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#ROTC



Lt. Col. Robert Gordon, left, presents Col. Paul Bontrager, right, with a plaque honoring his service with the APSU Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Bontrager was the keynote speaker at the APSU ROTC program's 40th anniversary ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Memorial Health gymnasium. BETH LIGGETT | PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING

40 years of 'training leaders'

ROTC celebrated milestone anniversary with ceremony

» STAFF REPORT

The ROTC celebrated its 40th anniversary on Thursday, Dec. 1, with a ceremony in the Memorial Health gymnasium.

The program has been awarded the MacArthur Award, which is given to the best ROTC program in the nation, five times during its 40-years. APSU has commissioned approximately 650 officers into the active-duty force, National Guard or Reserves.

Second Lt. Patrick Smith, the most recent commissioned officer to graduate from APSU,

said the ROTC program was synonymous with "excellence" and that excellence is "expected at every level" of the program.

Col. Paul Bontrager, commander of the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade at Fort Campbell and 1987 graduate of APSU, was the keynote speaker.


Bontrager commended APSU for establishing ROTC in 1971, a time when the military was socially and politically unpopular due to the Vietnam War.


"APSU embraced its responsibility of training leaders," Bontrager said, adding that

APSU ROTC and its cadets are "all that is well and good with America."

Bontrager, who will soon deploy to Afghanistan for the third time, addressed the cadets directly, cautioning that they "must be ready for a hybrid threat" and will be asked "to do more with less."


Notable graduates of the program include retired Brig. Gen. Remo Butler, a 1974 graduate and only black special forces commander to date, and 2nd Lt. Richard Torres who was killed by an IED leading a platoon in Baghdad in October 2003. *TAS*


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See photos from the annual Clarksville Christmas parade held on Sunday, Dec. 3, at TheAllState.org.


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#CAMPUSPOLICE

Search underway for new Director of Public Safety

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Last week, four candidates were interviewed for the position of Director of Public Safety.

Current director Lantz Biles is leaving the position for unspecified "personal family reasons."

The four candidates include David Dray, Jason Morton, Jerrold Johnson and Terrence Calloway.

The director of Public Safety's responsibilities include identifying hazards

to safety and security, coordinating staff efforts in crime prevention and criminal investigations and providing protection for university personnel, property and guests.

"Each applicant had to apply for the position through the 'PeopleAdmin' system, [the] online employment application system used by APSU," said Vice President of Finance and Administration Mitch Robinson. "The candidate pool was then reviewed by our Affirmative Action office."

According to Robinson, the next step was forwarding the pool of 34 applicants to the

search committee for review, which then reduced the pool to eight candidates.

The committee conducted telephone interviews with the candidates. Afterwards, the search committee decided on four candidates to invite to on-campus interviews.

Dray hails from Ithica College in New York, where he is the deputy chief and responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Patrol and Security Division of Public Safety.

"I like having the officers out there on foot," Dray said. "It's to show that we're [the students'] mentors as well as their officers."

Dray's interest in the position comes from his self-described "third-generation cop" background and wanting to move to a more family-friendly climate.

"The day that I pinned on a badge, I was like 'Someday, I'm going to have my own department,'" Dray said. "Career-wise, this is the next progression after deputy chief."

Morton has been at MTSU for 15 years, starting out as a student dispatcher and moving up through the ranks to director of

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#THEALLSTATE

Library archiving digitized back issues of *The All State*

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The history of APSU is just a few mouse clicks away thanks to the Woodward Library digitizing all the archive issues of *The All State*.

Joe Weber, director of Library Services said the library is digitizing all of the issues of *The All State* back to the first issue in 1930. He said once they catch up on all the back issues of *The All State*, they will digitize each new issue as it comes out.

Weber said the issues are being digitized by using a digital camera to take a picture of each page. He said they are using optical character recognition software to allow users to search for keywords or phrases. "So if you want to know what's going on in

basketball in the 1932 season, you go to the 1932 section and you can type in basketball and it will look for that word in all of the papers," Weber said.

