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Nooses cause national controversy

Racial symbols make another appearance on campus

BY SEAN MCCULLY
News Editor

The APSU community was shocked last week to learn of the appearance of six rainbow-colored nooses in front of the Trahern fine arts

building. This is not the first instance of nooses or racial tension on campus. This most recent instance was marked by APSU reaching national headlines in *The New York Times*, *VICE News*

and *The Washington Post*, among others. The student who made the nooses has not been named and she released a statement saying she had no social or political intentions with her project.

“My intention with my sculpture project was to convey the cycle of death and rebirth that comes with the arrival of spring,” the statement read. “I had no social or

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WE'RE PLANTING THE CAMPUS RED



Student Courtney Covington helped plant trees on campus on Friday, April 22. **CHANEICE JACKSON** | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

University plants 3,500 flowers, 25 trees

BY WILL FISHER
Staff Writer

More than 200 volunteers participated in the 17th annual Plant the Campus Red event on Friday, April 22, to celebrate Earth Day and to beautify APSU. The event lasted about two hours as students, faculty, staff and community members went to 13 locations around campus and planted approximately 3,500 flowers and 25 trees. Volunteers planted seven varieties of annual flowers and 10 tree species, including five types of fruit trees. Carol Clark, the chair of the Community Activities Committee, oversaw the event and said it is a great opportunity to give back to the school. “I think we all have an obligation to give back to others

and improve the space in which we live,” Clark said. “I hope this event allows students to do that.” Plant the Campus Red began in 1999 as a way to help the university recover from the tornado damage, which left much of the university’s plant life damaged or dead. Since then, initiatives such as Plant the Campus Red have restored and improved the campus’s natural beauty and led to the Arbor Day Foundation certifying APSU as a Tree Campus USA school. For APSU to maintain the Tree Campus USA distinction, it must show dedication to the trees on campus by having a tree advisory committee, a tree care plan and hold events related to tree care every year. Plant the Campus Red serves as the school’s Arbor Day observance event. Last year, APSU spent \$150,000 in tree maintenance

and upkeep, according to Wes Powell, the Assistant Director of Landscape and Grounds. This year, tree planting returned to the event after being absent for several years and it was the second event this semester devoted to planting trees on campus. In February, volunteers planted 250 trees around campus for 50k Tree Day. Clark reported 19 groups, such as a landscaping class, the basketball team and student organizations like ROTC signed up for the event. Students, like junior psychology major Jori Wright, agreed with Clark and said the event was a good way to give back. “I wanted to do something beyond myself,” Wright said. “You have a whole community, a whole school, that’s helping plant and contribute to the campus.” *TAS*

SGA will not clarify constitution

Senator’s legislation clarifying ‘ambiguous’ language fails

BY MEGAN OLIVER
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association failed to pass a resolution clarifying who is and is not able to run for SGA positions and which positions they actually qualify for at the Wednesday, April 20, meeting. The resolution was designed to provide definition for “constituent” after former College of Education Sen. Jay Alvarez, who has since been re-elected to his senate seat in the SGA elections, was removed from his position for not being a “constituent” of the college he was representing. Currently, a potential senator must be a constituent of the college that he or she would be representing, but “constituent” is not clearly defined in the SGA electoral act. College of Arts and Letters Sen. Austin McKain authored this act, Act No. 13. 2015-16 SGA President Will Roberts said that the definition of constituent is decided by the chief justice each year. Current Chief Justice Lucas Bearden chose to use the same definition that President Roberts drafted during the 2014-15 school year which says a constituent is someone who is majoring or minoring in the college they represent. SGA voted to leave the wording in the Bylaws as they currently are, citing the ambiguity of the wording allowing the Bylaws to be a “living document,” according to Bearden. “My hold up with this piece is that I don’t feel like we should explain every word of the guiding documents,” Bearden said to the senate. “Some things should be left ambiguous for reasons of ambiguity, but essentially the reason I like it being ambiguous is that depending on the group that you have as the tribunal or the person that you have as chief justice, the definition of it can change. It kind of makes it more of a living document kind

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political statement in mind. I cannot apologize enough for the pain my artwork has caused.”

Campus Safety removed the nooses after 45 minutes of deliberation on April 18, after deeming the nooses a safety and public welfare issue.

President Alisa White, Executive Director of Public Relations and Marketing Bill Persinger and Chief Diversity Officer David Davenport hosted an open forum for three hours on Thursday, April 21, in an attempt to answer all of the community’s questions regarding the nooses.

