

## **Interim Director** of International Ed. pending investigation

**ETHAN STEINQUEST** 

Tim Hudson, recently appointed interim executive director for the Center for Extended and International Education, is pending investigation due to allegations of ethical and legal misconduct during his time as chancellor at Arkansas State University.

Executive Director of Public Relations and Marketing Bill Persinger told The Arkansas State University Herald Hudson's one-year interim appointment at APSU was made official on Jan.



17. According to APSU's presidential cabinet meeting minutes for Jan. 23, Hudson's appointment was announced by Rex Gandy, the provost and vice

president of academic affairs. "Hudson informed the administration of the allegations and investigation prior to us hiring him," Persinger said in an email. "We have been and will continue to monitor this investigation."

Hudson and his wife Dee Dee Hudson resigned from A-State on Aug. 2, 2016, after a series of internal audits revealed potential ethical and legal issues within their departments.

The Arkansas Legislative Audit also conducted an external inspection, the results of which were made public on Nov. 7, 2016. The audit said Hudson was asked to reimburse A-State for \$1,671.92 in travel expenses paid by another organization, a request he complied with. These findings were recommended to District Attorney Scott Ellington for prosecution and remain under review.

"We still have the Hudson file," Ellington said to The Jonesboro Sun. "I have a deputy reviewing it with me, and we'll be making a decision."

In addition, A-State's internal audits detailed multiple instances of potential misconduct related to conflicts of interest and Arkansas state laws.

According to The Jonesboro Sun, A-State's first internal audit revealed Hudson attempted to have his wife, then the part-time director of A-State's study

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#### Sigma Kappa to join Greek Panhellenic Council

**CELESTE MALONE** EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

he Panhellenic Council reached the decision to invite the sorority Sigma Kappa to campus starting Fall 2017. This recommendation bringing this new organization came from the extension committee on Tuesday, March 14.

Sigma Kappa was chosen over two other organizations, Zeta Tau Alpha and Phi Mu. All three presented extension bids to APSU's Greek community during the end of February and beginning of March.

Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Director Stephen Dominy said he feels like the committee made the right decision for APSU.

"I believe that the committee made the best choice for the community considering all elements that impact the advancement and enhancement related to the mission of the Panhellenic community as well as the vision of APSU," Dominy said.

While the unaffiliated population of young women at APSU is climbing, STEPHEN DOMINY many do not see Greek life as FRATERNITY AND SORORITY AFFAIRS something they are interested in, though some feel like the addition

could benefit campus.

Dominy said he feels like Sigma Kappa will be able to engage and impact all students.

"I believe that this organization will commit to creating a dynamic experience at APSU that will be relatable and engage all students, especially unaffiliated women," Dominy said. "I also believe that they will be an integral part of the Panhellenic experience forward. Our women are excited to

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COORDINATOR

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## APSU honors diversity pioneer Betty Joe Wallace Spearhead of African-American, Women's studies coursework

**MAHALIA SMITH** 

Betty Joe Wallace was a trailblazer at APSU. After graduating with a master's degree in education from the university, she went on to start two important areas of study: African-American history and Women's Studies. Wallace was the first to teach courses in these fields, in 1965 and 1978, respectively.

"Over half of her community presentations were on African-American history, race relations, and civil rights." Michele Butts, professor of history, said.

In Wallace's time, advocating for these subjects in schools was unpopular. However, she broke those boundaries to do what she believed was right.

"She was a pioneer. And frankly a lot of what she was doing was not well received. So it took a lot of guts." Butts said. "She had a tremendous tenacity, in valuing and pushing for change [...] Her perseverance was amazing."

As a professor, Wallace did not just teach her students, she "processed" them.

"She used expert questioning techniques to help you see multiple consequences of things and to come to well-developed conclusions." Butts said.

Wallace constantly dared students to think about their views and opinions of the world.

"She was going to challenge you on what you thought about things," Jill Eichhorn, associate professor of English and coordinator of women's and gender studies, said. "She wasn't going to hand you what you should think about something, and [she would] make sure you understood all the perspectives."

Wallace went beyond the call of a teacher, even providing some of her own clothes to her students. Many of her students became history teachers.

"Sometimes her young ladies did not have the right clothes. To be a student teacher you have to look a certain way." Butts said.

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## Ann Ross Bookstore up for new bid Looking to move to corner of College Street, Fourth Street, increasing diversity on campus

**NOELLE OLEARTCHICK** STAFF WRITER

APSU's bookstore will look different next semeste, as the university is currently undergoing a proposal process to receive a new contractor for the bookstore. The proposal on behalf of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR).

Bidders or proposers interested in the bookstore had to submit their proposals by Feb. 28 to APSU. The University completed proposal evaluations on Tuesday, March 14, and will issue their intent to award letter on April 4.

