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Stephen Dominy to become APSU’s new Greek Coordinator

» By **DAVID HARRIS**
Staff Writer

Next month, APSU will welcome Stephen Dominy, the new coordinator for Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

Student Affairs did a nationally-advertised search to fill the position. There were 44 applicants for the position, and Dean of Students Gregory Singleton conducted phone interviews with six of those applicants.

Based upon credentials and past experience, Dominy was offered the position in late December 2013, replacing former coordinator Brianna Lombardozzi, who departed for Clemson University last October.

“I think Stephen will do an outstanding job,” Singleton said. “He brings to the position national recognition.”

Some of Dominy’s experience, according to Singleton, includes “working for a national fraternity as a national staff member and having a national graduate program at Florida State.”

Dominy is finishing fraternity council recruitment at his current university, Kennesaw State. He will begin his new position at APSU on Monday, Feb. 3.

“[Dominy] is well known nationally for his work with fraternities and sororities,” Singleton said. “He is heavily involved in professional associations and has experience in higher education, already working at a college campus.”

Dominy will be responsible for working with the fraternities’ and sororties’ chapters on



Stephen Dominy will take position of Greek Coordinator in February. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

campus. He is set to be a part of the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and the National Panhellenic Conference. He will oversee all services provided for the fraternity and sorority community, as well as APSU’s Greek housing area, Greek Village.

“He comes to APSU with a lot of experience and a passion for working with fraternities and sororities,” Singleton said. “So, I’m confident he’ll do an exceptional job.”

Singleton said he encourages students to come by and meet Dominy once he arrives on campus, since he believes students will enjoy working with Dominy.**TAS**



Student Government Association members listen to Derek van der Merwe give a presentation about changes to the APSU logo on Wednesday, Jan. 22. **PRINCESS ANDRESS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Derek van der Merwe talks APSU logo change

» By **LAUREN COTTLE**
News Editor

APSU Athletic Director Derek van der Merwe spoke at the SGA meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 22, about the APSU logo and collegiate brand identity.

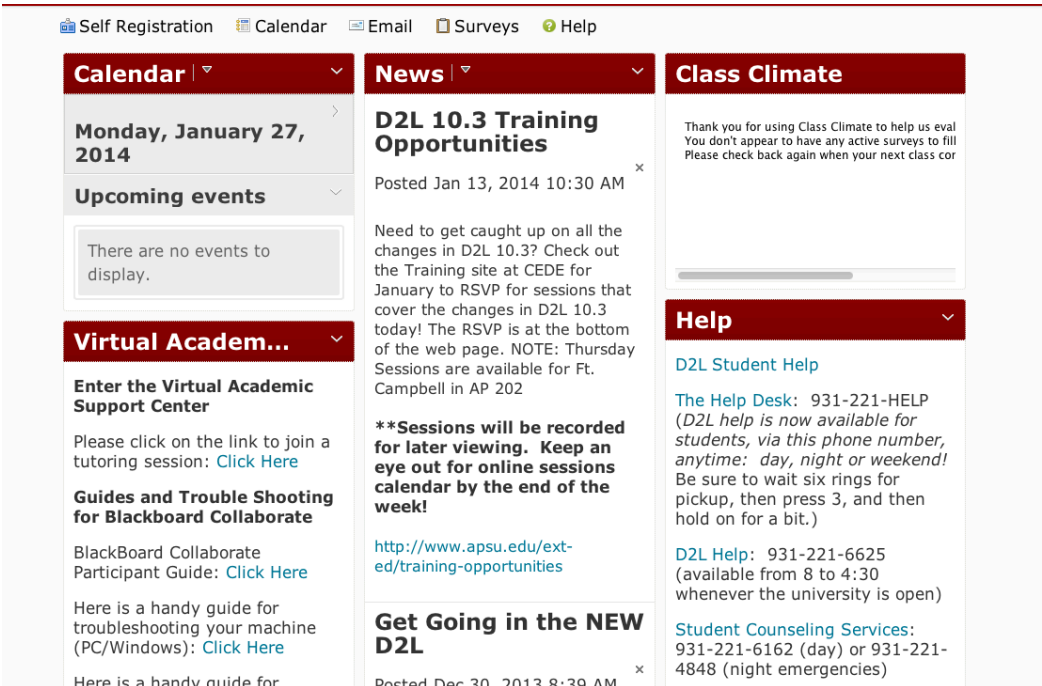
According to van der Merwe, three brand identities build up a university’s image: institutional identity, athletic identity and the university seal.

Van der Merwe said he finds a fault in the APSU logo and plans to create and define a new one. One problem, according to van der Merwe, is that the institutional identity and the athletic identity logos are the same. He aims to make a distinction between the institutional and athletic logo.

“On the field and court, APSU players should look the same, like a team,” van der Merwe said.

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APSU discusses new D2L redesign



The redesigned version of the student online learning tool, D2L. **SCREENSHOT**

» By **MEAGHAN MALONE**
Staff Writer

Over winter break, the student online learning tool, Desire 2 Learn, received a face-lift. According to Scott Vann, the coordinator of Instructional Technologies at APSU, the Tennessee Board of Regents contracts D2L and chose to update the system.

“There are training courses available for both students and faculty to use to help with the adjustment to the new layout,” Vann said. “The faculty is automatically enrolled in the program.”