Weber said the library decided to start digitizing issues of *The All State* because a lot of institutions are trying to make their historical documents more accessible by putting them online.

Gina Garber, Digital Services Librarian, originally came up with the idea to digitize issues of *The All State* when she saw students come in on a regular basis to do research with a lot based on the history of APSU.

She said when students would come in and look at the actual newspapers, some of them were very brittle. Every time somebody

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#GOVTV

GovTV channel 99 partners with AT&T U-Verse network

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The GovTV Channel 99, which broadcasts public and educational programs produced by students, is now carried on the AT&T U-Verse network.

U-Verse is a fiber optic technology that combines Internet, digital television and digital home service. U-Verse also includes a home DVR digital video recorder.

"AT&T U-Verse approached us. We had been providing programming for a number of years through Charter, CDE and campus video. We had been doing this 24/7 for 10 years or more. AT&T came to us and gave us the opportunity to join with AT&T U-Verse," said Mike Gotcher, chair of the Department of Communication. "We have

been working on this since May 2010."

"They saw a product we were putting out there for the community and saw an opportunity to get this product out for their consumers," Gotcher said. "I am very proud of the work that our students do. We are able to reach an audience from Jackson to Crossville."

The GovTV began to broadcast with U-Verse on Wednesday, Nov. 16. There is no additional charge to subscribers.

All of the productions done for Channel 99 are student directed and produced. The students who work in production are Communication students, but working in the department is open to any students who

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CRIME LOG

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

- 11:09 p.m.; Nov. 30; Hand Village; alcohol violation
- 8:20 a.m.; Nov. 21; Morgan university Center; theft of property
- 1:43 p.m.; Nov. 21; Foy Recreation Center lot; theft of property
- 6:42 p.m.; Nov. 20; Hand Village; assault
- 3:23 a.m.; Nov. 16; Trahern; theft of property
- 5:09 p.m.; Nov. 15; Harvill Hall; simple possession/casual exchange
- 6:01 a.m.; Nov. 15; Hand Village; underage possession/consumption

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

733 degree candidates for Fall Commencement
SGA senator James Demoss awarded Carlisle Award
Scholarly journal on Hispanic studies established at APSU

CAMPUS

Library

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looked at the old issues, they would put oil from their fingers on them and would wear down the item.
“So, I was more interested in preserving them, and the way to do that is to have less access,” Garber said. “The less people to handle [the newspapers], the less they are going to deteriorate. The best way to do that, I thought, was a digitization project.”
“It not only goes into the preserving of the original material, but it also makes it more accessible to people because they don’t have to come [to the archive room] or if they do come here, they have a much better resource,” said Scott Shumate, Digital

Services Assistant.
When going through the digitized issues, Shumate experienced a personal historical discovery.
He said his father went to APSU in the 1960s and was involved in several organizations.
He said it was funny because it wasn’t until the first pages went live when he thought to search for his father. “As soon as I put Shumate in there, I found his first wife, who was actually a teacher here a bunch of times, but I found pictures of him that were in *The All State*.”
Weber said the digitized issues of *The All State* could be helpful to students in their history classes, any class looking at how culture has changed and how the university has changed.

He also thinks it is beneficial to anyone in the journalism or literature fields to look back at old papers.
Shumate said he helped a student find articles about the APSU band. “It turned what could have been a day’s worth of work into 30 minutes.”
Garber said a lot of people active in an organization or athletics might want to see their name or picture in old issues of *The All State* after graduating. “This is easy because instead of having us to go through newspapers and try to photocopy something for them, they can just go online and search their name and that information comes up for them,” Garber said.
She said people forget how important it is when they were in school to have their name in the paper when they achieve something and,

when they get older, they want to collect those things for their children.
Shumate and Garber both said the digitized issues are good for looking up university history.
Shumate explained how he found articles from the 1930s, 1950s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s all about the parking issues.
“The more things change, the more they stay the same. Parking has apparently been an issue here since the 1930s at least,” he said.
Shumate said the next digitization project will be to digitize the old yearbooks. Weber said all the issues up to 1988 are currently available on the library website. Access to the digitized issues can be found by clicking on the digital collections link on the library website. *TAS*

