

APSU's Board of Trustees holds inaugural meeting

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The newly appointed APSU Board of Trustees held their first official meeting Thursday, March 30.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam attended the historic meeting of the board he helped make possible through the FOCUS Act. The act allows each public university to construct their own individual governing board, as opposed to schools being overseen by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR).

The meeting featured mostly preliminary actions from the board, such as the official swearing in of APSU President Alisa White and the appointment of student trustee Crystal Wallenius, a senior chemistry major.

The other nine board members, eight selected by Haslam and one faculty member selected by APSU faculty, took their appropriate positions on the board as well.

CEO and Senior Partner of Wendy's of Bowling Green Mike O'Malley was selected by board members as chairman of the board. Katherine Cannata, dealer principal for Wyatt Johnson Automotive Group, was selected as the vice chairman.

Other board members include professor Paulanell Rayburn of the mathematics department, retired four-star U.S. Army General Gary Luck and President and CEO of Jenkins & Wynne Don Jenkins and Legends Bank CEO Billy Atkins.

The remaining board members are all APSU alumni and include Larry Carroll, Valencia May and Robin Mealer, a retired brigadier general.

"I think we are incredibly well positioned in terms of our board," White said of the board members selected to represent the university. "I think we are really in good shape."

White said she believes the various

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New members of APSU Board of Trustees hold their first meeting on 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE

Meeting the candidates SGA gears up for 2017-18 president Burns Chisenhall

What's your name, major, SGA position, and classification?

Frank Edward Burns Jr., Public Health major, Junior Senator and a Junior.

If elected, what is one thing you would like to accomplish?

If elected, I want to implement an executive order to get SGA to sponsor the "Color Run ". I wish to bring this amazing activity back to APSU.

For students who are not very involved on campus, what is one way you think will get them to show up to campus-wide events?

First, I would send out a survey asking students what types of events they would like to see on campus. Hopefully, this would build student interest in on-campus events by offering things that the majority of students show interest in.

This year has the lowest number of applicants for senator seats in 10 years. If elected, what would you do to combat the lacking participation?

I would reach out to the student organizations promoting the senator positions, instead of just expecting people to want to join. Most students do not know what the student government association does for APSU which results in lack of interest to join. If we want to change this from occurring again we must promote ourselves and demand student leaders.

Favorite Netflix series?

The Walking Dead.

Favorite place to eat on campus?

My favorite food place on campus is Governor's Terrace. I like this place because of the friendly staff and the variety of food options they offer.



What's your name, major, SGA position, and classification?

Lane Chisenhall, Political Science w/ concentration in legal studies, Chief Justice, Junior

If elected, what is one thing you would like to accomplish?

If elected, I would like to make SGA more visible to students and make sure SGA members and the organization are more easily accessible to students. Also, we need to make sure the legislature we have puts the student body as the primary reason, not to serve ourselves.

For students who are not very involved on campus, what is one way you think will get them to show up to campus-wide events?

The best way to increase student participation is to make sure that the events and organization are well heard. The main reason events have such little turn out is because they aren't advertised to the fullest potential, or students are unaware of what the event truly is. Getting involved is the best thing a student can do to further one's education and self. We need to look at better ways to advertise and sell these events to students.

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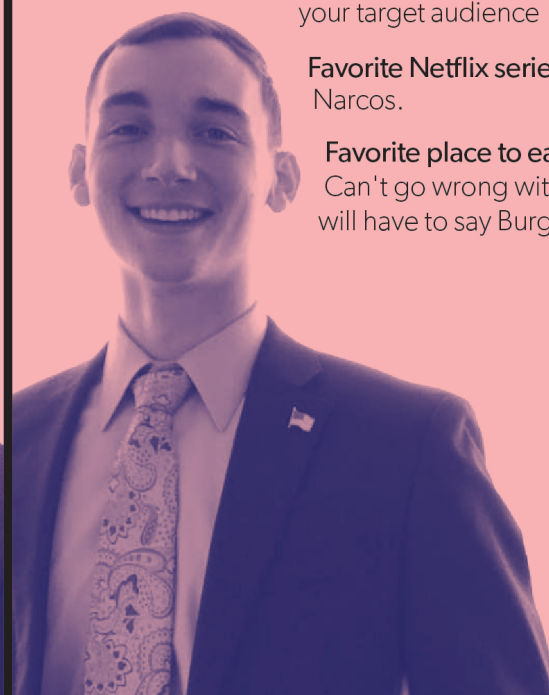
The lack of participation I believe in due in part to how SGA is viewed. That goes back to the focus and representation. If students think SGA is pointless and just serves itself, why would anyone want to join that? The best way to combat a lack of interest or turnout, is to improve and show the importance and benefit of that organization to your target audience

Favorite Netflix series?

Narcos.

Favorite place to eat on campus?

Can't go wrong with a burger, so I will have to say Burger Nation.



APSU Professor assists restoration of Civil War diary

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In recent times APSU's history department has something to be cheerful about, having claimed ownership of an Antebellum and Civil War-era diary that belonged to a Clarksville native, and is now underway for restoration and publication.

The diary itself is a unique piece of history chronicling Serepta Jordan's life from the year 1857 to 1963, the late Antebellum years to the mid-point of the Civil War. It focuses on a small community during a humongous national conflict, providing insight into a period people know a lot about, but may not be emotionally invested in.