This is not the first time racist symbols have made an appearance on campus. In 2003, APSU Police investigated a noose hung from a tree in front of the MUC Plaza on Oct. 19, according to past reports from *The All State*.

The noose was reported to police and university officials two days later on Oct. 21.

Previous University President Sherry Hoppe said the noose was a threat

to APSU’s search for a “welcoming” campus.

“I want to personally reaffirm the university’s position on this matter,” Hoppe said in an email following the events. “Our goal at APSU is to have a campus climate that is welcoming and comfortable for all.”

According to the past reports, police interviewed potential witnesses but they do not indicate whether or not an arrest was made.

Two years later, in 2005, a Spider-man doll was hung from a tree outside the MUC.

According to the Feb. 9, 2005, edition of *TAS*, what seemed to start as a prank became more sinister after witnesses like Cindy Nugent, a student at the time, said the doll looked racially-influenced.

“It did not look like a Spider-man doll to me when it was knocked down,” Nugent said. “It looked like a black guy with his hands behind his back bound in electric tape.”

The doll was found on Jan. 31, and it was removed the same day.

Hoppe again sent out an email in response



Painter Ricky Denton removes the Spider-man doll in front of the Morgan University Center in February 2005. **THE ALL STATE | WOODWARD LIBRARY ARCHIVES**

to the doll, saying the university was contacting the Montgomery County District Attorney, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the FBI to aid in the investigation.

This *TAS* report did not indicate an arrest was made. **TAS**

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of like our constitution.”

Senators discussed their concerns with the resolution, including this act setting a precedent of having to explain everything that can be viewed as ambiguous in the guiding documents of the SGA.

McKain’s act failed, but it can be reintroduced next year in the 71st General Assembly of SGA.

As of now, the SGA Chief Justice will continue to decide the definition of “constituent” for each school year.

At the same meeting, SGA decided to table Resolution No. 35, which would add a crosswalk to connect Castle Heights to Greek Village.

A resolution similar to Resolution No. 35 previously passed SGA, but nothing was done about it due to safety concerns regarding the hill the intersection sits on.

SGA also passed Resolution No. 36, which would bring water bottle refill stations to the Marks building and the Sundquist science complex.

In new business, Resolution No. 37 was introduced.

The legislation would have SGA write a letter of recommendation to the Physical Plant and Sustainable Fee Committee suggesting the installation of desk-size recycling cans in the Clement Building and McCord Building.

College of Behavioral and Health Science Sen. Lamarkus Day’s Resolution No. 38, which aims to install speed bumps in the parking lot behind Castle Heights, was also presented at the meeting.

The final meeting of the 70th General Assembly of SGA will be on Wednesday, April 27, at 4 p.m. in the Morgan University Center room 307. **TAS**

ROTC TURNS 100
Military program celebrates with 5K

BY SYDNEE DUKE
Staff Writer

In honor of the 100th anniversary of ROTC installments nationwide, APSU’s ROTC program hosted a week of events to celebrate the century of the program’s service.

The celebration began on April 18, when APSU ROTC cadets and officers volunteered at Manna Cafe’s warehouse to help prepare for future events.

Recruiting Operations Officer Julius Kelley said his favorite part of ROTC is watching the students grow.

“The best feeling is seeing cadets come in as freshmen and watching them grow and graduate as officers after four years,” Kelly said.

Kelly said the event working with the Manna Cafe was a success despite some participants having other engagements.

“We all understand that a lot of students and faculty had prior engagements, but the turnout was still good,” Kelly said. “We were able to accomplish a lot.”

On April 19, ROTC held a rope bridge demonstration that gave

participants the opportunity to traverse the obstacle course and learn how to maneuver through hazardous conditions.

APSU’s ROTC cadets held a flag raising demonstration and a physical training session on Wednesday, April 20, in order to give participants an idea of what a day in the life of a cadet is like.

On Thursday, April 21, the cadet awards ceremony was held to honor cadets that have exemplified Army values, like integrity and honor, throughout the year.

Festivities concluded on Saturday, April 23, at Rossview High School, where the JROTC 5k Fun Run was held.

Parents and faculty members cheered on students as they crossed the finish line.

Senior ROTC Cadet Joshua Pollina came in first place at the 5k.

Pollina said part of his purpose in ROTC is to inspire and motivate underclassmen.

“I want to inspire students to do their best in everything they do,” Pollina said. “I want to be another face for APSU ROTC and show these students what they are capable of so they will aspire to be part of our program.”

Pollina said he encourages anyone interested in ROTC to give it a try.