Police

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the department.
“I think it’s similar enough to APSU that most of that experience should translate,” Morton said.
Morton echoed Dray’s interest by noting that chief was “the next logical step” in his police career, and he has a experience with APSU due to working as interim director of Public Safety in November 2010 during Biles’ one month suspension for violating university policies regarding sexual harassment.
Johnson comes from UT Chattanooga, with 18 years in law enforcement.
“I know enough about how to run a police department now,” Johnson said. “As far as law enforcement experience goes, I’ve done everything from writing a speeding ticket to working the traffic rap to serious felony arrests.”
Johnson also said he could serve as a driving instructor, and his experiences in the National Forensics Academy and investigating/preserving DNA evidence could be a benefit to the campus as well.
Calloway is currently serving as the Chief of Police in Woodmere, OH.
Calloway is particularly interested in extending the relationship between campus police and the students. He runs programs in Woodmere such as male mentoring and tutoring in order to benefit the community.
“We’ve lost a few to the streets, but it’s very important to me to get out into the community and do something positive,” Calloway said. “I looked at some of the challenges that APSU Public Safety has presented or has present right now, and I have an opportunity to come in to try and change some of that.” *TAS*

GovTV

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have the willingness to learn.
Most programs shown on GovTv Channel 99 are weekly programs.
There are sports shows such as “The Trodglen Perspective,” which is hosted by Jimmy Trodglen, sports editor at *The Leaf-Chronicle*. The show features coaches and players from all different sports at APSU during a 30-minute time slot.
There is a political talk show called “Inside the System,” which is one of the longest running shows on GovTv.
“Every production has a student producer, director, audio and camera [operator],”

said Joe Mendes, sports production graduate assistant.
Basketball, football, soccer, volleyball and softball game coverage has also been produced by students for GovTV.
Channel 99 has also hosted mayoral debates and, in 2012, they will have live presidential election coverage.
GovTv shown on the U-Verse network allows for higher picture resolution and a DVR is included in most plans. With certain AT&T plans, Channel 99 can also be accessed from AT&T mobile phones and U-Verse online.
AT&T has also made it possible to access U-Verse through U-Verse Mobile, U-Verse Phone Services on TV, YP/TV and U-Verse Online. *TAS*

» CORRECTION

A Nov. 30 story the new Non-Traditional Student Society incorrectly referred to the group as an “honor society.” The Non-Traditional Student Society is open to all nontraditional students regardless of GPA or academic year.
The All State regrets the mistake.
While we strive for accuracy, errors will occur. If you spot an error, please notify the Coordinator of Student Publications Jake Lowary, lowaryj@apsu.edu, or Editor-in-Chief Patrick Armstrong, theallstate@apsu.edu, with information about the error, when it occurred and what the story should have stated. *TAS*

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Two Student Publications treasures bid farewell to APSU



Mateen Sidiq and Marlon Scott have been with Student Publications since Fall, 2006, and have held editor and staff positions. ALL PHOTOS BY SYNTHIA CLARK | PHOTO EDITOR

Publication veteran Marlon Scott reflects on his years as a renaissance man

“The Austin Peay State University Lady Gobs soccer team did not play like they were missing starters or that this was their third game this week.”

This was the first line of the first story I wrote for *The All State*. It was published in the Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006 edition of *TAS*.

I remember my sense of pride and relief when I read it in the paper under my first byline: Marlon Scott, guest writer.

Since then, I have written, edited, designed, photographed or recorded some kind of content in every issue of *TAS*. I have been working for *TAS* a long time.

I still get a special feeling of pride and relief when I see my byline on a story. However, unlike that first time, the emotion comes from knowing all the people and all the work it takes to produce the paper.

I have held eight different positions at *TAS*, ranging from staff writer to editor-in-chief. I’ve worked in two offices, with three different advisers, two different design programs and under four EICs (not including myself).