The upgrade for D2L brought many changes, primarily for faculty. Previously, students accessed their courses from the home screen of D2L. Now, students can choose a course from a drop-down menu at the top of the screen.

The front page of D2L shows the calendar, news, courses, class climate, virtual academic support center and help features. Items previously listed on the menu bar are now grouped together into drop-down menus

titled content, tasks, communication and resources.

The discussions are now threaded. There is a new drag-and-drop feature for the dropbox for students to upload files. The new upgrade makes it easier, according to Vann, for faculty to manage D2L and rearrange their content.

For some students though, adjusting to the new D2L has been difficult. “There have been more issues,” said senior English major Brandie Myers, “The new layout is more of a hassle and is unnecessary.”

Myers said he feels the new D2L makes printing PowerPoints more difficult than the previous version.

“I hate it,” said Christopher Malone, a sophomore psychology major. “I got behind in class my first week of school this semester because I didn’t know how to use it. Even after learning how to use it, I don’t think it’s very functional.”

Vann recommends students enroll in the training courses to help with the adjustment to the new layout.

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Criteria for new president approved

Essential requirements for new APSU president were agreed upon by the Tennessee Board of Regents

» By **LAUREN COTTLE**
News Editor

The Tennessee Board of Regents held a telephonic meeting on Friday, Jan. 24, to discuss the criteria for the soon-to-be open position of APSU president. Most TBR members were present for this meeting.

Because President Tim Hall announced he will leave APSU after the spring semester, board member Fran Marcum said now is “the right time to begin the search for a new president as much as I regret having to do that.”

Member Robert Thomas was announced as the chair of the presidential search committee.

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— **TBR criteria for new president**

The present board members voted unanimously in favor of the released criteria for the next APSU president.

“The successful candidate will be a dynamic, innovative and energetic leader with the vision, skills and integrity required to guide [APSU] to higher levels of achievement,” according to the TBR criteria.



A photo of the APSU president’s chair. **ARIANA JELSON | PHOTO EDITOR**

Some requirements include experience in higher education, a minimum of five years administrative experience and a “demonstrated commitment to serving students, faculty and staff.”

Another criterion is an “understanding of and commitment to” the APSU community and the “university’s service of active duty and retired military personnel and their family members.”

Bill Persinger, head of APSU personal relations, listened in on the meeting. Persinger said the meeting was “a formality of the board.”

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SGA

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Continuity is the second problem with the logo, according to van der Merwe. The mark, he said, gets changed with different distributions.

Because of the varying appearance of the logo, “APSU is viewed as subpar,” van der Merwe said. The new logo, which has not yet been released to the public, will help with design, apparel and marketability, according to van der Merwe.

The athletic director also plans to

change the look of APSU’s mascot, the Gov. After having focus groups discuss the aesthetics of the current logo, van der Merwe found some problems with it.

According to van der Merwe, some found the Gov reminiscent of a “plantation owner” and “not sensitive to minorities.”

The push for a new look for APSU is based on the “great opportunity” van der Merwe said he sees in the rebuilding of the football stadium.

“We want to refine, not refashion, our brand,” van der Merwe said. “We want our identity to be tied to our

community ... We should always be evolving.”

Tahji Peebles, assistant at Student Life and Engagement, spoke during the 10 minutes allotted for campus community at all SGA meetings.

Peebles encouraged senators to spread the word about the spring 2014 AP Leadership Series, which is sponsored by Student Life and Engagement.

Events in the series include leadership and etiquette luncheons and an interviewing skills workshop.

SGA Chief Justice Kelsey Smith spoke about upcoming spring elections.

Senate and executive board applications become available Monday, March 3. The applications are due Wednesday, March 19.

Elections schedule Tuesday, April 1 through Thursday, April 3, but could be extended to allow another voting day.

SGA President Mike Rainer said SGA didn’t lose senators over winter break, something which usually occurs due to grades.

Rainer also said he and Vice President Jessi Dillingham are on the presidential search committee.

Act no. 7 and no. 8 were passed, which aim to change SGA bylaws so the

absences per semester allowed for both senators and the executive council are equal.

Resolution no. 16, a bill to repair the sidewalk between the UC and the Honors Commons, was rescinded, or canceled, for further research.

Resolution no. 17 is a formal recommendation to the Environmental Health and Safety to ensure all hand sanitizers on campus stay filled. It was passed unanimously.

Ashton Kearns, a senator representing the college of education, was sworn in to the SGA through an oath of office. *TAS*

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The next president will be the fifth since Persinger has been at APSU.

“This is a pretty normal procedure,” Persinger said. “But it was a quick meeting, which is not usually the case.”

The next university president for APSU is expected to be hired during the summer. *TAS*

D2L

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“The old layout was fine,” said freshman criminal justice major Tommy Duncan. “The new one is good, but it’s different. The old one was handier. Now we have to adjust to a new layout, which is inconvenient for college students who are already busy.”

Vann said that despite the major changes in layout to D2L, many of the features remain the same.

For students who are having a difficult time adjusting and need help with D2L, the help desk can be called at 931-221-HELP any time.

Vann said he would like to remind students that information about D2L and updates are listed in the GovSays campus announcements. *TAS*

CRIME LOG

The campus crime log includes arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within two business days of an incident and new information to an incident available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

- 10:07 p.m.; Dec. 20; Castle Heights; unlawful drug paraphernalia
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- 9:15 p.m.; Jan. 8; Sevier Hall; theft of property
- 12:05 p.m.; Jan. 9; Dunn Center; theft of property
- 3:46 p.m.; Jan. 10; Ellington; forgery
- 10:07 p.m.; Jan. 11; Sevier Hall; alcohol violation

Visit TheAllState.org to see an interactive of the campus crime log.