“It teaches you excellent morals and teamwork,” Pollina said. “Without JROTC and ROTC, I would have been a lost cause. I’ve gained so much from being part of this.”


Junior Phillip Shelton and Sophomore Samantha Fassler are both members of the Rossview JROTC program that participated in Saturday’s 5k Fun Run.

Shelton said he hopes to gain from this event and that JROTC in general will help him in his future plans to join the Army.

“I’m hoping to gain leadership, discipline, and motivation from today’s experience,” Shelton said.

Fassler said she encourages anyone interested in the military to start out in JROTC.

“JROTC helps motivate young people to be better citizens and have better leadership skills,” Fassler said. “It really keeps you disciplined and on a straight path. You learn mental and physical skills that can help you anywhere in life.” **TAS**

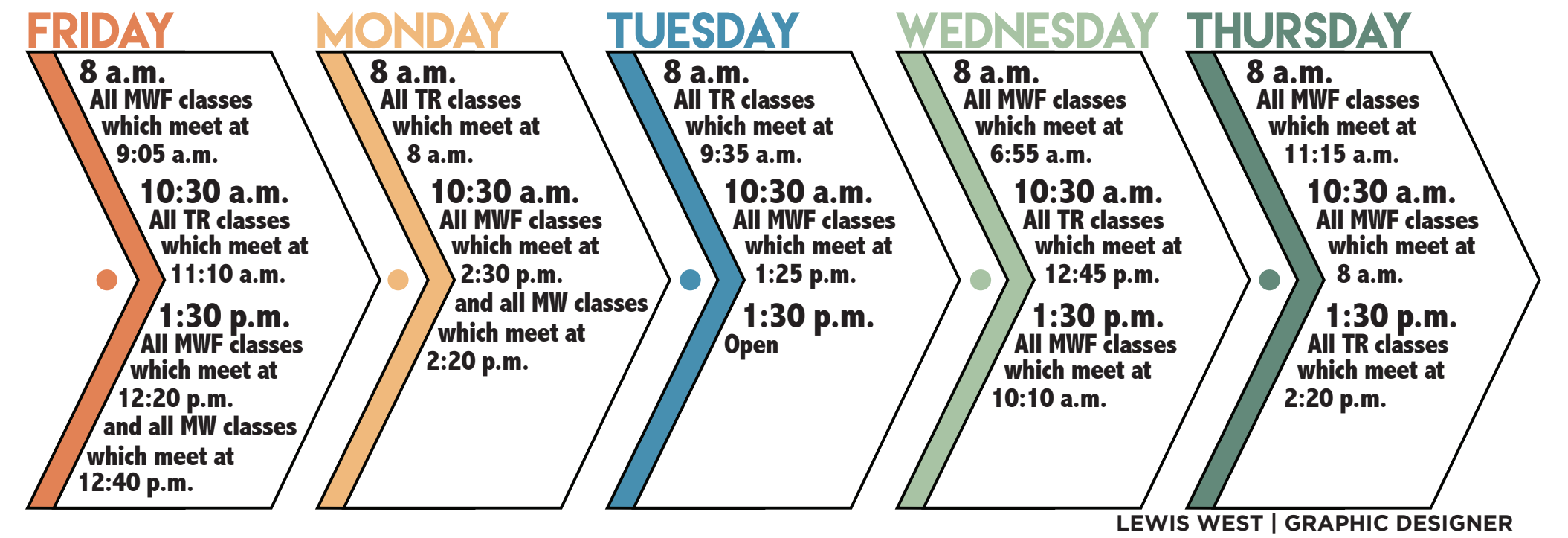
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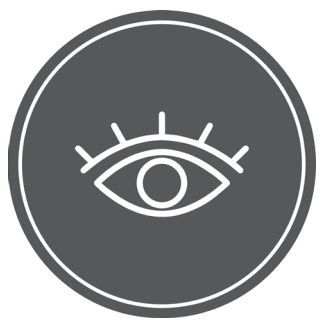
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CORRECTIONS

A story titled “APSU LEADERS SHINE” in the Wednesday, April 20, edition of *The All State* mistakenly reported that Christine Mathenge received the Exemplary Staff Member of the Year award and Ty Jesinoski received the Exemplary Faculty Member of the Year award. The story should have read that Mathenge received the Exemplary Faculty Member of the Year Award and Jesinoski received the Exemplary Staff Member of the Year award.

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LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Juniors from *The All State* talk campus improvements for next year



BY GLAVINE DAY
Sports Editor

APSU has several ways it could be changed. If I could, I would add more ellipticals to the Foy, make every student attend every home game and make the Wi-Fi a lot easier to work with.