The University held a pre-proposal conference on Jan. 24, in MUC room 307, where the scope of services wanted

was discussed.

APSU is looking to buy vendor services that will provide fair but competitive prices, and give contractor and subcontractor jobs to women, small businesses and minorities. Vendors are required to complete a minority/ ethnicity form.

The bidder chosen will have to provide a performance bond with a sum of \$1 Million. The deadline to receive the bond is April 18, and if not received the contract can be terminated.

The new contract will last five years, from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022. The contract can be renewed for an additional

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The Ann-Ross Bookstore houses most textbooks for students throughout the year. It even has giftcards, makeup, coffee mugs and sweatshirts for purchase. HENRY KILPATRICK | THE ALL STATE





#### **RESOLUTION NO. 27**

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Allocate plots of land to monuments honoring the National Pan-Hellenic Council. **Passed** 

Require SGA to read U.S. founding documents at each meeting and ask for the creation of a required class for studying them.

#### **Failed**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 29**

Send a letter of recommendation asking APSU to change the academic calendar to match the Montgomery County School System.

Introduced

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 30**

Calls for the crossing time on College Street to be extended to 30 seconds.

Introduced

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 31**

Calls for the installation of surveillance cameras at the entrances to Blount, Sevier and Harvill.

Introduced



### UNLAWFUL DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Hand Village March 9, 12:26 a.m. **Report** 

### SIMPLE POSSESSION/CASUAL EXCHANGE

Hand Village March 9, 12:26 a.m. **Report** 

#### AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Main Street/University Avenue Lot March 2, 12:42 a.m. **Arrest** 

#### BURGLARY

Burt Lot Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m. **Report** 

#### DOMESTIC ASSAULT

Two Rivers Feb. 26, 6:42 p.m. **Arrest** 

#### VANDALISM

Sevier Hall Feb. 26, 12:16 a.m. **Report** 

#### DOMESTIC ASSAULT

Two Rivers Feb. 23, 6:43 p.m. **Arrest** 

#### AGGRAVATED BURGLARY

Blount Hall Feb. 23, 2:08 p.m. **Report** 

## SGA senators debate 'insulting' legislation

PATRICK ROACH

Sen. Eric Powell's controversial Res. No. 28 caused heated debates at the March 1 SGA meeting, and ultimately, the promise of a veto from President Ryan Honea, who described the legislation as "insulting" in its current form.

The meeting involved one of the most heated exchanges among senators this semester. Multiple senators voiced their opinions strongly concerning Powell's legislation that would require SGA to read and discuss various founding documents. Those documents ranged from the Bill of Rights to the Tennessee State Constitution. The bill would also have called for the creation and requirement of a single class devoted to studying these documents.

Discussion of the resolution eventually turned to discussing what the Constitution of the U.S. means and how it is interpreted.

"This legislation is grounded in an opinion," Sen. Colin Crist said. "What this will do is force that opinion on everyone else...and I feel that goes against the idea of the founding documents of the free exchange of ideas. You are not being forced to think a certain way."

Crist argued SGA legislation operates independently of the U.S. Constitution, and need not be referenced with every action such as allocating plots to the NPHC or "changing the skateboard policy."

Vice President Dylan Kellogg attempted to gather an opposing viewpoint to balance the discussion, which led to suggestions on how the legislation could be passed until Honea offered his opinion.

"The very first paragraph [of the legislation] is insulting to the majority of the students on this campus," Honea said. "I don't appreciate the majority of the students being told that their idea of the constitution is incorrect."

The legislation ultimately failed with only four votes of support.

Sen. Frank Burns' Res. No. 27 passed with a 16-7 vote and will allocate plots of land on campus to the installation of monuments honoring the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

The resolution prompted concerns about SGA endorsing a student organization or Greek life in general. Sen. Rebecca Jacks argued the resolution favors one group of students over the other.

"This [resolution] is not serving the voice of all of the students," Jacks said.

The SGA also voted to nominate their candidate for the Distinguished Faculty Member award. The honor went to John Nicholson of the computer science department. Other candidates for the nomination included Nanci Woods, Alex King and David von Palko.

Sen. Duane Kessler and Sen. Jaden Davidson introduced three pieces of legislation to close the meeting.

Res. No. 29 would send a letter of recommendation to the Office of the Registrar of APSU to change the academic calendar to properly match the calendar of the Montgomery County School system. The resolution aims to aid APSU students with children attending school so their spring breaks will match.

Res. No. 30 calls for an extension to the time of the crosswalk on College Street to 30 seconds.

Res. No. 31 calls for the installation of surveillance cameras installed at the entrance to the Blount, Sevier and Harvill student housing buildings in reaction to cases of vandalism and theft.

