performance, but still fell to the Jaguars 5-2.

Ozelis and Drobysh combined again in the doubles lead-off set, topping IUPUI’s Grant Weaver and Brady Luetschwager 7-2 (2).

APSU’s starting duo have won three of their last five doubles matches.

The pairing of Lorino and Edison fought for a 6-4 win over the Jaguars

second team to clinch the doubles point.

In singles action, Edison was the only Gov to record a win.

The freshman from Indonesia outlasted IUPUI’s Sean Bailey through three sets, including a dramatic 10-8 win in the final set.

Drobysh forced three rounds with David Beasley before falling 6-1 in the final go. Lorino fell to Luetschwager in

two sets, clinching the come from behind win for IUPUI.

Women’s tennis will hit the road to clash with Louisville on Friday, Feb. 23.

The women will then return to host IUPUI on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 11 a.m.

Men’s tennis will not return to action until a clash at Kennesaw State on Sunday, March 4. KSU sits at 0-4 in their 2018 spring season.



Tennis competes in the spring of 2017. Tennis went 0-3 in action. STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER | THE ALL STATE



Govs outlast Gamecocks 60-57 in a tight clash on Saturday, Feb. 17. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE

APSU outlast JSU

RILEY GRUBBS
STAFF WRITER

The APSU Govs hosted the Jacksonville State Gamecocks in the Dunn Center on Saturday, Feb. 18, fending off the visitors 60-57, sweeping Jacksonville State in the regular season.

The Govs were lead in scoring by none other than Averyl Ugba, who finished the game with 15 points before fouling out in the second half.

Along with Ugba, Steve Harris accounted for 11 points.

To go along with leading the team in scoring Ugba finished with 11 total

rebounds for the game.

Chris Porter-Bunton finished with 6, while freshmen Dayton Gumm and Terry Taylor finished with three each.

The Govs shot 44 percent from the field, while the Gamecocks shot 43 percent.

APSU hit 25 percent of their shots from beyond the arch while the Gamecocks shot 22.

The rebounding and turnover categories were both almost even, as the Gamecocks out-rebounded the Govs 34-32.

However, APSU turned the ball over 14 times compared to just 12 by the Govs.

The Govs fought hard to maintain the win against a Jacksonville State team that did not give up, even after falling behind big on the scoreboard early on.

During the First half it looked as if the Govs were prepared to blowout the Gamecocks for a second time this season.

The gov’s jumped out to a quick 19-4 lead 11 and a half minutes in.

Jacksonville State reacted well to the early hole that had been dug for them.

The Gamecocks clawed their way back into the game fast.

JSU trimmed the lead to 21-14 after a quick 10-2 run.

The Gamecocks continued to attack and eventually trimmed the lead down to just 10 at the half, after what looked to be an easy win for the Govs.

The Govs came out of the locker-room ready to start the final twenty minutes with a 31-21 lead over their Ohio Valley Conference foe.

The Gamecocks broke out to a fast-paced start in the second half.

The Govs dished out an early 14-run, eventually knotting the game up at 35 points apiece.

The teams traded blows back and forth until the Govs jumped out to a slight 45-40 lead with 11:03 left in the game.

Jacksonville State cut the deficit to two points, but a made free-throw from Zach Glotta moved the game back into two possession contest.

The Gamecocks were forced to attempt a three pointer at the end of the game, to send the contest into overtime.

However, the effort fell short.

The Govs will be back in action on Wednesday night to take on Southern Illinois at Edwardsville on the road. Two games remain in the season.

AVERYL UGBA

Ugba named OVC Newcomer of the Week for a record-breaking eighth time

Athletes Abroad

APSU Athletics supports 23 International Athletes from 9 countries



Canada

AMBER BATEMAN
Soccer
Caledon, Ontario, Canada

MORGAN RACKEL
Softball
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

CLAIRE LAROSE
Soccer
London, Ontario, Canada

IVAN CUCAK
Men's Basketball
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

JENNIFER SMITH
Soccer
Caledon, Ontario, Canada

HARLEY GOLLERT
Baseball
Toronto, Ontario, Canada



Kenya

MATHEW BIWOTT
Mrn's Cross Country
Iten, Kenya

EMMACULATE KIPLAGAT
Women's Cross Country
Iten, Kenya

HEZRON KIPTOO
Men's Cross Country
Kitale, Kenya

CAROLINE KIPLAGAT
Women's Cross Country
Eldoret, Kenya

SHADRACK MATELONG
Men's Cross Country
Burnt Forest, Kenya

SHARON KIMUTAI
Track and Field
Eldoret, Kenya



Germany

HELENA KUPPIG
Women's Tennis
Saarbruecken, Germany

FABIENNE SCHMIDT
Women's Tennis
Hillscheid, Germany

TIMO KIESSLICH
Men's Tennis
Diez, Germany



Spain

ACOYDAN MCCARTHY
Men's Basketball
Las Palmas De Gran Canaria, Spain

CLAUDIA YANES GARCIA
Women's Tennis
Los Realejos, Spain

LIDIA YANES GARCIA
Women's Tennis
Los Realejos, Spain



Indonesia

CHRISTIAN EDISON
Men's Tennis
Bandung, Indonesia



Colombia

PAMELA PENALOZA
Soccer
Bogata, Colombia



Belarus

ALEH DROBYSH
Men's Tennis
Minsk, Belarus



Lithuania

ALMANTAS OZELIS
Men's Tennis
Marijampole, Lithuania



France

JADE DAURIAT
Soccer
Marin, France