I’ve also written in every section, special editions and the yearbook.

It has not been easy. I tell people it takes a special kind of insanity to work for a paper on top of attending school.

No matter what, the paper has to get done. Stories have to be chosen, interviews have to be done, pictures need to be taken, layouts have to be made

and mistakes have to be found. Every week I was a cog in a machine that has rolled forward for over 80 years.

Being part of this machine has taught me so much. I didn’t come to school to become a journalist, but working for *TAS* has made me develop a passion for the field.

I’ve learned how to be a better writer, designer, editor, networker and have learned an infinite number of other skills that I use and improve upon every day.

The best part about working for *TAS* all this time is the people. They are the reason I have been at *TAS* so long.

Starting with Mandy Rogers, who hired me, to the Mikes, Young and Kellum, who taught me how awesome sports writing is. I admired and emulated the work ethic and passion for the paper from people like Stephanie Coward and Kasey Henricks.

I thrived and learned because of the support of Tabitha Gilliland and constantly grew in skill and desire along the sides of incredible talents and over-achievers like Patrick Armstrong.

Every semester, members of my *TAS* family would leave, but I would still be here. Every semester I would welcome new members into the *TAS* family.

It is great to see people like Jenelle Grewell and Kristin Kittell start off quietly and shyly, but eventually blossom and take over like giant, colorful, talented and smart butterflies.

The unofficial members of *TAS*, our beautiful and sassy support staff: Rachel, Ashley and Katherine, brightened the office everyday and made the countless hours I spent down there enjoyable.

Honestly, it would take a 10-page special edition to name everyone who has influenced me in some way during my long tenure with *TAS*.

However, I must admit, I had favorites. The adventures of my A-Team are what I will probably cherish most.

Despite opinions to the contrary, no one had more fun and “completed their missions” better than The A-Team.

The originals: Synthia, Devon, Mateen and Anthony; The Rookies: Dre and Cidnie; Nashville, Knoxville, Memphis, Morehead, Cincinnati, St. Louis and more, I would not have wanted to do it all with anyone else.

TAS would not be possible without the support of the incredible women in Student Affairs including Sherryl Bird and Tammy Bryant. They are part of the long list of people I owe my deepest, heartfelt thanks to.

I have worked at *TAS* a long time and it changed my life. The good, the bad and the ugly, I would not change a thing.

I have worked hard and look forward to graduation this semester, but I know wherever I am on a Monday in the middle of January next year, I will feel weird not being in the Student Publications office. *TAS*

Photographer online media senior Mateen Sidiq cherishes time spent learning with Student Publications

One of the best things that could have happened to me was joining Student Publications and becoming part of a team and a family.

When in high school, this was not on my list of adventures, but I wanted to find more things to do on campus. Of course, this is what I found.

I started in the fall of 2006 as an ad representative, moved up to online assistant editor and then online editor. Now, I am a senior staff photographer, still dabbling in the online edition and helping out when I can.

The All State has been a second home to me. I have made so many friends and I have met so many people, not just at APSU, but also at other schools while working with Student Publications.

Through this adventure, I have met some amazing people. The first would have to be Mandy Rogers. She was the one that hired me and I appreciate her every day.

From there, it was nothing but an uphill climb of great people, from Lois Jones, Stephanie Coward, Patrick Armstrong, Dave Campbell and Marcel Gray to Shauna Moss and several others.

Also, I valued working with Tabitha Gilliland who gave me advice when I needed it, as well as the new adviser, Jake Lowary, who has given plenty advice on how to better my pictures and the website.

Thank you, Tabitha and Jake, for such a great adventure. You two being part of the paper has been a great asset to *TAS*. Thank you and I will miss you both.

To Lois Jones, Patrick Armstrong, Stephanie Martin and Shauna Moss, you guys were nothing but wonderful

to me from the worst time of my photography to my best photos. I thank every one of you for allowing me to be part of an amazing photo team.

To Synthia Clark, what a great person and dear friend for pushing me to keep on going when there were times where I was worn out. I still kept on going to produce good photos.