The Foy only has two to three ellipticals but has a lot of bicycles and treadmills.

After three knee surgeries, treadmills hurt my knees. I prefer the elliptical and so do many others.

Because of this, I pay \$10 a month to belong to another gym, just because I want to use the elliptical.

I even prefer to use the Foy, because of the access to Wi-Fi. It makes using the elliptical and my workout easier because I can just watch an episode of "Law & Order: SVU" and next thing I know, I'm done.

But, because of the scarcity of what I prefer to use, I don't ever go to the Foy.

I also feel that the Foy is more oriented towards people who know exactly what they're doing. I'm not a big fitness person. But it seems as if the Foy is catered more towards individuals who know exactly how to work out and less towards the people who don't.

Another thing I want to see change at APSU is more athletic support.

The Murray State home games are always the most fun games of the year.

For some reason, students think those are the only games to attend and tailgate for.

If more students attended more home games, maybe our teams would be a little better. Athletes notice when games are packed and when they are not.

APSU has only won one football game since I've been here, which was the home Murray State game after we got the new stadium, and I'm almost a senior.

The Murray State basketball game my freshman year was amazing. We weren't very good, but we came pretty close that game.

I'm convinced it was due to the amount of students that filled the stands and chanted "Let's Go Peay!"

Something else that could use some work is the Wi-Fi. I would love to not have to log on to the Wi-Fi every five minutes, especially because of all of the dead spots on campus.

There has to be a way to change that.

APSU is a great place to go to school, and I have enjoyed my three years here. But, if I could make a perfect school, I would change all of those things. *TAS*



BY LAUREN COTTLE
Staff Writer

I am proud to be an APSU student. But however proud I am, I still can see room for improvement in the student community.

First, students should be more involved on campus. APSU is a mostly commuter and highly non-traditional campus, resulting in a lack of student involvement.

While not everyone can serve in a leadership role, more students can become involved in clubs, at Student Government Association meetings, at sports games or plays or by other means.

Student involvement is important to campus life because, as students, we have the power to change our campus and community.

Think of how much of a difference it would make if there were a 20 percent increase in volunteer work on campus or a 10 percent increase in students addressing their concerns to SGA. More students should be interested in utilizing the power they have to change their community.

Next, the discussion of mental health and sexual assault should be brought to the forefront of student concerns, as both of these issues affect many different APSU students.

Stress, depression, anxiety and other mental health issues are prevalent among college students. While discussion has been started with events such as Send Silence Packing and the Clothesline Project, more students should be aware of the effects of mental health and dangers of sexual assault.

APSU's campus has many outlets for students with mental illness, such as the campus counseling center and the Office of Disability Services. However, students at this time are often thrust into college life without a briefing on mental health issues or behaviors that can put them at risk for developing a mental health issue.

Furthermore, sexual assault is rampant on college campuses. The discussion should not be about how women can prevent this, but how men should be taught not to rape.

Last, more attention can be paid to campus beautification. Many places on campus are riddled with litter. Otherwise beautiful places on campus are ruined by construction sites and noises. Once construction is finished near the Woodward Library and the new Fine Arts Building, campus should become much more scenic, but in the meantime, effort should be made to stop littering. *TAS*



BY CELESTE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

I love APSU and I have never questioned my decision for choosing this school, but there are a few things that I feel could help change campus for the better. Diverse programming is definitely needed to help make multicultural students feel welcome on campus. We need to recognize our faculty more, and we need to have more attentiveness to our students that live on campus.

Campus needs more diverse programming. I feel like sometimes the events we have do not cater to everyone on campus. I am tired of listening to mediocre country music stars perform here.

If APSU wants a bigger turnout to events, they need to really look into what students want. I feel the Govs Programming Council does a decent job. One of the best turnouts for a concert my three years here was when rapper Juicy J came.

I just think there need to be more events partnered with the Wilbur N. Daniel African American and the Hispanic Cultural Centers. They could bring a whole new crowd to the events held on campus.

APSU needs to also have some type of campus wide faculty recognition ceremony where students can show how much they care about their professors.

Faculty play a huge role in student retention and I feel as though if they felt more appreciated, they might have more reason to continue being a light on campus. I have had some amazing professors during my three years here and many of them are not recognized for their amazing contributions to campus.