Obama’s predicted approach to Congress

» By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will work with Congress where he can and to bypass Congress where necessary,” White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

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economy and Obama’s stewardship of it.

The GOP is pinning hopes that voter frustration remains high and punishes Democrats on the ballot for Obama’s tenure.

“His economic policies are not working,” said Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas.

The White House has been signaling to Republicans that it would not wait for Congress to act. It also is betting Obama’s backers will rally behind his plans.

“When American jobs and livelihoods depend on getting something done, he will not wait for Congress,” Pfeiffer wrote in an email to Obama supporters Saturday.

Following the speech, Obama will travel to Maryland, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Tennessee to promote the proposals he introduces Tuesday evening.

Pfeiffer appeared on CNN’s “State of the Union” and “Fox News Sunday.” Carney spoke with ABC’s “This Week.” McConnell was interviewed on Fox. Paul spoke with CNN and NBC’s “Meet the Press.” Cruz spoke to CBS’ “Face the Nation.” *TAS*

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Marijuana affects the person, the economy

» **By MATTHEW GORDON**
Guest Writer

Marijuana has been the star of the media lately for several reasons.

Colorado has become the most recent state to legalize the recreational use of marijuana.

Marijuana has many uses for different kinds of people all over the world, but it is a drug with addictive properties and should only be used for medicinal purposes.

I think that mankind is partly to blame for being too irresponsible when using something as addictive as marijuana. Until we can use it without abusing it then it should only be used to help people with terrible diseases deal with pain.

People who are wanting to legalize marijuana for recreational usage should be aware of the many effects of Tetrahydrocannabinol or THC, the main chemical in marijuana, on the human body.

The use of marijuana has been a great controversy, because many believe it should only be used to medicate people with diseases that are accompanied by side effects of severe pain, such as AIDS, fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis.

According to Mitch Earleywine on CBS News. The other side of this debate maintains that marijuana should be legalized for

recreational use.

However, there is extensive research providing evidence that shows marijuana has addictive qualities as well as creating dangerous conditions for drivers under the influence of it.

A recent analysis of data from several studies by the National Institution on Drug Abuse found marijuana use more than doubles a driver's risk of being in an accident.

Marijuana smoke has the same effect on the lungs as cigarette smoke, creating irritation, which can cause a smoker to develop daily cough or "smoker's cough," and an increased risk of lung infections.

A number of studies have also shown an association between chronic marijuana use and mental illness, as stated by the NIDA.

High doses of marijuana can produce symptoms such as hallucinations and paranoia.

Marijuana does have certain medicinal qualities when taken in proper doses and can be used to cure pain for patients with certain diseases.

However, recreational use is strictly prohibited in most states, and only a small number of states allow marijuana to be used for medicinal purposes.

Many who support the use of marijuana for recreational purposes are ignorant of the short-term and long-term effects of the drug.

As stated by Herbert D. Kleber, a professor of psychiatry at Columbia University, approximately nine percent of individuals who try marijuana end up addicted to it.

During intoxication, marijuana disrupts short-term memory, attention and judgment as well as impairing coordination and balance.

Though there are many health issues associated with the consumption of marijuana, there are also economic issues.

An examination by the The Hemp and Cannabis Foundation of the external costs imposed by cannabis users on the rest of society suggests that a "harmfulness tax" of \$.50 to \$1 per joint is appropriate.

It can be estimated that excise taxes in this range would raise between \$2.2 and \$6.4 billion per year.

Altogether, legalization would save the taxpayers around \$8 to \$16 billion, not counting the economic benefits of hemp agriculture and other spinoff industries.

This suggests the taxation of marijuana may be a positive thing, economically.

More evidence seems to favor the legalization of marijuana as a way to treat pain rather than as recreational use.

The effects of marijuana, both long and short term, also suggest marijuana should be used primarily to treat pain.

When thinking about the pros and cons of trying marijuana, it is important to keep all of these things in mind. **TAS**

YOUR TAKE

Do you think marijuana should be legalized?



"I think that legalizing marijuana would change the dynamic of our state, It's not something I'm interested in."

>>Kara Hemingway sophomore,
special education major



"There will be less crime because people will not be killing each other over it anymore."

>>Chris Russel sophomore,
business law major



"It should be legalized so that it can be taxed and add more money to the economy. We complain about money, so we might as well."

>>Richard Wimberly freshman,

Allowing access to digital money might make the economy worse

» **By CHELSEA LEONARD**
Guest Writer

Some of our parents still have not accepted the debit card. As part of the millennial generation, we've been open to online transactions sanctioned by banks that have been regulated by the government for years.

Now, an alternative to using banks and credit cards has been presented. Bitcoin is a network that enables the use of digital money.

It uses a coding system to create virtual coins that are buyable and spendable. This coding system is open-source, and written by other Bitcoin users called miners. When a transaction occurs, a record of the code is placed in a block, which is then locked into a block chain to be reviewed by miners. If the miners find the code to be secure (previously unused), the transaction will go through in approximately 10 minutes. The record of this code is then available to the public. According to Bitcoin's website, "Bitcoin is not anonymous and cannot offer the same level of privacy as cash. The use of Bitcoin leaves extensive public records." These extensive public records are a way for Bitcoin to stay reliable to themselves and other users.