To Marlon Scott, Anthony Shingler and Devon Robinson, you are an amazing group of friends and a brotherhood. I got to know you guys when we went on road trips to cover sporting events. I am so glad we had a chance to bond and also produce an amazing sports page every semester I was there. Thanks guys.

Part of my adventure was stepping out of the circle of the student newspaper and helping out other groups such as Student Affairs, Student Life and Leadership, African American Cultural Center, Education Department and also Sports Info.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to work with you. I have had a blast and will miss all of you. I want to thank you for giving me a chance to work with you.

If anything, I am so glad to have met you guys and I will stay in touch and hopefully come back to do some work for you.

After the experience I have received, I have no regrets from wanting to be a biology teacher to wanting to be a physical education teacher. It has all paid off.

Thank you to the HHP Department for the great professors and staff. If it weren’t for you, I would not be where I am. *TAS*

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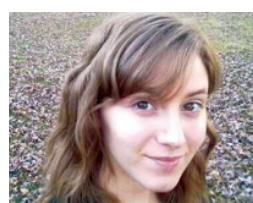
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Kentucky church discredits religion with interracial ban



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“There are people who continue to carry on traditions of backward thinking.”

Last week in a 9-6 ruling, an all-white church in Tomahawk, Ky put a ban on extending church membership to interracial couples, according to CBS News and the Christian Science Monitor. The congregation lost 25 out of 40 members over the issue.

The remaining congregation stated the passing of the vote was “not intended to judge the salvation of anyone, but is intended to promote greater unity among the church body and the community we serve.”

No more than a week later, the Gulnare Baptist Church is now repealing its decision to ban interracial couples from its congregation. It is a justified repeal when, according to Genesis, all men are made in God’s image and, according to Psalms, all humans are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Although the ban has now been lifted, the mere fact there are still Christians in our communities who believe interracial coupling is wrong and would rather drive them away than show them true Christian values is tragic.

The ideals of Christianity are vastly misunderstood by many people. Everything a Christian does is put under scrutiny and over analyzed because of the religion’s strict call for its believers to better themselves. However, people who call themselves Christians often times don’t “walk the talk,” so to speak.

For example, it is known Christianity warns against passing judgment on others unless they want to be judged likewise, but many people in the Christian faith seem to pass harsh judgment on others regardless of their own fallacies.

It is actions such as those of the Gulnare Freewill Baptist Church that breed hatred against the Christian community, and with good reason. When the only Christian values a person witnesses are that of ignorant, backward translation of biblical scripture, what else are they to think?

There are many biblical scriptures that suggest the forbiddance of interracial dating and marriage, most of them being in the Old Testament pertaining to the Israelites establishing their own nation under one God.

When the Bible is examined closer, we find God is not concerned with interracial coupling, but rather the religious beliefs of the persons that are involved in a relationship. Biblically, God would prefer the union of Christians.

The passage is referring to situations such as a Christian marrying a polytheist, for example. Perhaps many people disagree with this, but it is much better to choose a person based on a part of their character rather than an ethnicity they had no power in choosing.

Unfortunately, however, there are people who continue to carry on traditions of backward

thinking and refuse to accept anything other than what they’ve been taught their entire lives.

They don’t take into account the scriptures that are contrary to their beliefs, and often, so-called Christians such as those at the Gulnare Baptist Church wind up sticking their feet in their mouths. Furthermore, if a religious church body passes legislation that can be so easily overturned, it obviously was not rooted very firmly in the values of that religion. If the Gulnare Baptist Church had been at all justified in establishing such a rule, it would not have disappeared at the first sign of controversy.

When dealing with something as significant as a person’s spirituality, leaders have to be steadfast in developing arguments in favor of their decisions before they are made, or they lose all credibility. This shouldn’t be news to any church.

Most devout Christians believe incorporating their faith into their both their daily lives and things like education and law-making. However, these Christians will now stand out as an example of how Christians everywhere are incapable of separating justified necessity from mere whim, whether it’s true or not.