### **GREEK**

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see this sorority make an impact in our community - the level of excitement is unlike anything I have ever seen."

Junior nursing major Alex Carter, who is unaffiliated, said she feels like Greek life at APSU needs the change because most organizations on campus are similar.

"It seemed like no matter what happened, there would always be judgment," Carter said. "From those inside the organization and out. I don't want people to think they already know me based on the set of letters that I have on my chest."

As far as her thoughts on the addition, she said growth was needed.

"I think APSU has too much of the same

stuff in our Greek community. APSU is growing so rapidly and diversely and we need to facilitate for that growth," Carter said. "The new organization should still 'fit in' with our climate but it can't be afraid to challenge the 'norm' at the same time."

According to their website, Sigma Kappa was founded at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. They have 123 collegiate chapters, more than 165,000 members and over 110 almunae chapters and the purpose of Sigma Kappa Sorority is to provide women lifelong opportunities and support for social, intellectual and spiritual development by bringing women together to positively impact our communities.

According to Dominy, extension will take place after the completion of formal recruitment and more information will come in the following weeks.

#### **BOOKSTORE**

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five years but can also be terminated if there are insufficient funds.

The new bookstore location is intended to provide more space and more services to students.

The future bookstore will be at the corner of College Street and Fourth Street. This location provides a highly visible storefront, more square footage, additional parking and a loading dock.

The new space will allow for additional services not currently offered at the current location, such as brand name food venues and coffee and print shops. The bookstore's current contract with dining services will be amended to allow this.

The name of the bookstore will still be "The Austin Peay State University-Ann Ross Bookstore."

Students said the new location should

bring improvement to the bookstore.

"I like the book setup and how simple it is to find the books that I need," Corie Moore, a sophomore nursing major said, "However, when it comes to ordering a book online it gets confusing and crazy. I have had the bookstore lose my online order and not receive some of the books that I ordered online."

Cierra Pegram, a sophomore history major, agreed with Moore on the issues of online ordering.

"It takes forever for a book to come in and sometimes I don't get notified when my books are here," Pegram said.

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## CIERRA PEGRAM SOPHOMORE HISTORY MAJOR

For more information on the Ann Ross Bookstore visit, http://www.bkstr.com/annrossbookstore/home.

#### **INVESTIGATION**

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abroad program, hired as its full-time director before learning it would violate Arkansas state law. He then removed the posting for the full-time position, which had received 14 applications.

The audits also revealed a potential conflict of interest between the Hudsons and the family of Alfonso Rubio, president of education conglomerate Multisense Espana. A-State's study abroad program was billed over \$250,000 by Multisense without contracts or receipts, and Rubio's son, Pablo Rubio Diez, worked as an executive assistant in the chancellor's office until June 2016. Diez was contracted at \$70,000 annually and resigned before the audit's release.

A second internal audit made public Aug. 4, 2016. revealed Hudson may have

violated Arkansas state law by seeking tuition assistance for his daughter, according to The Arkansas State University Herald. Under state law, public officials are prohibited from using their position to gain special privilege for themselves, their family or anyone the official has significant financial ties to.

The audit contained emails between Hudson and the New York Institute of Technology, including discussion about creating a "Tuition Exchange Program" the NYIT employee said would make Hudson's daughter eligible for a full scholarship. Other emails discussed tuition at Loyola University New Orleans and the University of South Alabama. As interim executive director, Hudson

As interim executive director, Hudson is responsible for APSU's Distance Education, Extended Education, off-campus education sites, English as a Second Language, International Student Recruitment and Executive Education.

#### WALLACE

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Wallace would give her own clothes to students who could not afford new outfits.

Not only did Wallace introduce new classes to APSU's curriculum, she also paved the way for women to hold administrative positions at the university.

"This was a very tough place for women," Butts said. "She's the reason in a way, we have the female deans and administrators we have."

Eichhorn met Wallace in 1995, before APSU had a female president. Eichhorn recalled a speech in which Wallace campaigned for women in administrative roles at APSU.

"[Wallace] said 'we can't discover if women are capable of leadership if we never give them the opportunity." Eichhorn said. At the time, there were no female candidates considered for the position. In the early '90s, a woman became a dean for the first time.

A popular teacher and colleague,

Wallace impacted everyone she worked with.
"She saved my life," Butts said. A

survivor of breast cancer, Butts said Wallace pushed her to get screened. Wallace passed away in 2014, but her legacy will not end. A few of her former

legacy will not end. A few of her former colleagues and students have started a fund in her honor to bring a guest speaker to the university during the spring semester.

"It takes a lot of money to bring in speakers [...] who could inspire our students, faculty, and even our community like she did." Butts said.