"Serepta's entries show the community life of New Providence, describing a rich network of friends, church life and lectures," associate professor of history Minoa Uffelman said.

Uffelman is responsible for the diary's restoration and future publication.

"Along with the ordinary, she describes witnessing a lynching, a steamboat accident and the horrors of the Civil War," Uffelman said.

From what is known about Jordan's early life, it is a tragic story. Before she was born, her father passed away, and at a very young age, so did her mother. After moving in with her aunt and uncle, who ran a boarding house called Aspen Cottage in New Providence (just across the river from Clarksville), her run-ins with tragedy continued.

During a parade for the Confederacy, her aunt suffered a stroke and died shortly afterward. It was also around this time Jordan had a close friendship with a young man who served with the Confederacy. She would never see him again, as he met his end in the war.

Back at the boarding house, her uncle married another woman, who did not take fondly to Jordan, so there was always bitterness in the household. To avoid the constant hostility she faced at home, Jordan married an older man, though she was not in love with him.

The diary also details Jordan's daily lifestyle.

"She was busy from sunup to sundown," Uffelman said. "She sewed, cooked, cleaned house, and performed all kinds of manual labor."

Jordan took up tasks such as fishing, preserving food and gardening. Her diary also recorded her passion for reading, especially on historical subjects, as well as her fervent church attendance and critiques of the pastor's sermons.

On Sept. 25, 1894, Jordan died at the age of 55. Over 100 years later, much of Jordan's life, family and past remain shrouded in ambiguity.

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ELECTIONS HELD

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Sen. Rebecca Jacks introduces SGA dress code

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Sen. Rebecca Jacks introduced Act No. 16, which would mandate uniforms for all SGA members, during the SGA meeting on Wednesday, March 29.

Uniforms would include SGA-issued black polos and khakis. The act also specifies the color of belt required. The bill was introduced with immediate request for retraction from Sen. Dominic Critchlow.

“I am not in support of this. It should not be up here. I highly recommend that we scrap this and move on,” Critchlow said.

Jacks expanded on the main idea behind the legislation, which is to bring consistency and professionalism to what is worn in the senate.

“It will also be cost effective,” Jacks said, “because one of my things is that no one should be barred from student government based on cost or need.”

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REBECCA JACKS
SGA SENATOR

Act No. 16 will be voted on during the next SGA meeting.

Sen. Haley Palmeri introduced her legislation, Act No. 15, which would require SGA meeting minutes to once again be recorded on physical paper with printed agendas for each individual SGA member. Currently, minutes are emailed to senators post-meeting to conserve paper.

President Ryan Honea said a total of 480 individuals took part in The Big Event, resulting in approximately 960 community service hours.

“I am very proud of how this event did,” Honea said.

Honea also said the bills voted on regarding firearms in the Tennessee state legislature have been deferred into obscurity.

Honea said while Tennessee Sen. Mark Green’s constitutional carry bill is not dead, Gov. Bill Haslam intends to veto the bill should it pass the Tennessee Senate and House.

SGA meets every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in MUC 307.



SGA LEGISLATION

- ACT NO. 15**
Calls for SGA meeting minutes to be recorded on physical paper with printed agendas for each member.
Introduced
- ACT NO. 16**
Calls for SGA to adopt a uniform dress code for senate meetings.
Introduced

APSU Alpha Delta Pi chapter raises over \$16,000 for local Ronald McDonald House

MAHALIA SMITH
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The air was chilly early on Saturday, April 1, but that did not stop the women of Alpha Delta Pi from hosting their fifth annual Run for Ronald fundraiser. People from all over Clarksville gathered at the APSU intramural field with their children and dogs to participate in the 5k, 1-mile fun run and carnival.

The run raised over \$16,000 for Ronald McDonald House, a charity organization that provides housing and financial support for families with sick children.

Sarah Beth Gross, senior healthcare management major and president of the APSU chapter of Alpha Delta Pi said she was excited for the fundraiser.

“We have more sponsorships than we had last year, and more runners.” Gross said.

Several changes were made to the event this year to improve on last year’s work.

The course was rerouted to make it easier on the runners, and the carnival and raffle were expanded.

Other changes included registration for the runners’ four-legged friends.

“We had dogs last year, but this is the first time we put them on the ticket.” Gross said.

Even more runners brought their dogs out this year to run.

Planning for the Run for Ronald events starts early.

“We have the next five years in advance,” Gross said. “We start planning the day after [each event]. Our event last year was April 2, so we started planning April 3.”

Gross said the response from the city and APSU was great. There were similar events happening elsewhere in Clarksville and in Nashville.



Members of APSU’s Alpha Delta Pi chapter presenting the amount raised at their Run for Ronald event on Saturday, April 1 at APSU. CONTRIBUTING PHOTO

“It is really great that we were chosen,” Gross said. “We had a lot more response from APSU too. There were several other organizations that were not Greeks that actually donated and gave and helped too.”

Gross said the most important thing to do when planning events is spread the word.

“The number one thing we like to do is share about the Ronald McDonald House because a lot of people do not know. Because there is one so close to APSU a lot of people are involved in it.” Gross said.