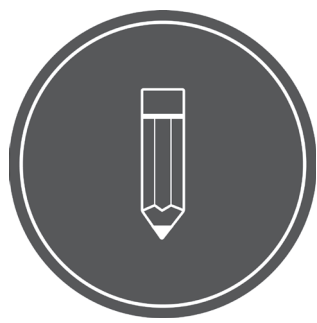
Another thing that should be fixed has already been touched on and that is the wireless internet, more specifically in housing. I pay too much for where I live to not have Wi-Fi in my dorm.

It is extremely frustrating to have to leave the comfort of my room in order to submit something online. Also in regards to housing on campus, I think that placing requests to have a dorm fixed should not take multiple days, especially if the student has no heat or air.

I understand that there are many requests put in during the day, but it needs to be communicated to the student better if something will take more than one day.

I know that this might seem a tad childish in nature, but these are things that should be addressed soon. *TAS*

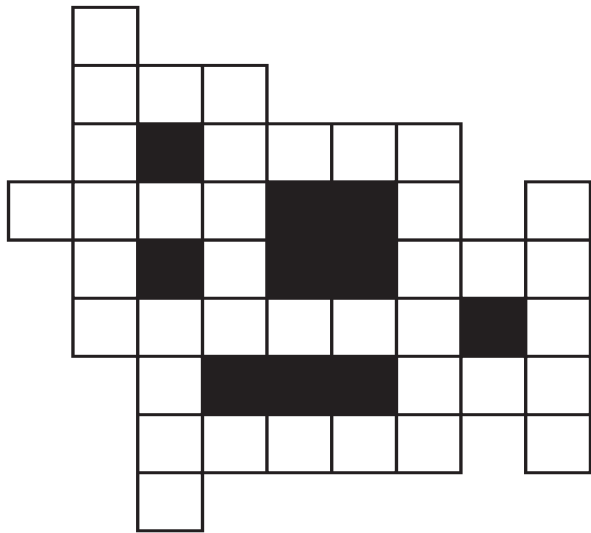




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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only **ONE** word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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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.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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by Linda Thistle

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MAGIC MAZE ● FALL WORDS

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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- 1 Ended a chess game
6 Rule, for short
9 Lawyers' org.
12 Accustom
13 Acapulco gold
14 Varnish ingredient
15 Hammerstein's contribution
16 Fond of reading
18 Jacks
20 Being, to Brutus
21 "Bali —"
23 Evergreen type
24 Sasquatch's kin
25 Siberian city
27 Album item
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57 Skillet
58 Giggly sound
59 Starbucks option
60 "Everybody Loves Raymond" brother
61 Cupid's alias
62 Sticky stuff
63 Elite group
64 Deep-voiced singers
65 Liniment targets
66 Maintain
67 Panorama
68 Ad — committee
69 I love, to Livy
70 Singer
71 Sumac
72 Alaskan bear
73 In two places
74 Edge
75 Hungry
76 Mound stat
77 Wardrobe malfunction
78 "Guys and Dolls" lead
79 Pythias' pal
80 Love poet's Muse
81 Salamanders
82 Gold
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85 Docket entry
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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Above photo: Maggie Rose performs at APSU in front of the newly named Fortera Stadium Saturday, April 23. Bottom left photo: Taylor Brentari, dance team member cheers during a pep rally at the name reveal celebration. Bottom middle photo: Faculty of APSU pose for a picture after the reveal. Bottom right photo shows the fireworks display during the concert celebrating the name reveal ceremony. BAILEY JONES | ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR



APSU celebrates stadium's new name

Community members observe Fortera Credit Union's \$2.5 million purchase at APSU's football stadium ceremony

BY ANDREW WADOVICK
Assistant Features Editor

To commemorate the official renaming of the Governor's Stadium to the Fortera Stadium, APSU held a celebration event on the evening of Saturday, April 23.

At 5:45 p.m., APSU Athletics invited several speakers to speak about the partnership with the credit union.

Among them, Coach Healy spoke about the new commitment to APSU's football program.

"I saw almost 150 recruits today,"

Healy said. "I can't tell you how much I appreciate your support."

Healy said there is "nothing in this stadium that's not the best."

President White spoke at the event. White said she was excited APSU was reaching new heights.

"Our former president believed in athletics and chose to invest in it," White said. "He was a visionary."

White said the renaming was symbolic of a new relationship with both Fortera and the student body. White said she wanted to focus on the fan experience.

"[The stadium] is the best place to

hang out on the weekend, but what's next?" White said.

White stressed the significance of the renaming and what it means going into the future.

"It's somebody's name," she said. "It's a bond and a trust. It says 'we're going to hang out with you for the next few years.'"