"A university community thrives when we bring in stimulating ideas and perspectives." Eichhorn said.



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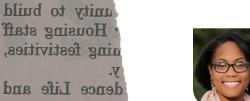
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# Media Black Out

President Donald Trump's recent behavior toward media outlets threatens First Amendment rights



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In recent weeks, President Donald Trump's press secretary, Sean Spicer, has barred media outlets of his choosing to not report on updates within the White House such as CNN, Los Angeles, BuzzFeed and other predominantly liberal news sources. This act, in my opinion, is truly sickening and the media will fight back.

The White House said this was not meant to disregard journalists from organizations that have been critical of the presidency, but ironically, many of the outlets that were invited were from conservative sources that have been "sympathetic" to Trump, such as Breitbart and FOX News.

It is unfair for the media to be disregarded like that. His actions make it seem he cannot take the criticism and questions asked by journalists who are reporting about the decisions he has made and want to inform the public.

Trump takes to social media and veers off in speeches to disrespect people who just want to help.

After a heated press conference in South Carolina, Trump criticized the media through what he loves most-Twitter; calling them "the enemy of the American People!

Trump only seems to care about the outlets that praise him and that is not right. The media has the right to challenge the system and ask questions when things do not add up.

The First Amendment is not going anywhere, but thankfully, he will either be in office four or eight years before we have someone else in the office to report on. The media will continue to report, inform and help the American people no matter what our president says.



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Despite recent claims by the general public, the media is not unnecessary, biased, negative or untrustworthy.

While it may be easy to make that claim from the outside, it is a whole different beast to journalists. Journalists are just like everyone else. They wake up, drink their coffee and go to work, just like you. Journalists do not wake up and say "what kind of fake news can I make up to make people mad today?"

The mass media is something we should be thankful for. It is a liaison between organizations and the public.

The media is the reason you know snow is coming soon, the way missing children are found states away and the way you found out who won the presidential election.

Yes, there are negative stories printed every day. It is not the media's job to make up happy stories to keep the world spinning. It is the media's job to inform the public what is going on in the world.

However, it is true. Some news sources are not as great as others. If your news comes from a website with "liberal" or "conservative" in the title, yes, there is bias. However, most of your mass media really are unbiased, or at least try to be. Journalists are not perfect, but they are not the devil.

The First Amendment is what keeps our country together. It allows us to be different from each other, and accept each other. It protects us from dictatorship.

Next time you feel a media organization has failed the public, write a letter to the editor. Every publication accepts them. Journalists are people, not a company trying to make millions.

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r was awesome. It es so many country rans over there," Ballard said. "That is part of the reason we went to Western Europe in the first place, to get more

international fans into country music." A Google search for Frankie Ballard tour dates shows that he certainly is a well-traveled individual. Even after getting back from international travel, he performed to the APSU concert only to then head to Billings, Montana the next day.

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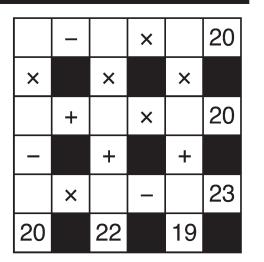
APSU's Gay Straight Alliance, along with other members of the campus community, held a rally in the MUC Plaza on March 2 in order to raise awareness for transgender students. BRYAN SMITH | THE ALL STATE

#### **GO FIGURE!** by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

#### DIFFICULTY: \*\*

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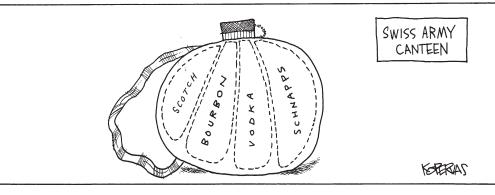
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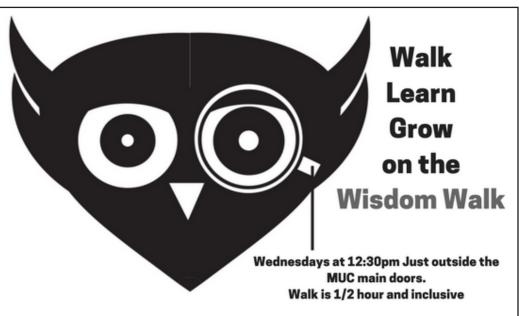