The Bible does not indicate the existence of a superior race, or that keeping the races biologically separated is important. To translate scripture in such a way and insinuate such garbage is sad. *TAS*

Pushing abstinence education alone creates adverse effects in impressionable teenagers



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“Why not offer your teens the education to make sure if they choose to have sex, they will not make mistakes?”

When I started showing my first signs of womanhood, my parents pulled me to the side and gave me a lecture about sex. My father showed me pictures of STD-infected genitalia and my mother told me horror stories about friends of hers who had to raise babies on their own or get secret abortions.

My parents never really shoved it down my throat that I should be abstinent. When I got my first serious boyfriend, my mother discussed birth control options with me and my father sat down and discussed the motives of teenage boys.

Because of this openness in my family, I felt as though I could come to my parents for any questions or concerns I had about sex. And because of this easy and comfortable access, I feel I have been able to make smart decisions about my sex life.

Some peers of mine have not had the advantage of educational and open parents and, therefore, have not had the ability to make well-rounded decisions about their sex life.

This lack of information has lead to these peers to do such things as misusing contraception, an inability to recognize signs of STDs and a skewed idea of the emotional consequences of sex.

I feel the right education at home can really help teens to make smart decisions in their sex life, whether they choose to be abstinent or not.

Some schools may offer sex education programs, but

I, among many of my fellow students, only experienced abstinence-only programs. These programs tend to be chock-full of overdramatic stories about the certain death that follows pre-marital sex.

And even if you are lucky enough to have your teen attend a real sexual education course, they need the emotional backup of an at-home mentor.

There are a lot of nontraditional students at APSU and students getting ready to graduate and start families, and I hope these students will consider sitting down with their children and really educating them about sex. This education is important to help prevent pregnancy, HIV and STIs.

Even if your morals say one should wait until marriage, it is important for parents and schools to offer more than just an abstinence-only education. Abstinence-only education runs risks of higher STI and pregnancy rates.

On Advocatesforyouth.org it states, “according to Columbia University researchers, virginity pledge programs increase pledge-takers’ risk for STIs and pregnancy.”

“The study concluded that 88 percent of pledge-takers initiated sex prior to marriage even though some delayed sex for a while.

“Rates of STIs among pledge-takers and non-pledgers were similar, even though pledge-takers initiated sex later. Pledge-takers were less likely to seek STI testing and less likely to use

contraception when they did have sex.”

Reasons teens with abstinent-only educations tend to have a higher risk for STIs and pregnancy tends to be from the lack of accuracy. “Analysis of federally funded abstinence-only curricula found that over 80 percent of curricula supported by the U.S. Department of Health & Human

“Services contained false, misleading or distorted information about reproductive health. Specifically, they conveyed: false information about the effectiveness of contraceptives, false information about the risks of abortion; religious beliefs as scientific fact, stereotypes about boys and girls as scientific fact; and medical and scientific errors of fact,” said Advocatesforyouth.org.

Basically, with parents and programs trying to drown kids in how shameful and bad it is to have sex, they ignore a glaring fact. Teens will be teens.

They will more than likely experiment at some time or another. Why not offer your teens the education to make sure if they choose to have sex, they will not make mistakes.

Don’t shame them into not seeking testing or condoms. Be supportive and open.

If you are uncomfortable about talking to a teen about sexual education, try using a site like sexetc.org. Make sure you check with a health care provider for accuracy before using it as your prime resource. *TAS*



NY **boy's message in a bottle** retrieved in the Azores
Woman **slams dead raccoon** against Vt. city building
Ohio homeowner captures and **hog ties burglar**

FEATURES

EVENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 7

- 11 a.m.; **Free Lunch and Conversation;** WND AAC
- 12:30 p.m.; **Student Affairs Holiday Reception;** MUC Lobby

Thursday, Dec. 8

- 11:30 a.m.; **“Lights Out” Study Break;** Foy Center Courts
- 6 p.m.; **Pre Cram Jam;** Foy
- 11 p.m.; **Midnight Pancake Breakfast;** BCM

Friday, Dec. 9

- 12 p.m.; **ODK Initiation;** UC

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#HOLIDAYS

THERE’S NOT JUST CHRISTMAS

Many different religions celebrate the holidays their own way

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As the end of the year draws near, it is hard not to see the red, green and gold lights hung around the city. These lights and many other decorations such as pine trees and mistletoes represent Christmas. But not everyone celebrates this holiday, at least not in the traditional sense.