Another speaker was Tom Cain, current president of Fortera Credit Union.

"Our 52,00 employees are from here," Cain said. "We wanted somebody that felt right for us, and that somebody was APSU. Everything here is moving in the

right direction."

After the speeches, singer Maggie Rose held a concert, which started at 6:30 p.m.

Rose is a country singer who debuted in 2009 and performed a variety of songs during the evening, including her first recorded single, "I Ain't Your Momma."

Many of these songs are from her newly-released "EP: The Variety Show," and included upbeat pieces like "Inevitable" and slower tracks like "Heartbreak Radio."

The festivities ended with a firework show at 7:45 p.m. marking the historic occasion with cheer. *TAS*



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Last Day of Classes

Govs Trail to Success
11:30 a.m. to Noon
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THURSDAY, MAY 5

WDAACC Spring 2016 African American Graduate Recognition Ceremony
6 - 7:30 p.m.
Clement Aud.

WDAACC Spring 2016 African American Graduate Recognition Reception
7:30 - 10 p.m.
MUC 3rd Floor

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Commencement Ceremony
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Mama Mia @ TPAC

Beer Dinner ft, Chef Jay Mitchell
Tennessee Brew Works

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Little Help From My Friends- Acoustic Jam
Soul Shine Pizza Factory

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Neil Young + Promise of the Real w/ special guest Steve Earle
Ascend Amphitheater

Barry Manilow
Bridgestone Arena

MONDAY, MAY 2

A Night With Alice Cooper @ TPAC

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Beyonce: The Formation World Tour
Nissan Stadium

FRIDAY, MAY 6

The Avett Brothers and Brett Dennen
Bridgestone Arena
Sevier Park Fest @ Sevier Park

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Disturbed and Rob Zombie with Pop Evil
Ascend Amphitheater

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Cumberland Park

SUNDAY, MAY 8

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Pictured left to right, Steven Howie, Henry Brooks, Allison Ferebee and Rhion Pinto act in the Theatre and Dance Department spring play “Footloose” on Thursday, April 21. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Theatre, Dance
Department cuts loose,
footloose

BY LAUREN COTTLE
Staff Writer

Dancing, music, singing and dirty humor combined onstage to produce the musical “Footloose” at APSU’s Trahern Theater from Wednesday, April 20, to Sunday, April 24.

The show was boisterous and high-spirited. It was apparent the actors and ensemble were having fun onstage, making the show even more enjoyable for the crowd.

Popular songs such as “Footloose,” “I Need a Hero” and “Let’s Hear it for the Boy” resonated with the audience, who bobbed and danced around in their seats.

The well-known story of “Footloose,” written by Dean Pitchford, follows Ren McCormack, a Chicago teen who is forced to move to the small town of Bomont after his father leaves him and his mother. After moving to Bomont, Ren has trouble adjusting to the strict rules and religious customs and finds himself in trouble more than once.

Ren befriends the dumb but friendly Willard and takes an interest in the Reverend’s daughter, Ariel. Together,

Ren and his friends take on the adults to throw a dance.

APSU Theater Professor Christopher Bailey directed the show, while Dance Professor Margaret Rennerfeldt choreographed the dancing.

One outstanding highlight of the show was the live music, performed by Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagggar, Kenny Loggins and Jim Steinman. The live music added to the quality of the show, but at times it was hard to hear the singing above the music.

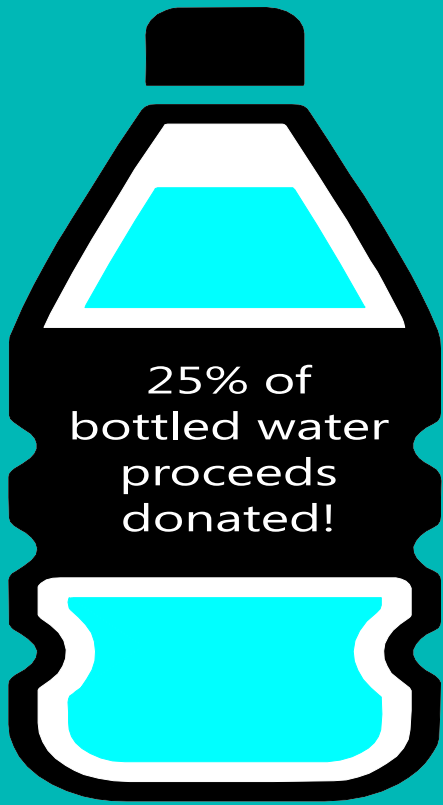
Performers Nathan Brown, Jamila Hunter, Allison Ferebee and Steven Howie stood out for their singing and acting abilities.