Buying and selling bitcoins is similarly not easy, though they describe it on their website as easier than using a debit card. The use of unfamiliar vocabulary makes Bitcoin difficult to follow for some, without extensively researching each term individually.

While there is nothing wrong with intensively researching a topic, creating a system that is unapproachable to the general public severely limits who can benefit from Bitcoin.

Bitcoin claims to "play a role in reducing poverty in

many countries by cutting high transaction fees on workers' salary" with "no central authority or middlemen," according to their website. However, it leaves

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the question, what is the role of the miners, if not one of a "middle man," in ensuring the success of trade between buyer and seller?

"The network remains secure even if not all Bitcoin miners can be trusted," said Bitcoin.org, because of the open source coding. The idea of a nongovernment-regulated banking system may be one favored by those who do not want to follow currency exchange laws, but we must look logically at the reality of what Bitcoin offers. "Essentially, it seems like a scheme," said Nathaniel Fox, senior Spanish and English major.

"You give me real money, and I give you monopoly money." This is virtual money. There are no tangible products involved in Bitcoin.

It is not backed by gold, but merely a system of numbers available for public

consumption. If it is not backed by solid resources, one must assume the value of Bitcoin can and will fluctuate dramatically."

There are only a limited number of Bitcoins in circulation and new bitcoins are created at a predictable and decreasing rate, which means that demand must follow this level of inflation to keep the price stable," according to Bitcoin.org. "It's a gamble," said Carlos Chaves, a senior corporate communications major. Who can afford to take this risk?

Perhaps the affluent leaders with motives other than promoting their own countries economic well being would be interested in finding new ways to cheat citizens out of economic growth.

They can exploit the economy by using excess funds with no potential benefit to their own currency. Not many others would be able to even consider something still so raw and unproven as converting their hard-earned money into a virtual coin. "Bitcoin wouldn't help any of us as daily consumers," Fox said. Those who are inherently wealthy could prosper from virtual coins.

"As an entrepreneur, the opportunity of money transfers are endless. So I would understand how it could be something that governments of the world are looking into and trying to control," Chaves said on the threat of Bitcoin to foreign governments.

However, it raises the question: Is it ethical, "It is money laundering, but its legal because it's a form of currency," Chaves said. While technology is advancing faster than we can imagine, it seems improbable something as arbitrary as a simulated coin could actually become a worthwhile investment for the everyday person. **TAS**

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by Linda Thistle

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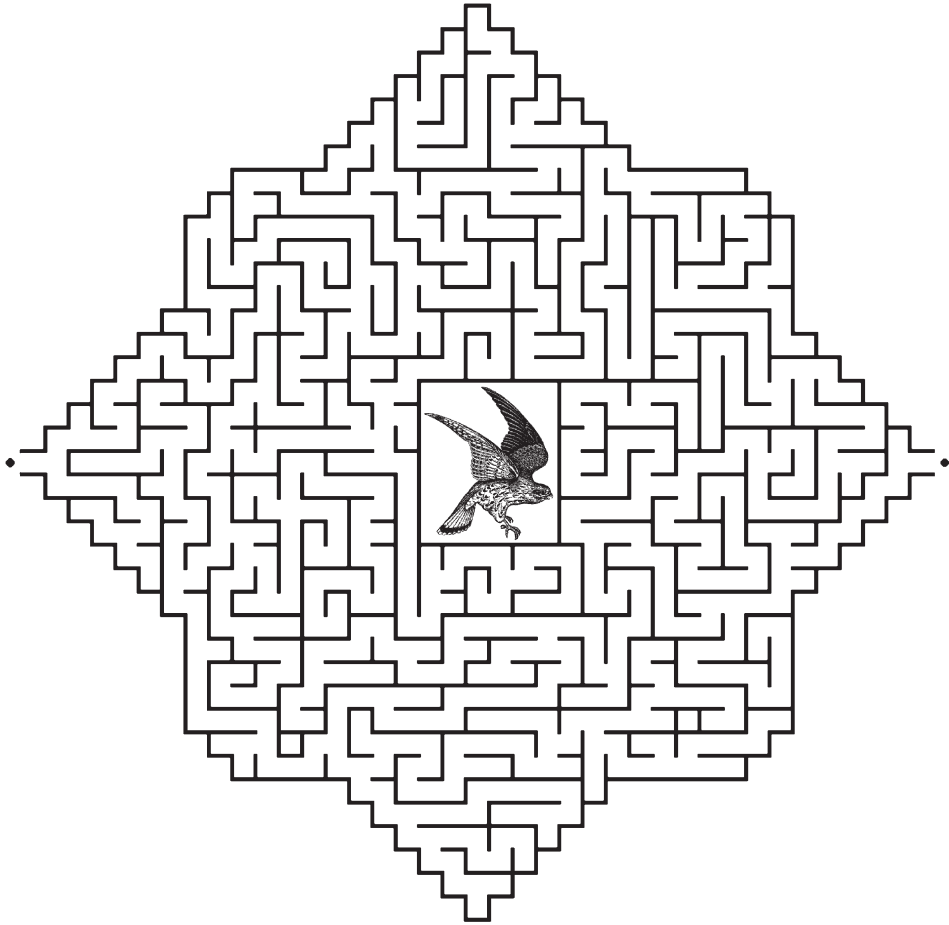
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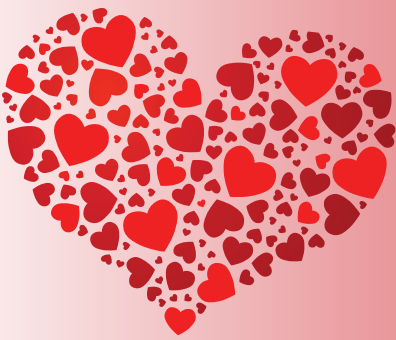
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Let's be blunt:



What pro-marijuana laws mean for the nation

» **By KATELYN CLARK**

Features Editor

The new year brought along changes to the nation.

On Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014, Colorado legalized the recreational use of marijuana, sending their economy skyrocketing. According to The Colorado Center on Law and Policy, there is an estimation that “the law could bring in about \$60 million each year in combined tax revenues — over \$32 million for the state budget, over \$14 million for local governments and about \$12 million in savings from less law enforcement used to patrol marijuana users.”

Other states, including Tennessee, are following in Colorado's footsteps by considering legalizing the usage of medical marijuana.

Colorado has become the first state to legalize recreational marijuana and the first in the world to have a regulated seed to sale process.

Under Amendment 64, Colorado legalized the recreational use of marijuana for citizens 21 and older.

Residents of Colorado are allowed to purchase a maximum of one ounce, worth around \$200, and nonresidents are allowed a quarter ounce, worth around \$100.

A 25 percent state tax plus the standard 2.9 percent sales tax is added to each marijuana purchase.

However, medical marijuana users do not have to face these additional taxes.

Due to Colorado's Clean Indoor Air Act, citizens may only smoke marijuana in private.

Introduced as the “Koozer-Kuhn Medical Cannabis Act,” Tennessee is considering legalizing the medical usage of marijuana. Sponsored by Representative Sherry Jones for six years, this bill is set to “decriminalize the use of medical cannabis by a qualifying patient who is enrolled in the safe access program established by this bill.”

Under this bill, medical marijuana can be distributed if a qualifying Tennessee patient prescribed by a physician has been diagnosed with medical conditions such as cancer, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, post-traumatic stress disorder and more.

“I want to be able to help the children, men and women have a pain-free quality of life,” Jones said.

Aiding as a muscle and spasm relaxer, medical marijuana in Tennessee would bring an approximate revenue of \$300,000 with every half acre grown.

A family with a 22-month-old in East Tennessee recently moved to Colorado to help their baby through her medical issues with drops of THC. Having 300 seizures a day, their little girl had to be put into a coma for 22 hours of the day to keep her alive. Since her move to Colorado, her seizures have declined to two per day, and there have been signs of movement in her hands.

Military veterans could use this as an aid for PTSD, as well as thousands of others with painful medical conditions. “Specifically, I'm for medical usage, but I would support recreational as well,” Jones said. Other states in the nation are pushing for the legalization of medical marijuana as their first step to recreational legalization.

“It just honestly depends on how often you smoke, but it hasn't affected my life negatively; it's just something I do with my friends,” said Lexi Corby, sophomore psychology major.

Regardless of opinion, Tennessee and other states are looking toward a “higher” future. **TAS**



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Lending a helping hand

Two APSU employees exceed job expectations

» **By PAYDEN HALL**

Staff Writer

Being busy is viewed as an accomplishment in our fast-paced world. Becoming absorbed in our busy schedules does, nonetheless, come with a certain price.

Often, we unintentionally overlook the needs of others around us. However, there are two APSU employees, Debbie Suiter and Rick McMahan, who went out of their ways to help a woman who never even asked for assistance.

“Our goal is to always help in any way we can,” Suiter said. In mid-January, the crew, under the supervision of Debbie Suiter, came to the McCord building to change the locks on the doors.

Due to a handicap of the hand, Director of Nursing, Patty Orr had trouble unlocking her door with the new lock. “I have rheumatoid arthritis and have some deformity and have difficulties using my hands for pressure type functions,” Orr said. “I have even had a finger on my right side operated on to fuse in a position so that I could effectively start IVs as a nurse.”

Members of the Physical Plant crew, McMahan, and Suiter both noticed this. “It was a joint effort,” Suiter said. “When we got to Orr's office, we asked her to test her key

to make sure it worked for her. That was when we first noticed the difficulty.”

Several attempts were made to alleviate the difficulty



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— Rick McMahan, APSU employee

for Orr, but none seemed to work. When McMahan and Suiter went on their lunch break, they spent their time searching for ideas to see what would help Orr the best.

“While at lunch, I searched on my phone for keys for people with arthritis,” Suiter said. “It pulled up a website with different types of grips that could be added to keys ...

When we returned to the Physical Plant, I asked McMahan if he had any wooden dowels we could use. I called Orr to see if a wooden dowel would be something she could grip, and she said it would be.”

Making an effort to help Orr on their own, Suiter and McMahan worked together to make the best solution.

McMahan took the wooden dowel and cut it to make the key fit in. He then drilled a hole in the dowel to mount her key to it with a screw. After showing it to her, he had her try it in the door.

“McMahan developed a wooden extension for Orr's key so that she could have a better grasp and took the time to work with the lock until she was able to use her key with ease,” said Shirley Tabbs, administrative assistant to Orr.