Getting people to help is not hard, Gross said, because when people hear about a cause such as Ronald McDonald House, they are willing to help.

“It is really not that hard especially in a military town to get people involved in philanthropy work.” Gross said. “We do not have to pull and tug.”

Gross said she is thankful for the work that people have done in and outside of Alpha Delta Pi to help raise money for Ronald McDonald House.

“It is not something they have to be here doing but it is something they want to be here to do.” Gross said.

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backgrounds of each board member will allow APSU to function better as an independent institution.

Speaking on the selection of the student trustee, White said she wanted to “cast the net wide enough” to find the right person for the role.

The final three candidates were presented to board member, who ultimately selected Crystal Wallenius.

“I hoped that I would be picked, but

the other two candidates are amazing people,” Wallenius said.

As the student trustee, Wallenius does not have a vote on the board, but will represent the voice of the student body more directly.

“I just want to represent everybody on campus and not target a specific type of student. So if something does come up that I feel doesn’t reflect the entire student body, I’m going to voice my opinion.”

Per the FOCUS Act, the APSU board will meet quarterly, with the next meeting scheduled for May 18-19.

DIARY

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The diary, essentially a ledger-sized memoir, would not be seen until around the 1980s, when it was found in an outhouse in poor condition.

The diary was kept by some of Jordan’s descendants and has gone through several attempts to be transcribed for over 30 years.

In undertaking the task to restore the diary, Uffelman applied for and received a \$3,000 grant from the state of Tennessee.

The diary is currently in Boston for its restoration and will be returned to the Clarksville Custom House Museum and Cultural Center.

“It is almost like a movie,” Uffelman said, describing Jordan’s diary as such due to its continually unfolding events and tragic episodes.

Uffelman said this fuels her passion to see the diary given to the Clarksville

community for students, teachers and people of all kinds to experience.

This is not Uffelman’s first historic restoration. Recently, she restored and published “The Diary of Nanny Haskins Williams: A Southern Woman’s Story of Rebellion and Reconstruction, 1883-1890,” which has received critical acclaim from the historical community and won the General Basil W. Duke Literary Award.

As far as when the Serepta Jordan diary will hit the shelves, do not expect it anytime soon. It will take several months to restore the original and the publication is expected to take about three years.

For more information on the diary or the previously published journal, “The Diary of Nanny Haskins Williams,” visit the APSU website. The “Nanny Haskins” diary is also available in paperback on Amazon.

For more information on APSU Department of History and Philosophy, visit www.apsu.edu/history.

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ALISA WHITE
APSU PRESIDENT



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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

Talking on the phone while driving should be illegal in Tennessee in order to increase driver safety throughout the state.

According to the *Tennessean*, the Tennessee state legislators discussed a bill which outlaws the use of a mobile phone with your hands while driving. The bill not only includes texting but holding a phone to your ear to call someone.

The bill also encompasses the problem of many millennials using Snapchat while driving or getting on any form of social media while controlling a vehicle.

Although the piece of legislation is an inconvenience to many drivers in the state, the bill is created to protect all drivers and passengers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,477 people were killed in a motor vehicle crashes involving distracted driving in 2015. Also, 391,000 people were injured due to distracted driving in 2015.

Some people argue talking on the phone while driving is not a distraction because a person can keep their eyes on the road.

However, when a person is calling another individual, he must type in a telephone number, which is similar to sending a text message.

Also, even if a person’s eyes are on the road, the driver’s mind may wander to the topic of the phone call and not the traffic on the road.

“Using the car’s Bluetooth device or having the phone on speaker phone while calling is fine as long as both hands are on the wheel,” senior English major Jonathan Johnson said.

According to the *Times Free Press*, the bill still allows drivers to use hands-free cell phones by relying on Bluetooth or a phone’s speaker-phone function.

The importance of safe driving is having the driver’s physical attention- both eyes and hands- on the road ahead and on the wheel.

“A driver should always keep their hands on the wheel because you never know what the other drivers



HANDS ON THE WHEEL, EARS OFF THE PHONE



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will do on the road, the landscape of the area, or even the weather,” Johnson said.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 14 states banned the use of hand-held cell phones while driving and 46 states enforce a texting while driving ban.

People simply do not understand how dangerous driving is, especially for teenagers.

They think driving is easy and multitasking is capable as long as one hand is on the wheel and you look at the road from time to time.

However, a driver’s safety is important to everyone- the driver,

other drivers, passengers and bystanders.

It only takes a quick distraction such as holding the phone to call someone while driving to end up in an accident.

Some smartphone applications are stepping in to end distracted driving.

According to Verizon Wireless, Cellcontrol, Drive Safe Mode and Live2Txt are smartphone applications that block the driver’s ability to text and drive.

“Using the car’s Bluetooth device or having the

phone on speaker phone while calling is fine as long as both hands are on the wheel. A driver should always keep their hands on the wheel because you never know what the other drivers will do on the road, the landscape of the area or even the weather.”

JONATHAN JOHNSON
SENIOR ENGLISH MAJOR

Cellcontrol issues a device that is inserted under the dashboard of the car.

When the car is in motion, the application will block incoming messages and also disables the phone’s camera.

Driving is risky and dangerous, yet it is the primary transportation for most Americans.