“Footloose” won in many ways: an enthusiastic acting ensemble, exciting live music, energetic singing, well choreographed dancing and a fantastic set that was able to transform into many settings, including the town, the school, the train tracks and inside the homes of the families.

“Footloose” is the biggest production of the last few years in the APSU Theater and Dance Department and, consequently, it rocked the stage. *TAS*

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Alumna runner defeats all odds

BY COURTNEY GAITHER
Features Editor

On December 31, 2015, APSU alumna Xiamar Hudson was in a car accident, putting her in a coma for about two weeks. After the help of her husband Cody Hudson, family and other supporters, Xiamara Hudson is now making strides and getting better every day.

A man rear ended Hudson and sent her into a concrete wall. She suffered from severe head trauma. She could not move her left side for awhile after the accident.

Her sister-in-law created a youcaring.com website to raise money for her medical expenses. The website has raised about \$22,488 since January 2016.

After she was released from the emergency room, she was sent to Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia for treatment, which specifically deals with spinal cord and brain injuries.

Hudson is now on the mend and works every day at getting her life back in order.

Q What day and around what time was your accident?

A My accident was on December 31 around 6:30 a.m. I don't remember the exact time but I was on my way to work and I clock in at 6:53 a.m.

Q When you first woke up, what were some of your first thoughts?

A I don't remember my first thoughts, but I couldn't understand why I couldn't walk or remember that I couldn't walk, so they had to remind me every time I tried to get out of bed.

Q How did you feel when you found out about your youcaring.com page and all the money people had donated to you and Cody?

A So grateful and thankful I had so much support. I was thankful that Chelsea [Cody's sister] started it. I have so many people behind me, supporting me. I really feel blessed.

Q Both you and Cody were involved in APSU athletics, do you feel that that has helped you in your recovery process? If so, how? How has Cody handled your physical therapy process?

A Oh, definitely it helped. The doctors said that the fact that I was in good shape before the accident, it would help me heal faster. I was a long distance runner so it didn't help as far as strength, but with physical therapy I was determined to get better. I was motivated and wanted to know how to get better. I was always asking what can I do outside of therapy to get better. First, it was what can I do to start walking. The day I got cleared and checked off to go to the gym, I went later that day after therapy and still try to go everyday except Saturday and Sunday. When I'm in the gym or with the therapist, I'm not lifting anything heavy, it's more like two to three pounds, abs stuff and a lot of stretching. My left side is tight because of my brain injury. I think having the same mindset I had in college really helped me get better. Cody enjoys going to my physical therapy, he's been so supportive. I jokingly say he is my occupational therapist and physical therapist when I'm not in therapy. He pushes and encourages me. He pays attention to what the therapists say and suggest things I can do when I'm not in therapy. I think I kicked him out of my physical therapy (jokingly) yesterday because he suggested something and it was harder than I was used to and the physical therapist thought it was a good idea. He has a positive attitude and encourages me to push myself.

Q What sorts of therapy did they have you doing at Shepherd?

A I do physical, occupational and speech therapy. In physical therapy, she has me doing stuff to get stronger. First she worked on getting me to walk; a few weeks ago. Now, we work on a lot of balance stuff and endurance stuff to get me used to being on my feet. I run on the treadmill too. I got to 6.0 today for the first time. It made me so happy, I think I almost cried. It was a huge accomplishment for me. Running was so important to me. Occupational therapy helps me work on doing things to be more independent (like cooking). I work on my fine and gross motor skills with my left hand. In speech therapy, she works on my cognitive skills like planning and memory.

Q What's next in your journey to recovery? Do you have any big plans or goals you want to reach in five to 10 years?

A When I go home, I'll still have outpatient therapy probably three times a week for about seven weeks. In July, I get assessed by neuropsych at Shepherds to see if I can work. So my biggest goal is to get healthy enough to work again. I loved my job, and they've been so supportive throughout all of this. My biggest barrier is probably my walking and my vision, because I'm still seeing double. My other big goal is to run. I can't wait to be able to step out my front door and run. Right now I can run but i can only do it with my therapist. *TAS*