When Orr tried the device in her door, it worked with ease and solved her problem.

“Without the device ... I could not unlock the door to my office or the door to nursing department administrative offices,” Orr said.

“After we observed her trying to use her key and it causing her great pain, we felt there had to be something out there to help her. We wanted her to be able to access her office and the rest of the building without a lot of stress,” McMahan said. **TAS**

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There’s music in the air ... right?

Sabrina Hamilton reviews the 56th annual Grammy Awards

» **By SABRINA NICOLE HAMILTON**
Staff Writer

For a little gold “sippy cup,” a la Jay Z’s post-award shoutout to his daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, people sure do get bent out of shape.

On Sunday, Jan. 26, the 2014 Grammys were held, celebrating the “best” of music.

Among the popular artists to perform were Lorde, Taylor Swift, Daft Punk, duo Macklemore and Ryan Lewis and hip-hop’s “it” couple, Beyoncé and Jay Z who gave the opening act a little marital sizzle.

While we can all recognize at least one name on the charts, what does being nominated for a Grammy even mean in this day and age?

Does it weigh talent, value or presence on the charts?

While many performers brought passionate acts to the stage, including Pink, who contorted and swung from the ceiling, Kendrick Lamar’s collaboration with Imagine Dragons was chosen via social media outlets Twitter and Tumblr as the favorite performance of the night.

Lamar seemed to be a shoe-in for the rap category until Macklemore and Ryan Lewis swept the Grammy stage, after marrying 34 couples with the help of Queen Latifah, Mary Lambert and Madonna and took home three awards for the night (Best Rap Song, Best Rap Performance and Best New Artist). Begrudging rap fans took to social media with cries of outrage about how they thought contender Kendrick Lamar was obviously robbed.

Lorde’s “Royals” won Song of the Year and looked almost miserable about it.

Taylor Swift thought she won Album of the Year, and when she didn’t, she had to deftly dial back her usual expression of shock.

The country crowd, in a surprising twist, did not give Swift her usual appraisal and instead made newcomer Kacey Musgraves a winner, giving her the Grammy for Best Country Album. Sighs of relief.

Rock suffered the clear snub of dragging the tail end of the ceremony. A performance by Queens of the Stone Age was hacked off rather unceremoniously with the evening news and a promo for this week’s sitcoms.

People took to the Internet in masses, exclaiming their lack of respect for the Grammy council and rallying against the shunning of real talent.



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However, what people did not take into account is the way the tallies are done; it takes a lot of talent to get a Grammy in the first place.

According to grammy.org, the process includes submission, screening, nominating, special nominating committees, voting and then results.

The real question is: If this award is so unimportant and unfair, why is everyone still watching? *TAS*

Macklemore says Kendrick Lamar ‘robbed’ for best rap album

» **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Everyone felt sorry for Kendrick Lamar after the dazzling young rapper was shut out at the Grammy Awards — even Macklemore, the guy who beat him head-to-head in several categories.

Macklemore sent Lamar an apologetic text after winning in the best rap album category, one of two discussion-worthy moments the Seattle rapper engineered Sunday night.

That was one of four awards for best new artist Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, and the one that sparked the most grumbling.

“You got robbed,” Macklemore wrote in a text to Lamar that he later posted on Instagram. “I wanted you to win. You should have. It’s weird and sucks that I robbed you.”

It was a unique moment in Grammy history — almost as unique as Macklemore’s other moment: the mass on-air wedding that included same-sex couples performed during the duo’s rendition of gay-rights anthem “Same Love.”

Macklemore, whose real name is Ben Haggerty, has made no secret of his opinion in the best rap album category, declaring early on that he felt Lamar’s “good kid, m.A.A.d. city” should win best rap album over his

own record “The Heist.”

Drake, Jay Z and Kanye West also were nominated in the category, but the hip-hop community seemed to throw its hopes behind Lamar, a 26-year-old Compton native and Dr. Dre protege who has deep respect from his peers because of his raw talent, verbal abilities and cinematic vision. Haggerty’s publicist said the Seattle rapper was unavailable to discuss his text Monday morning, but he had explained his feelings in an interview with The Associated Press last week.

“I think first and foremost we should absolutely be in the rap category,” Haggerty said. “I think we should be nominated. I think we could have one of the best rap albums of this year that we’re talking about in terms of the Grammys. I think in terms of a rap album, I think Kendrick should win it. I think there’s many other categories that we’re nominated in that I would love to take home a Grammy ... but in terms of that one, I feel it should go to Kendrick.”

He also addressed the tear-inducing wedding in his Instagram post: “And to play Same Love on that platform was a career highlight. The greatest honor of all.

That’s what this is about. Progress and art.”

The performance/wedding played out in front of 28.5 million viewers, the second largest television

audience since 1993, according to preliminary Nielsen Company ratings.

It brought tears to the eyes of not only participants but also stars like Keith Urban and Katy Perry, who were on their feet for the emotional moment.

“It’s just beyond, it’s the pinnacle, it’s the apex,” producer Lewis said afterward of the night. “So to be up here and more importantly to be able to celebrate ‘Same Love’ and have the marriages onstage — my sister getting married tonight as well — was phenomenal. So, amazing.”

The moment was potentially divisive in a nation wrestling with social issues, something The Recording Academy’s president, Neil Portnow, acknowledged afterward. But he said it wasn’t a political stand for the academy. It was a chance to help artists portray their music in the way they want.