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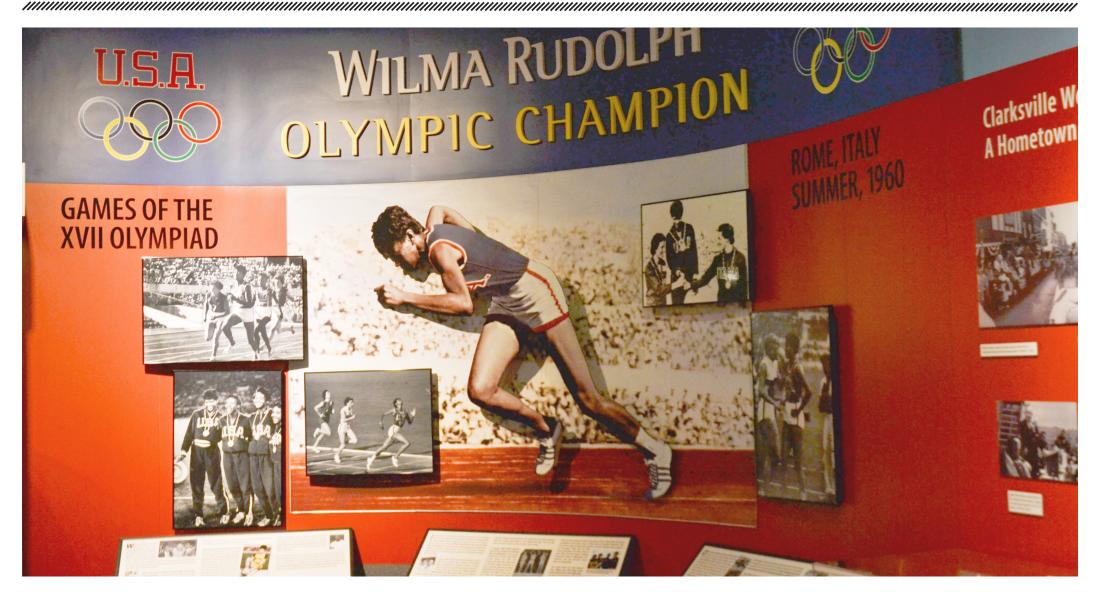


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# **FEATURES**



# Remembering a legend



APSURA hosted a presentation on African-American Olympic athlete Wilma Rudolph, filled with footage of her Olympic events, and personal stories from close friends. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE

# Clarksville holds presentation on Wilma Rudolph's life story, challenges

**JOSHUA CLEMENTS** FEATURES WRITER

Wilma Rudolph is more than the name of a street, and on Feb. 28 the APSU Retirees Association held a presentation honoring her legacy at the Customs House Museum and Cultural Center.

Rudolph was the 20th of 22 siblings, and she was born in St. Bethlehem in June 1940. At an early age she contracted polio that forced her to wear a leg brace. She overcame this disability, and played a number of sports. She would go on to obtain three gold medals at the 1960 Rome Olympics.

"If you knew Wilma you feel in love with her," Barbra Johnson, one of Rudolph's school friends, said. "She never once forgot where she came from, and was always willing to return here and give back."

The presentation was hosted by APSURA vice president Floyd Christian, who introduced each of the presenters. Joseph Roberts, a long time educator in the Clarksville area, was first to present, and he brought to the stage a couple of classmates of Rudolph and her oldest daughter. Each told the audience what

knowing Rudolph was like.

The main presentation was a short documentary by APSU professor Yvonne Prather entitiled "Woman Behind the Gold: Wilma Glodean Rudolph." Before Prather showed the documentary she told of her own connection to Rudolph, as she had raced one of Rudolph's daughters in her track days.

"When I was racing her daughter so many years ago I had no idea the impact she would have on my life," Prather said. "I'm glad I can share the footage that had thrust her onto the world stage."

The documentary was a combination of archival footage of Rudolph and interviews of people who knew her. The main interviewees were her coach at Tennessee State University Ed Temple, and Maxine Johnson, who was described as her closest friend from high school.

The presentation put into context what Rudolph's winning of the gold medals meant to her as she was still in high school, and to the city of Clarksville. It showed the city of Clarksville gave her a hero's welcome, something unusual for the South at the time as Rudolph is a

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# New wonders just beyond the horizon 'Horizon Zero Dawn' blends elements

# from other games, rich with lore



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Enter a world where machines roam the wilderness like animals, and kill any humans on sight.

In "Horizon Zero Dawn," humanity has been reduced to a tribal state where many resemble Native American tribes that live within a ruined modern world. The game is an open sandbox role playing game, and the gameplay is more action-focused instead of having traditional RPG traits. The game world is vast and varied, as it stretches from forested mountains to desert vistas.

The story of "Horizon Zero Dawn" is about a character with mysterious origins named Alloy who leaves her isolationist tribe to go on a journey to unravel various mysteries plaguing the world. The audience discovers the outside world alongside Alloy as she journeys to find answers.

The size of the map is comparable to

"The Witcher 3," but that game drops the player into a wide world with little direction. "Horizon's" world is designed to be more linear, and it has more direction thanks to this choice.