In order to provide safety for citizens, the Tennessee state legislators need to vote in favor of the bill which bans the use of talking on the phone while driving.

Tuition should not include extra perks

With rising costs of tuition, APSU should only charge students for services they regularly use



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Students paying for college should not have to fund the college or pay for additional ‘perks’ they do not plan to use along with their tuition.

We live in a world where a college degree has replaced a high school diploma. A person can hardly get a job beyond a fast food restaurant without a college degree of some kind. In a day and age where a college degree is so important, why are they so expensive to acquire?

The cost of college has gradually increased over the past century. Back when people went either into the ministry, military or other low-paying, society-based jobs, there was no reason for college costs to be very high. Not as many individuals went to college to study a complex field.

In the early 20th century, going to college became more common, so more colleges began raising the costs of attendance. The average costs for tuition and room and board for an in-state four-year university (for the 2016-2017 school year) is \$20,090, and \$35,370 for out-of-state costs at a four-year university, according to collegeboard.org. The total expenses at APSU are \$24,238 for in-state and \$36,897 for out-of-state, according to the APSU Tuition Calculator and website.

In 1920, the overall costs for undergraduate schools came to about \$700, according to University of Pennsylvania. This is only about \$8,470 in 2017. This is an incredibly large

difference compared to the \$20,090 spent on average today.

Many college tuition prices include basic university funding and ‘perks’ more than the actual cost of the course.

The average tuition plus fees for APSU is \$8,712, according to the APSU Financial Aid webpage. The average number of credits needed to obtain a bachelor’s degree is 120, about 40 college courses. According to OneStop, the average cost of a course at APSU for the 2016-17 academic year is \$777, but is each course worth this amount?

“Many universities offer services such as gyms, rock climbing walls and clinics, but it is unfair to charge students for this if they do not regularly use these services.”

The answer is no. If these costs included textbook fees, then perhaps this would seem more realistic, but this is not the case. In fact, less than half of tuition costs (about 27 percent on average) go towards the instruction of the course, according to radioopensource.org. Much of this money goes on to fund other aspects of the university.

Many universities offer services such as gyms, rock climbing walls and clinics, but it is unfair to charge students for

this if they do not regularly use these services. The problem with the cost of tuition is students are funding the university more than they are paying for their education. If APSU’s tuition alone is about \$8,712 then the 27 percent that goes towards instruction of the course is about \$2,352. Looking at this difference and using the same formula, a college course would only cost about \$235.

Going by this amount, the cost to obtain a bachelor’s degree would be \$9,408 rather than \$34,848. This new price makes much more sense.

Following this system, the costs are close to what they would have been in 1920 before the costs of college began to rise so much.

As for the additional charges, things such as scholarship fees and academic support, clinics and student services, students should be able to choose whether or not they want to pay for that. If someone does not want to pay a fee for that they could still be available for pay out of pocket.

It also makes sense for additional ‘perks’ to be this way as well. No one wants to pay for a fitness center they are never going to use. It makes more sense to not pay and if someone later decides to visit to pay a small fee.

The more college costs keep rising and more companies reject a simple high school diploma, the more difficult it is going to be for college students to keep up with the costs. As of 2015, the average debt of graduates at APSU was \$25,495, according to collegedata.com. The average plan allows 10 years to repay student loan debt. The average interest rate is 6.8 percent. This would mean graduates of APSU would be paying approximately \$212 a month

for ten years. With the initial cost of attendance, transportation, personal costs and the cost of student loans, many students spend more years paying for the education than years getting their education.

If students could choose what they paid for, the costs of college would be much more affordable and fewer students would get students loans, which would also be cheaper. College should only cost what it is worth and no one should have to pay for more than what they want or need. Most people are going to college for the education, not the clinic and the rock climbing wall.

USAGE OF CAMPUS FACILITIES, 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR

Health services: 4,496 patients
Counseling services: 1,646 counseling sessions
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FEE FOR SERVICES PER YEAR, 2016-17

Recreation: \$60
Health: \$30
Athletics: \$200
Total General Access: \$736

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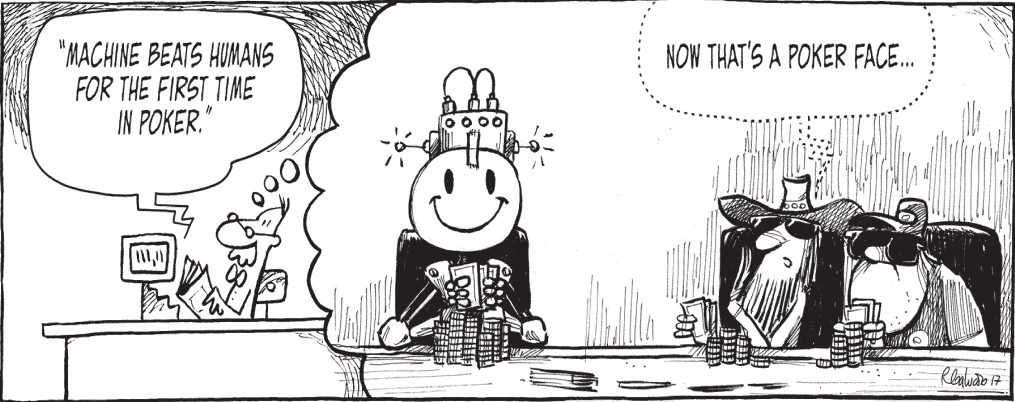


PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Members of the Greek community pose in character with dresses and heels during the annual Womanless Pageant hosted by Kappa Alpha Order and Alpha Omicron Pi. held on Friday, March 31. The event is intended to raise money for charities supported by the organizations, with entry fees going towards the Arthritis Foundation and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE

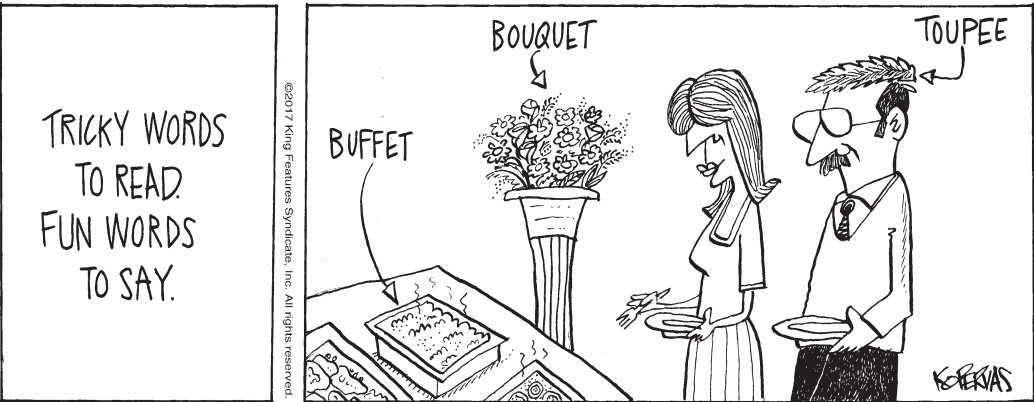
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SGA ELECTIONS FOR SENATE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SGA ELECTIONS: APRIL 4-6

Voting will open on PeayLink at 9 a.m. April 4 and end at 11:45 p.m. April 6. Voting polls will be available in the MUC lobby and front of the library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the election.

- » Voting ratification will be at 4 p.m. April 7 in Claxton 103
- » Chief Justice applications due April 7
- » Tribunal applications due April 7

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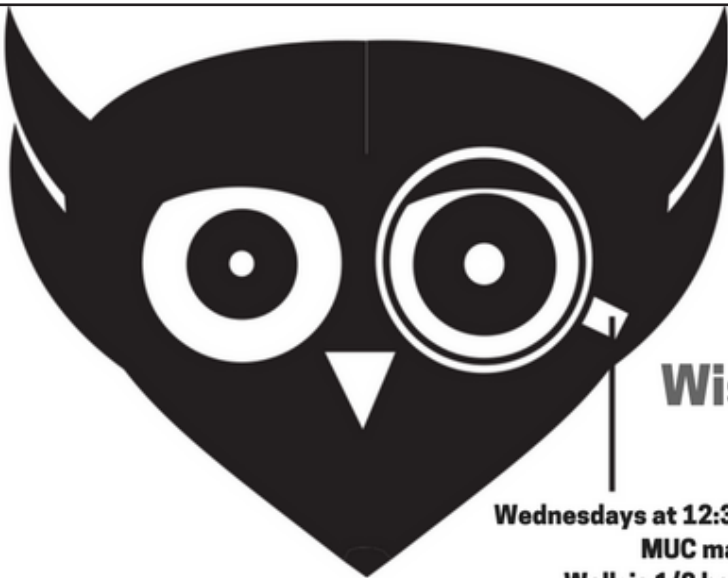
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Wednesdays at 12:30pm Just outside the MUC main doors.
Walk is 1/2 hour and inclusive

April 5th - **Dr. Jack Diebert**

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The Geology of APSU's Campus and Building Stones.

A weekly opportunity to interact with faculty about the topics that make them tick!

FEATURES

Charity Gender Bender



Performances from the seven contestants varied from acrobatics, reciting comedic poetry, and even a ‘shark-whisperer” who wrestled with a costumed shark on-stage. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE

Men dress as women for Greek fundraising event

AALIYAH MITCHELL
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The annual Womanless Pageant hosted by Kappa Alpha Order and Alpha Omicron Pi happened Friday, March 31, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Seven men of all shapes and sizes donned dresses and heels for the charities the show raises money to support, with AOII giving to the Arthritis Foundation and KA giving to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

After introducing the men briefly by their stage names, they moved into the talent portion of the evening, where each contestant showed something that made themselves or their character special. Some showed genuine talent in singing or playing an instrument, and one man showed an impressive talent with a Chinese yo-yo. Others aimed more to make the audience laugh, with one passing off cartwheels and hand-stands as acrobatics, one reciting comedic poetry and a “shark-whisperer,” who wrestled a fully costumed “shark” to the ground and dragged it off stage.

“I liked the talent section. It was them being creative and actually the effort in to making the crowd get into it,” freshman business major Nick Yarbrough said. “I think AOII and KA did a good job of bringing in the contestants and the money for the charities.”