A friend of Xiamar "CC" is supporting her during this time in her life.
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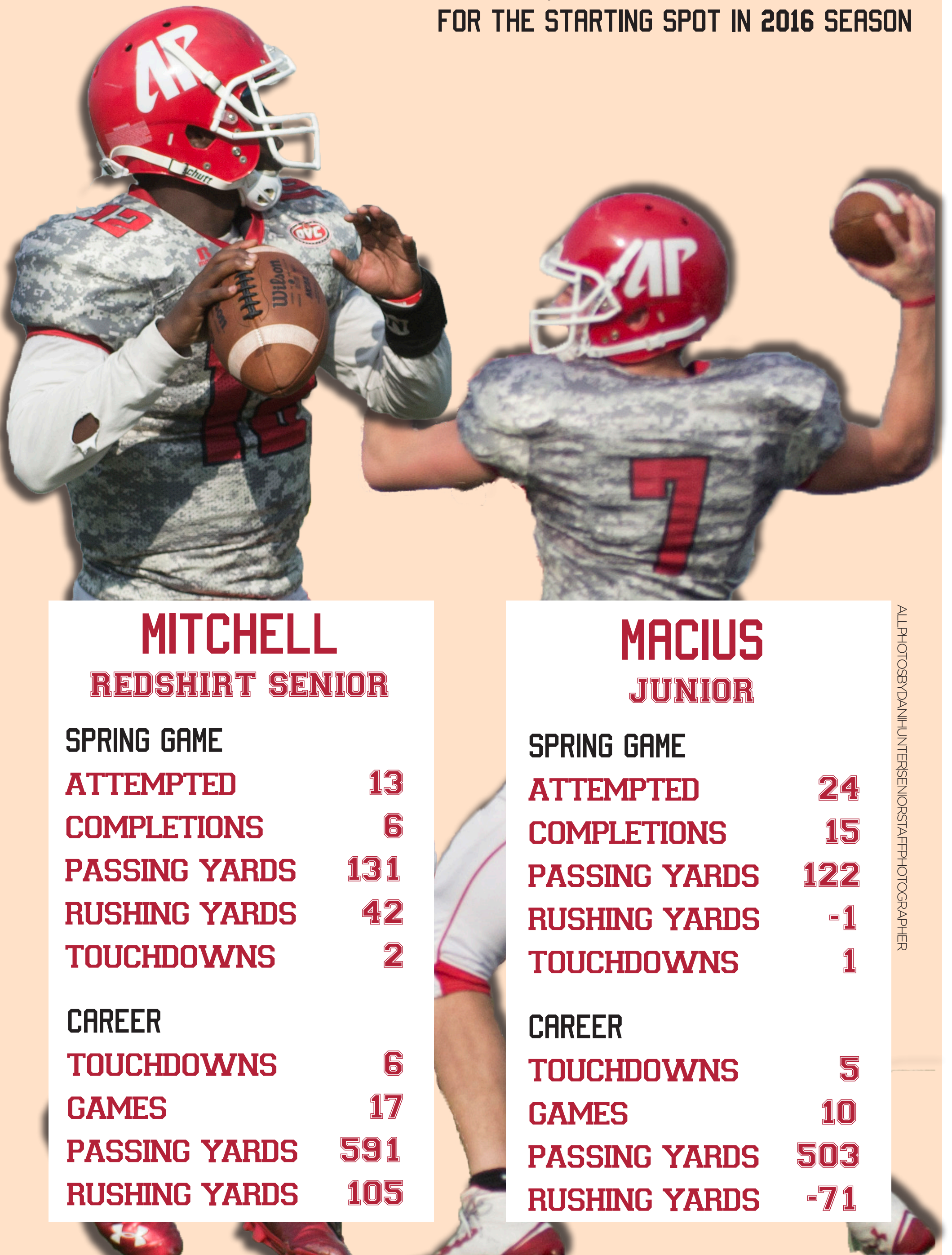




WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

BATTLE OF THE QUARTERBACKS

RETURNING QUARTERBACKS TAMARIUS MITCHELL, MICKEY MACIUS ARE COMPETING FOR THE STARTING SPOT IN 2016 SEASON



MITCHELL REDSHIRT SENIOR

SPRING GAME

ATTEMPTED	13
COMPLETIONS	6
PASSING YARDS	131
RUSHING YARDS	42
TOUCHDOWNS	2

CAREER

TOUCHDOWNS	6
GAMES	17
PASSING YARDS	591
RUSHING YARDS	105

MACIUS JUNIOR

SPRING GAME

ATTEMPTED	24
COMPLETIONS	15
PASSING YARDS	122
RUSHING YARDS	-1
TOUCHDOWNS	1

CAREER

TOUCHDOWNS	5
GAMES	10
PASSING YARDS	503
RUSHING YARDS	-71

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