What the game lacks with a generic title it makes up for in a master class of world building. Every new location is very exciting to find, and each of the tribes in the game all have a unique design, and lore associated with them.

What makes the locations so breathtaking are the excellent graphics that push the PlayStation 4 to its limits. The face modeling looks great for the most part, however, sometimes the lip sync with dialogue can look a bit off. That is not great with a story driven experience as it can take the player out of the moment.

To summarize the overall feeling of "Horizon," it is like someone took a combination of different games and put them into a blender.

Because of this the game has a feeling of unoriginality that can not be helped.

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The primary enemies in "Horizon Zero Dawn" are hostile, animal-like machines who will attack humans on sight. Part of the game's mystery is learning why they are hostile. PHOTOS FROM GUERRILLA GAMES

# 'Lego Batman' builds from solid foundation

# Spiritual successor proves success of series, continues value in story form



## ANDREW WADOVICK

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My younger brother texted me last week, saying the "Lego Batman" movie was amazing and I should totally watch it. Coming from the kid who always tries his hardest to look the most "mature" of my siblings and would never watch such a movie on his own accord, such a glowing recommendation surprised me.

Then again, it was not as if "Lego Batman" was not on my radar as it was. "The Lego Movie" caught me off-guard in 2014, with a captivating message and memorable characters and charm. If the second iteration of this concept was just as captivating as the first one, then I was in for a treat.

"Lego Batman" holds nothing back from the very start, throwing shade such as "DC: the house that Batman built" and making fun of Tom Cruise romance flicks. It is the same kind of humor that pervaded the first movie, while also mixing in DC Comics humor with the main plot, such as poking fun at

Batman's lack of an official nemesis and his overbearing tendency to work alone and be alone.

For a film whose premise appears to be kid-centric, however, I was surprised at how blatantly some of the more adult-centered humor appeared in the film. In an early scene, Batman, as Bruce Wayne, attends a retirement party, where the local orphanage is hosting a choir concert as part of the entertainment. One of the orphans is a huge fan of Mr. Wayne, and proceeds to pester him about the possibility of adoption. At one point, he gives him his name, to which he adds "but most of the kids call me Dick." To this, Batman immediately replies with "Well, kids can be cruel." The joke happens so fast, and so quietly, it goes over most people's heads if they are not paying attention. This is not the only time the orphan is referred to by this nickname as well, but when it happens, it is so subtle the film gets away with it.

Despite this constant humor in every part of the film, the character development was taken a bit more seriously than "The Lego Movie." Batman's internal struggle to



"Lego Batman" took the charm and personality from the first "Lego Movie" and centered it on Bruce Wayne, an ego-centric superhero with an "all about me" attitude. PHOTOS FROM WARNER BROS. STUDIOS

create emotional bonds with people following the death of his parents is more poignant and deeper, his facial expressions dynamic and self-reflective despite the constant mask over his face. His interactions with the various side characters changes throughout the film, reflecting his own growth.

The animations of the characters have improved drastically from the original, but I also felt a lot of the Lego charm was lost in the transition. For example, in the original "Lego Movie," the water was also created with Lego pieces just like the rest of the film's scenery. In

"Lego Batman," the water is actual, animated water. It is not made of Legos anymore. And while such changes allowed for more dynamic imagery and animation, it detracted from parts of what made the original so unique.

Despite this, the film itself was comedy gold. The humor was intelligent, and the characters were dynamic and engaging. "Lego Batman" was a worthy spiritual successor to "The Lego Movie," and considering "Lego Ninjago" appeared in the trailers prior to the film, it looks as though they have a franchise on their hands.

# 'Allons-y!' 'Doctor Who' arrives in Clarksville









Several guests will be attending thsi year's Doctor Who convention, including Colin Spaull (top), Frazer Hines (middle left), Sarah Madison (middle right) and Sophie Aldred (bottom). PHOTOS FROM CONGT

# Doctor Who convention brings show's companions, artists during weekend

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ConGT, Tennessee's first exclusively Doctor Who convention, will be returning Friday through Sunday, March 17 through March 19, at the Riverview Inn in Clarksville.

ConGT is a two-and-a-half day convention dedicated to the longest running science fiction television show in history, "Doctor Who." The show first debuted in 1963 and has gained a large following over the past several decades.

For this year's convention, several guests will attend the convention:

• Sophie Aldred – one of Doctor Who's companions, 'Ace,' during the seventh Doctor's time on the show.

• Frazer Hines – spent time on the TARDIS with the first two Doctors: William Hartnell and Patrick Troughton. Frazer has appeared in more episodes of "Doctor Who" than any other companion, and all but four of the Doctors themselves.

 $\cdot$  Colin Spaull – a British actor who appeared in both the classic and the modern series.