“These folks wrote incredible songs and they have ideas about society and tolerance and fairness, and that’s their message,” Portnow said. “So our job is to set a platform where they can express themselves. ... We sit and discuss and talk about these things and try to find the right way to present the ideas, and frankly we’re just very proud of what happened tonight. I think it’s as elegant and as meaningful and as powerful as we wanted it to be.” *TAS*

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Gray to lead the way for BatGovs

»COREY ADAMS
Staff Writer

The anticipation is high for the 2014 baseball season, with 13 highly-touted freshmen recruited to APSU to seek a fourth-straight Ohio Valley Conference championship for the program. It’s going to take a team effort to add another plaque to the wall of accomplishments, but one newcomer in particular is determined to make an immediate impact at one of the toughest positions on the diamond.

Starting at shortstop for the Govs this season will be Logan Gray, a 6-foot-2, 184-pound freshman. Much like other new faces to this ball club, Gray has a long list of achievements, including being ranked the number-one shortstop in the state by Perfect Game.

Gray batted a .507 his senior year in high

school, as well as three home runs and 32 RBI, his batting average breaking a record for his high school in Rockhurst, Missouri.

“I just love the feel of playing,” Gray said. “I love being outside, first of all, and I love playing the game and always learning about the game. I’m always learning more and that helps me become a better baseball player.”

Following his senior year, Gray had a chance to take a step towards his goal of playing in the MLB, as he was selected in the 2013 MLB Draft by the Kansas City Royals in the 25th round. However, he decided to stay with his commitment to APSU and play

college ball first.

Gray said he has close ties to the Royals, as his girlfriend’s father, Mike Macfarlane, played catcher for Kansas City. But when it came down to a decision, Gray declined the offer and packed his bags for Clarksville.

“I just felt like I wasn’t quite ready,” Gray said. “I felt like it was the best decision for me, and my parents did, too. I felt like the best decision was to come here and develop for at least three more years as a person and as a ball player.”

The freshman will face the pressures of not only starting in the infield for the Govs, but also having big shoes to fill at the shortstop position.

The territory has been Reed Harper’s for 225 games over the past four years, but Gray said he is excited for the challenge, despite some jitters. Gray also said Harper has been around the clubhouse to offer the rookie some advice with the season approaching.

“He just tells me to relax and be myself out there and not try to do too much,” Gray said. “I’m nervous, not gonna lie, and it is a scary thing to look at, but I’m willing to attack anything. I’m not afraid to fail.”

On Friday, Feb. 14, Gray will make his debut at Raymond C. Hand Park.

Gray said he expects the team to be very good, but it will be their chemistry that determines how successful this young team will be. **TAS**

Lady Govs shape up after December losing streak

»JOSHUA STEPHENSON
Sports Editor

The Lady Govs have picked the right time of year to get hot as a basketball team. Now officially halfway through the Ohio Valley Conference schedule, the Lady Govs are now on a four-game winning streak, after defeating Tennessee Tech 79-70 Saturday, Jan. 25, in conference play (4-3). APSU is in a position to secure one of the top-four seeds in the OVC tournament in Nashville, Tenn. this March.

Before this winning streak, the Lady Govs were on a different kind of spree. The team had a winless

December on its way to a 10-game losing streak that ended Monday, Jan. 13, at Morehead State.

The Lady Govs won the first three of the current four-game winning streak on the road and are currently in a three-game home stand. The remaining schedule for the Lady Govs is extremely favorable, as five out the last eight games of the season will be played in the friendly confines of the Dunn Center.

Almost identical to the other games the Lady Govs have won in this winning streak, they used a big lead built earlier in the game to hold and secure the victory. The lineup change that took place three games

earlier in the season was still in effect against Tennessee Tech as Tiasha Gray came off the bench in her fourth straight contest.

Gray tied with Kristen Stainback for leading scorer with 20 points, making this the fourth-straight game Gray has either tied for or been the off-the-bench leading scorer for the Lady Govs. Freshman center Tearra Banks, after being named OVC Freshman of the Week, continued her strong play with 13 points and 13 rebounds off the bench. Her performance earned her Player-of-the-Game honors.

Senior Nicole Olszewski rounded out the Lady Govs, scoring 10 points

to go along with six assists, three rebounds, two steals and one block. Olszewski has been among the OVC league leaders in assists per game since the beginning of conference play and was recently inserted back into the starting lineup after coming off the bench earlier this year.

The Lady Gov overcame 19 turnovers in the game by shooting 50 percent from the field (28-56) for the game and a blistering 63 percent (7-11) from three-point range. Defensively, the Lady Govs held Tennessee Tech to shooting only 32 percent (24-73) from the field in the game, and the Golden Eagles shot a subpar 69 percent from the free-throw line.

The first half was highly contested, and the Lady Govs clung to a one-point lead, 37-36, at halftime. After trading buckets in the first few minutes of the second half, the Lady Govs went on a game-changing 18-0 run that broke the game open and helped them hold on in the end.

The Lady Govs are currently second place in the western division of the OVC, looking up at the sole undefeated team, UT Martin. If the OVC tournament started today, the Lady Govs would own the tie breaker with Tennessee Tech and would be the fourth seed in the tournament. **TAS**

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Govs balance loss with solid win



Above: Will Triggs, forward goes to score during the Thursday, Jan. 23 game against the Gamecocks. Right: Thomas Greer, guard attempts to get past a Gamecocks defender. PRINCESS ANDRESS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Men's basketball lose against Gamecocks

»**COREY ADAMS**
Staff Writer

Turnovers, missed free throws and only two players in double-figures led to a 71-59 loss for the Govs on Thursday, Jan. 23, against Jacksonville State.