After this portion of the evening, the men lined up across the stage to answer questions, and the hosts gave them three rounds of inquiries pertaining to politics, secret talents and why they should crown each Miss Womanless.

“ I heard that a bunch of the guys before me in my fraternity had done it. I thought about the motives behind it and said, ‘Well, it’s definitely a good idea.’ I gave it a good shot, and I actually won.”

ZACKARY STORKE
FRESHMAN HUMAN HEALTH AND PERFORMANCE MAJOR
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Zackary Storke, (right) played “Patricia” during Friday’s pageant. He received flowers as the traditional prize for a pageant. He was one of seven contestants that night. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE

Mid-South Jazz Festival comes to Clarksville

Marquis Hill Blacktet serenades APSU

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The APSU music department offers a taste of many varieties of musical styles for students, faculty and those pursuing a career in music.

For this year’s Mid-South Jazz Festival hosted at APSU, the Marquis Hill Blacktet performed on Saturday, April 1. The group released their newest album “The Way We Play” in 2016. They performed pieces from this album as well as a few pieces from older ones.

“This is our first time playing in Clarksville, and hopefully not our last,” Hill said.

The group consists of five members, each playing a contributing instrument. The members include Marquis Hill on trumpet, Braxton Cook on the alto saxophone, Joel Ross on vibraphone, Jeremiah Hunt on bass and Makaya McCraven on drums. According to the program, Hill has released four successful albums to date, not including his most recent one. The group originated in Chicago and brings their unique style of jazz to many audiences.

“I want to make it very clear that this is the sound of my band, which is uniquely Chicago. I want to put everything on the table. This is the way we play,” Hill said of his latest album.

The group performed for the 56th year of the Mid-South Jazz festival. They are one of the many popular groups to be hosted by the Clarksville Concert Association. The first festival took place in 1961 and began featuring APSU students in 1991. APSU has played a large role organizing, hosting and playing in the festival since its early years. The festival is a collaboration of the APSU music department and the Clarksville Community Concert Association.

For APSU music students, the Jazz Festival is one of the many opportunities to learn from those with successful careers in music. Many of the groups that have performed in the festival have also hosted forums and helped give students critiques on how to improve their performances. Throughout the year, the music department hosts a variety of festivals to promote a diverse range of music to students, faculty and the community. Among the list, and some of the most prestigious, are Guitarfest and Octubafest in the fall and winter.

In addition to the festivals, the department hosts a variety of events and concerts from APSU faculty, guest performers and student recitals. With each performance music students make connections, help serve the community and other students and get a feel for life in a music career.



The Marquis Hill Blacktet consists of five performers playing traditional jazz instruments. CHANEICE JACKSON | THE ALL STATE

WOMANLESS

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“I thought the acts were hysterical. They were good,” sophomore theater major Victoria Villanuova said. “I like the questionnaire because I felt like it was more interactive with the audience and caught more people’s attention.”

The winner was freshman Zackary Storke, under the stage name “Patricia.”

He is a human health and performance major and member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

“I heard that a bunch of the guys before me in my fraternity had done it. I thought about the motives behind it and said, ‘Well, it’s definitely a good idea.’ I gave it a good shot, and I actually won,” Storke said.

The cost to view the pageant was \$10, and many different fraternity and sorority members came to support the event.

Representatives from KA and AOII gave lighthearted jokes between performances to keep the crowd entertained, and there was a round of applause when Patricia was announced the winner.



Winner of the Womanless Pageant, Zackary Storke, struts his stuff across the stage on Friday, March 31 in the Clement Auditorium STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE

‘The Band Perry’s’ Jason Fitz visits APSU Discussed various ways communications, music majors find futures within the field

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In the music and communications industry there are so many routes a student could take to seek a career after college, yet many express uncertainty over which path to take.

Jason Fitz, former fiddle player for The Band Perry and 102.5 “The Game” co-host, gave advice and answered questions on this topic at a Q&A session hosted by CMA EDU, in MUC 306 on Wednesday, March 29.

Having been a fiddle player for The Band Perry and going on many tours and attending concerts, as well as helping host shows, Fitz sets an example of how a communications/music field could be pursued.

“You have to figure out who you are in the creative field you want to go into. You need to carve out exactly who you are or you ruin your credibility. It’s important to show in demos what you stand for and what makes you, you,” Fitz said.

Fitz said it’s important to make connections and friends in the industry.

“Figure out who you love and who works for your industry, like music or sports. Start with asking simple questions and getting coffee with a possible connection. Making friends is fun and beneficial,” Fitz said. “The most important thing you can put out there is your demo and to not be sorry for anything on it. Sell it for how it shows you as a person.”

Making connections is an aspect

that ties in with the host of this event and CMA EDU. It is an organization dedicated mostly to music, volunteer work and networking.

“We work with CMA in Nashville, with the Country Music Association,” senior graduate public relations major and CMA EDU president Kalan Alder said. “Our main goal for students on campus is to provide things to get involved in, so we provide Q&A’s like having a professional like Jason come in here and talk about his career.”

This event provided an example of a professional’s perspective in the music and communication industries to teach students.

“I thought it was very interesting to hear him talk about transitioning from being in a band to going on the radio and how much work is really put into being a musician. You don’t always hear about that part of the field,” junior communications major and dance team member Macy Mayfield said.