• Andrew Cartmel – British author who served as the script editor for "Doctor Who" in the 1980s. His book, "Script Doctor," provides an account of what it is like to work on a hit television show. Cartmel was in Clarksville for the first ConGT.

• Sarah Madison – British actress who has appeared in multiple episodes of "Doctor Who" as a 'Weeping Angel,' one of the iconic villains from the show.

• Robin Burks — an author and cosplayer who specializes in "Doctor Who." She will return for her third visit to ConGT.

The convention will begin Friday night with a VIP party, "Return to Trenzalore,"

where VIP ticket holders will receive custom photos with Aldred and Hines as well as one-on-one time with all the above guests

Saturday and Sunday will be days for meeting with the guests, cosplay contests with prizes, breakout panels about non-"Doctor Who" items, green screen photography and video rooms, among other activities.

The convention will also host an event called "Paint the TARDIS," which allows attendees to work with a professional artist to create their own TARDIS paintings.

ConGT has selected the Clarksville-Montgomery County Humane Society again this year as the chosen charity. In 2016, the convention raised over \$1,000 for the group.

ConGT will also announce details about their second convention of the year, "Smokey Mountain Who," which will take place in Gatlinburg from Sept. 7 through Sept. 9, 2017.

ConGT tickets are available in a variety of packages, including a single day pass, weekend pass or VIP pass.

More information can be found about ConGT at www.congt.org, or by email at info@congt.org. For comments, statements, or interview opportunities, contact Eddie Owen at 407-900-6936 or via the email listed above.

#### "DOCTOR WHO"

"Doctor Who" first aired in Great Britain on Nov. 23, 1963, and in the U.S. in 1972. The U.S. started with the Third Doctor.

#### **RUDOLPH**

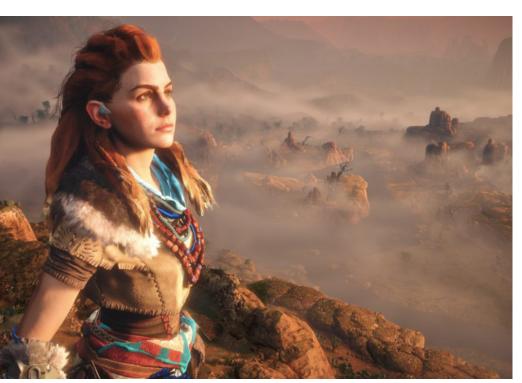
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woman of color.

The city was going to hold two separate banquets in her honor; one for white people, and the other for African Americans. Rudolph rebuked this idea of separate banquets, and told the city that only one integrated would be held or none at all. The city agreed to her request, and only one gathering was held.

One last speaker was introduced to the audience, and this one was a surprise as it was not on the listing of speakers. It was Johnson, and she elaborated on parts of the documentary with her personal stories

"She will always be a legend in my eyes. Wilma was always someone that helped people to find opportunity in their lives when they did not have any," Johnson said. "If you visit the Smithsonian they have an exhibit there gives her the justice she deserves."



The main protagonist in "Horizon Zero Dawn" is Alloy, an isolationist tribswoman who leaves her home on a journey to unravel the mysteries of the world she lives in. PHOTOS FROM GUERRILLA GAMES