The Govs only led at the 16:32 mark of the first half as the Gamecocks (10-13, 4-4 OVC) cruised to their second road victory with the help of APSU's mistakes.

Brian Williams led all scorers with 25 points, and the Govs couldn't find an answer for him with key players having off nights. Junior guard D.D. Smith did not play after injuring his ankle during practice the day before, and as a result, the APSU backcourt consisting of Zavion Williams

and Travis Betran combining to score just 11 points.

Senior Will Triggs led the Govs with 16 points, while Chris Horton found his groove late in the game to finish with 11 points and five blocks.

APSU (8-12, 2-4) came out cold to score just 23 points in the first half on 10 of 22 from the field, with the real struggle being at the foul line, as the Govs shot a miserable 18.2 percent from the stripe.

With Triggs leading the charge down the stretch, the Govs closed the gap to 10 points at the 2:49 mark, but after a couple of turnovers by APSU and a few free throws by the Gamecocks, it was too little too late as the Govs dropped their fourth-straight contest. **TAS**

Men triumph over Tennessee Tech

»**COREY ADAMS**
Staff Writer

APSU ended their losing streak with a win over Tennessee Tech.

APSU needed a victory to avoid a fifth consecutive loss, and on Saturday, Jan. 25, the Govs earned it when Tennessee Tech came to town.

D.D. Smith returned to the lineup, and from the start, it was clear he was making a difference on the court.

Smith totaled 18 points and nine assists in the game as one of four Govs who finished with 10 or more points. Senior guard Travis Betran returned to top form following a tough game on Thursday to lead all scorers with 20 points, while Will Triggs notched a double-double (17 points, 13 rebounds).

It was a solid effort for the Govs (9-12, 3-4 OVC), who shot an impressive 67.6 percent from the field, seven of

12 from the three-point area, and 81.3 percent of their free throws.

Early in the game, the Golden Eagles (10-12, 3-4) had issues with foul trouble from top scorers Dennis Ogbe and Dwan Caldwell. However, senior point guard Jeremiah Samarrippas kept TTU in the game, leading his team in points with 17. Despite playing limited minutes, Ogbe and Caldwell finished with 11 and 13 points, respectively, and converted an astounding 24 second-chance points.

However, in the second half, TTU went on a cold streak to finish with a field goal percentage of 37.3. The Golden Eagles were unable to mount a comeback against the Govs, who came in ready to end the slump.

APSU will return to the Dunn Center on Friday, Jan. 31, to play host to arch-rivals Murray State. Tipoff will begin at 8 p.m. **TAS**



NFL Super Bowl XLVIII holds great potential

»**JOSHUA STEPHENSON**
Sports Editor

In this day and age, it takes more than just two good teams meeting in a championship game to make the moment great.

We, as fans, have come to expect more.

We want drama; we want intrigue, and we want the potential for a once-in-a-lifetime moment. This year's Super Bowl has you covered on almost every front.

If you look at the teams, there are plenty of storylines for even the casual football fan. In this game, you have the league's best defense taking on the league's best offense.

You have a future Hall-of-Fame quarterback in Peyton

Manning taking on the future of the quarterback position in the dual-threat skillset of Russell Wilson.

There are even storylines at the head coaching positions of both teams.

Pete Carroll, known for the dynasty he built at the University of Southern California, has turned the Seahawks around since his tenure began in Seattle and has shown success at the collegiate level can translate into the professional ranks.

On the other sideline, you have John Fox, who has been to the Super Bowl before as a head coach when he took the Carolina Panthers in 2003, losing to the New England Patriots.

“We want drama; we want intrigue, and we want the potential for a once-in-a-lifetime moment.”

Fox had a life-threatening heart condition this season that required emergency surgery and forced him to

miss games late in the season.

These are just a few storylines of the teams who will play between the hash marks this Super Bowl Sunday, but there are others that have taken place off the field of play.

The most well-known was the post-game antics of Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman after the National Football Championship game against the San Francisco 49ers.

Sherman voiced his opinion of him being the best cornerback in the league after making the game-winning play, defending a pass intended for 49ers receiver Michael Crabtree that was intercepted by a

fellow teammate and sealed the game.

In post-game interviews, Sherman referred to Crabtree as a “mediocre” receiver time and time again.

Should Sherman have made the comments he did?

Either way, Sherman is now the self-proclaimed top cover corner in the league and will get to test his abilities against one of the greatest quarterbacks ever to play the game.

The big off-the-field player storyline for Denver is whether or not this will be Peyton Manning's last game in the NFL. All the neck problems Manning has had through the past few years have been well-documented.

Some say, win or lose, Manning will call it quits after this game, and I personally think he should if he emerges victorious.

Others say he will have his neck re-evaluated in the off-season to determine his future in pro football.

There have been many classic Super Bowls; there have been close games that will never be forgotten (sorry Titans fans) and blowouts that surprised us all and teams of destiny that fell short.

This year's Super Bowl seems to have all the makings of a game that will be remembered.

Let's just hope it is remembered for all the right reasons. **TAS**