CMA EDU will host more events like this Q&A open to all students, who can learn from professional guests like Fitz.

With new information on creating connections and following who they are in the industry, a student could find new ways to start their career or branch out more.

“He made me think it might be cool to go into commercial radio stuff that I never really thought about before. It’d be interesting to go into PR and work for a radio station,” Mayfield said.

Local group for LGBT citizens called, ‘Equality Clarksville’ organizes Focuses on raising awareness for equal rights, creating a better community

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Nine out of 10 people in the LGBT community have experienced some sort of bullying in their lifetimes, according to the Bullying Statistics website.

A new organization is forming in Clarksville, and it seeks to help those within the LGBT community who feel marginalized: Equality Clarksville.

Though she has now stepped down from the organization, Susan Larson is one of the founding members, and is also the founder of Susan’s Place Transgender Resources.

Susan’s Place has been a space where transgendered people can reach out for peer support that has been operating since 1995.

“We formed Equality Clarksville because we felt there was a need to raise awareness of LGBTI rights, and that is one area we were lacking in as a community,” Larson said.

One controversial legislation is North Carolina’s “bathroom bill” which caused an uproar when the government passed it. Recently, the North Carolina government has made steps to repeal that bill after all the public outcry.

“With the increase of anti-LGBT inspired legislation myself and others felt that the time was right to form a new organization that will help prevent those types of bills from marginalizing LGBTI peoples,” Larson said.

Equality Clarksville has had two meetings so far with the first being held

at the beginning of March. The purpose of these meetings was to set the goals and leadership structure of the organization.

The group held a third meeting at the Tree of Life Center on Sunday, April 2.

“At the next meeting we will be finalizing the leadership structure and ratifying the organization’s bylaws,” Larson said. “Once that happens Equality Clarksville will be an official group that will strive to help protect those in the LGBT community.”

This meeting will help guide what methods Equality Clarksville will use to accomplish its goal.

“We are discussing the possibility of holding a pride march sometime later in the year, but that is still in the planning phase so nothing is set in stone at this

moment,” Larson said.


Equality Clarksville has an active Facebook page that serves as a way for interested people to interact with the group and stay informed on what the organization is working on.

“Equality Clarksville will have open membership to any who are interested in the cause of LGBT rights, but there will be dues that a member will be obligated to pay,” Larson said.

After Sunday’s meeting Equality Clarksville will have chosen its direction in the future as an organization.

“I do not want this organization to stop at just LGBT rights as I want to see it grow to be about protecting all of the citizens of Montgomery County’s equal rights,” Larson said.



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2 ND	MOREHEAD STATE	EASTERN ILLINOIS	UT MARTIN	BELMONT
3 RD	BELMONT	SIUE	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	EASTERN KENTUCKY
4 TH	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	UT MARTIN	EASTERN ILLINOIS	JACKSONVILLE STATE
5 TH	MURRAY STATE	EASTERN KENTUCKY	EASTERN KENTUCKY	TENNESSEE STATE
6 TH	EASTERN KENTUCKY	BELMONT	APSU	APSU
7 TH	JACKSONVILLE STATE	MOREHEAD STATE	MURRAY STATE	EASTERN ILLINOIS
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Softball splits against Tech

Sophomore utility Carly Mattson walked to first base three out of the five times she visited the plate during the series against Tennessee Tech. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE

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The Govs softball team traveled to Tennessee Tech on Saturday, April 1, to play the Golden Eagles.

Letsgopeay.com reported the Govs took a hard 5-6 loss in the first game, but recovered and won the second 1-0.

The Govs' starting pitcher, Kelsey Gross, was pulled early after all three batters she faced reached base.

Gross was replaced by Christiana Gable, who started strong. However, the Golden Eagles' offense was strong, and Alyssa Richards hit a home run, which gave Tech a 0-4 lead.

Tech scored again in the third, but the Govs fought back in the fourth.

Drew Dudley hit an RBI single that put APSU on the scoreboard.

Gable continued to hold the Golden Eagles, and in the top of the seventh, the Govs scored 4 runs to tie the score.

Kacy Acree kicked off the inning with a single, and Danielle Liermann moved herself and Acree in scoring position with a double.

Gable did her part with a single that brought in Acree and Liermann, but Gable was thrown out.

Carly Mattson stepped up to the plate and was walked. Kendall Vedder followed with a double, which made the

score 4-5.

A single from Allie Blackwood moved Vedder to third, but then a throwing error from Tech allowed Vedder to score.

This mistake from the Golden Eagles tied the score at 5-5.

The game went into extra innings, and both teams failed to score until the bottom of the 10th.

An error from APSU led to Tech scoring and ending the game.

The Govs came back for Game 2, and pitcher Autumn Hanners held the Golden Eagles in a 1-0 victory.

Hanners only allowed Tech six hits, two walks and struck out four.

The Golden Eagles put the pressure on Hanners during the fifth when they loaded the bases; however, Hanners and the APSU defense put an end to the threat. Tech popped out to second and hit a line drive to short stop, and the Govs got both outs to end the inning.

APSU finally scored the top of the sixth.

Acree hit her seventh home run of the season to put the Govs ahead 1-0 and secure the win.