#### **HORIZON**

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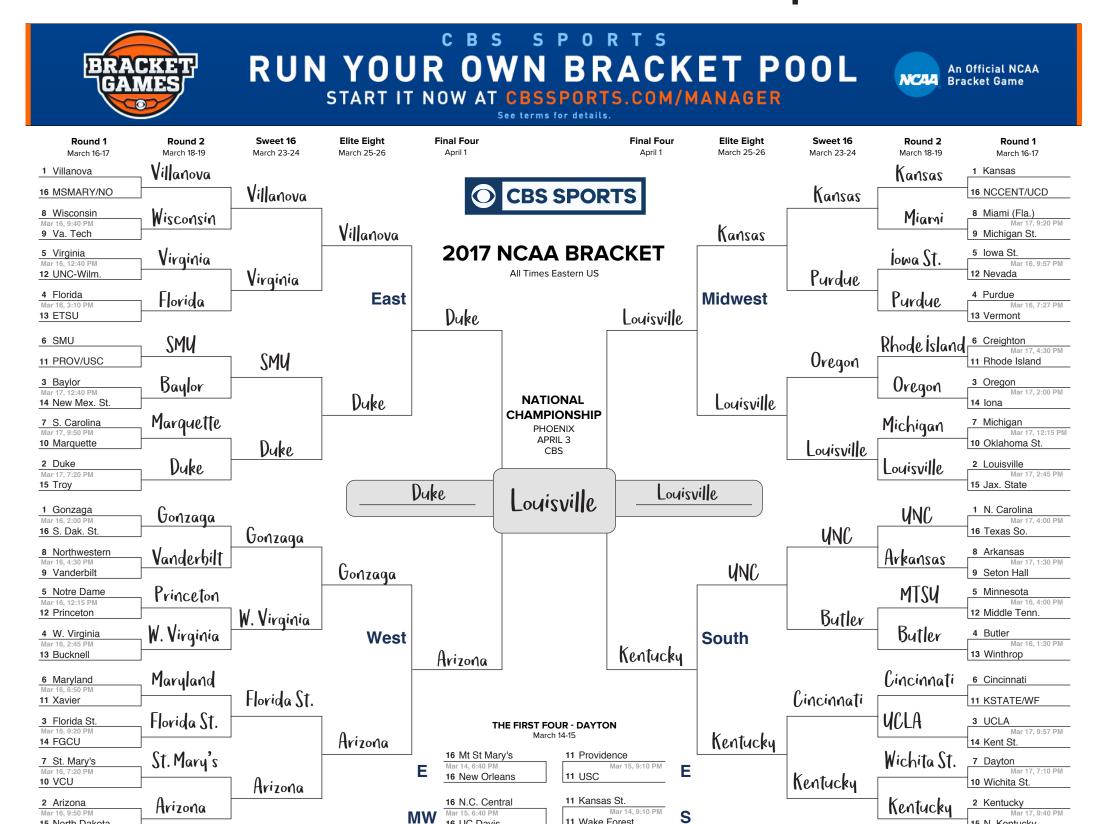
However, because the specific setting is so unique it makes up for the derivative gameplay.

The main opponents the player faces are animalistic robots that are hostile to any human they see. Their designs are very interesting as they range from horses to deer and even alligators. Why these robots are hostile are not immediately obvious, and it is one of the mysteries that Alloy must discover. Early on, the robots feel a bit pointless, and are more of a hazard that makes travel slower than it needs to be.

"Horizon" is a fantastic game that does everything well. It may be derivative of a number of different games, but the games it follows are the pinnacle of what they do.

Where "Horizon" outshines other games is its gigantic world, and how rich the lore is.

# The All State March Madness predictions



Mar 15, 6:40 PM 16 UC Davis

11 Wake Forest



15 North Dakota

### SGA ELECTIONS FOR SENATE **AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

- » Applications open March 1
- » Applications due March 22

# **SGA ELECTIONS: MARCH 28-30**

» Tribunal applications due April 7 » Chief Justice applications due April 7

Students must attend at least one candidate orientation session on March 23 at 4 p.m. or March 24 at 8 a.m.

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## MR. AND MADAME GOVERNOR **SELECTION CRITERIA**

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#### CANDIDACY

All students must meet the following criteria to be considered eligible for Mr. or Madame Governor:

- » Eligible candidates must be a graduating senior in Fall 2016, Spring 2017, or Summer 2017 semester.
- » Eligible candidates must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- » Eligible candidates must be involved in extracurricular activities. Involvement is defined as being in at least one APSU social or service organization and one APSU academic or honors organization.
- » Eligible candidates must have held at least one leadership or office position in a registered organization while a student at APSU.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Applications will be available in the Office of Student Affairs or online at www.apsu.edu/sga until Thursday, March 23. All applications, typed responses, and resume must be turned in to the Office of Student Affairs (UC 206) no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23.

#### **SELECTION**

A committee comprised of one faculty member, one staff member, and three senators approved by the SGA Senate will review all eligible Mr. and Madame Governor applications for selection of the successful 2017 male and female candidates.

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# SPORTS

#### **GLAVINE DAY** SPORTS EDITOR

After 31 seasons of head coaching and 502 wins, the winningest coach of the Ohio Valley Conference, APSU's beloved Dave Loos has walked off the court for the final time.

Loos spent four years at Christian Brothers University and 27 at APSU.

His retirement was announced March 2 with a press conference following on March 6.

In his OVC years, Loos won the OVC Championship four times, the regular season five times and won Coach of the Year four times.

Last year, Loos coached the No. 8 seed Govs to an OVC Championship. This was the first time a No. 8 seed has won the OVC Championship Tournament.

The Govs went on the Des Moines, Iowa where they lost to Kansas in an uphill battle 105-79.

Earlier in the season, Loos took a four game leave of absence to focus on his health. Loos' first win back was beating Murray State at home for his final home outing against the Racers. His recent tests came back negative of cancer.

Loos said he plans to be a full time grandpa now that his coaching days are over.

As I say farewell, I just want you to know that you can be the judge of how I did in terms of wins and losses. And some of those things are important at this level. One thing that I don't think you have to be the judge of, is that I can assure you I gave you everything I had."

DAVE LOOS

FORMER MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH



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