After this outing, the Govs have a record of 13-19 on the season and 2-4 in the OVC.

The Govs will resume action on Wednesday, April 5, when they face Evansville at Evansville.

SPORTS

FIGGER NAMED AS HEAD COACH

Former South Carolina associate head coach and recruiting coordinator Matt Figger has been announced as APSU’s men’s basketball head coach

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On Monday, April 3, Matt Figger was officially named APSU’s 12th Men’s Basketball Head Coach, according to letsgopeay.com.

APSU will hold a press conference at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 6.

Figger comes to APSU from South Carolina, where he assisted Frank Martin as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator. South Carolina lost to Gonzaga in the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament 77-73.

“We are excited to welcome Coach Figger and his family to APSU,” Athletics Director Ryan Ivey said to letsgopeay.com. “This is an exciting and unprecedented time for Governors basketball.”

Figger spent 10 years in junior college athletics.

His teams won 20 or more games over eight seasons, earned six region titles, four district titles and reached the NJCAA tournament four times.

After his JUCO days, Figger spent most of his time at Kansas State, under Martin.

Figger helped the Wildcats earn their first NCAA tournament win since 1988. Later, he helped Kansas State set a school record of 29 wins and earn their first Elite Eight appearance in over 20 years.

Post K-State, Figger headed to South Carolina. At South Carolina, Figger was associate head coach and recruiting coordinator. Figger coordinated team

practices and individual workouts for the Gamecocks.

Last season, South Carolina matched a school record at 25-9 overall, 11-7 in the Southeastern Conference.

“When we sat out with our process, we were looking for someone who could bring an excitement and energy to our program, someone who is committed to a quality student-athlete experience, someone who would be involved in our campus and community, and someone that knew and had experience with successful programs,” Ivey said to letsgopeay.com. “Coach Figger brings these characteristics and more, and we couldn’t be more ecstatic to have him leading our program.”

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Feb. 17, 2015: South Carolina associate head coach Matt Figger in Georgia Bulldogs 64-58 loss to the South Carolina Gamecocks at Stegeman Coliseum in Athens, GA AP IMAGES

Athletics makes smart hiring choices



APSU Athletics picked up Head Coach Travis Janssen mid-September 2015 and quickly took the Govs to the OVC tournament his first season with the team. This comes after Janssen revived a Northeastern State (Oklahoma) program prior.

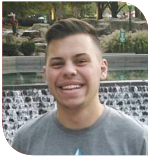
APSU SPORTS INFORMATION



Coach Will Healy became the second youngest coach at a D1 school and turned the Govs’ football program around after Coach Kirby Cannon’s contract was bought out by anonymous donors. With his coaching talents and recruiting abilities, the Govs are heading in the right direction for the future of the program.

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APSU Athletics has made smart moves recently when selecting who to call the shots for each team.

After Ryan Ivey replaced Derek van der Merwe as director of athletics in the summer of 2015, APSU began to make several coaching changes that can bring success in athletics to new heights.

Yes, it takes time for programs to become acquainted with new head coaches, but given the promising starts coupled with track records for Will Healy, Travis Janssen and Matt Figger, it looks like the Gov’s central office has the future heading in a good direction.

First, look at Govs football.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Healy, APSU has recorded two signing days that ranked first in the Ohio Valley Conference, with the latter being first in all of the Football Championship Series.

In Healy’s first season the Govs scored an average 23 points per game. That is a drastic improvement from the 12-point average under Kirby Cannon in the 2015 season.

Healy was brought in to the Govs program in December 2015, leaving his 7-year role as an assistant coach for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

APSU Athletics continued the trend when hiring Janssen to take over as head coach for baseball. Janssen was brought in to replace Gary McClure,

who earned 847 wins over 27 seasons.

Janssen took Govs baseball to a 17-9 conference record in his first season in charge.

Janssen’s efforts also saw an end to the Govs’ two-year postseason absence.

Midway through his second season for the red and white team, his offense is producing with 44 home runs and 190 run.

Janssen said in 2016 following his hiring that it was “always the goal to become a head coach. To be the guy to make the decisions and be in charge of a program. I always wanted to be a head coach.”

APSU found a gem in Janssen, as the now second-year coach brings a plethora of experience to the table.

Janssen served as an assistant coach at Jacksonville State, Hawaii and Arkansas. Janssen also revived Tahlequah, Oklahoma’s Northeastern State.

Janssen turned the Riverhawks into a 25+ win team for four seasons in a row, a large improvement from the 6-33 record he inherited.

The next big pickup performed by APSU athletics was Figger, to replace the legendary Dave Loos as head men’s basketball coach.

Figger was announced as head coach on Monday, April 3.

The new coach comes to APSU from a five-year stint at South Carolina as the associate head coach and four years also serving as recruiting coordinator.

In Figger’s final two years as a member of the Gamecocks’ coaching staff, South Carolina recorded back to back 25+ win campaigns.

Included in that is a Final Four finale with South Carolina.

APSU Athletics may not be showing the immediate results from their recent coaching decisions, but looking past baseball’s current standings in eighth in conference, and football’s 26-game losing streak there are pieces of potential rising for the Govs.

Give time for the teams to become acclimated to the changes that go with new coaches, and APSU sports can start to produce.

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