Inside the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clarksville, located off Madison Street and surrounded by the green of trees, one will find a place where it is not required to adhere to a particular religion.

According to their website, members of the UUFC include Agnostics, Atheists, Buddhists, Christians, Humanists and Wiccans among other religious traditions.

“What’s important to me is to tell the stories that have already been told and to put them in a modern context so that we know from where they came,” said Stan Bumgarner, a part-time minister at the church.

Wasau, a woman of Indian descent who regularly attends the UUFC, celebrates the holidays with those closest to her. “In the wintertime, you have gatherings where your family and friends come and spend time together. You might make all your preserves, dry the rest of the meat that hasn’t been dried, do the last of the hunting for the year, the last of the smoking of the fish and hang out

with each other,” Wasau said.

A common thread found within UUFC is everyone’s openness concerning religion.

“There are different celebrations and different ways to celebrate, but the most important thing is giving of yourself and feeling that sense of community and that you’re connecting with other people,” said Shana Thornton, director of Religious Exploration at the UUFC.

Lee Gray, a member who grew up Catholic, celebrates in her own way. Gray’s upcoming plans for the holiday are to put up a Christmas tree with her partner, and hang guitar strings and cards between two rooms in her home for decoration. Gray also plans to sing Christmas carols with a xylophone in her neighborhood and the church.

“I have my own rituals,” Gray said. “I try to give all year long. I strive to do the best I can in my community.” She doesn’t think of Christmas and Thanksgiving as a time of giving because she does it all the time.

“For me personally, the story of Jesus being born the last month of the year, near the winter solstice, is a message to mankind in a broken world, that it will get better,” Bumgarner said through the laughs of children playing behind him. “It’s in the process of getting better. And that’s what we all need to have, hope,” Bumgarner said.

For more information on the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clarksville, visit www.uuclarksville.org or call 931-368-0507. **TAS**

#PERCUSSIONENSEMBLE

APSU Percussion Ensemble puts a twist on classic Christmas music in their performance of the year

» **By CONOR SCRUTON**
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As guests filed into the packed MMC Concert Hall on Friday, Dec. 2, they weren’t greeted by the usual pre-concert protocol. Instead, they could see members of the APSU Percussion Ensemble talking and joking with each other, and audience members.

The stage and concert hall were decked with holly, strings of lights, a Christmas tree and a fireplace. Percussion Director David Steinquest described the concert music “completely recognizable, but at the same time surprising.”

The ensemble opened the show with, “A Very Merry Christmas,” and a high-energy rendition of the classic holiday tune “Carol of the Bells,” complete with timpani, bell tones and a full drum kit.

The percussion students — clad in Christmas sweaters and elf hats — gathered on couches and chairs around the stage’s artificial fireplace to enjoy the show. Steinquest enlisted help from singers Allison Campbell and David Alford, guitarist Paul Binkley, bassist Tony Nagy and drummer Matt Devore to play quieter pieces, including “Family Tree” and “Cradle in Bethlehem.”

While the concert featured several traditional-style songs, there were also many new versions of classics, including a bossa nova arrangement of “Ave Maria,” a bluesy James Taylor-inspired reboot of “Jingle Bells” and a hip-hop/funk flavored reading of “’Twas the Night Before Christmas.” The concert closed with the New Years’ staple “Auld Lang Syne.”

“I know it’s not a Christmas song ... but we figured since we won’t see you guys until next year, we had to do it,” Steinquest said.

The program followed the Halloween percussion concert and the Governor’s Singers’ performance of “The Little Match Girl Passion,” which benefitted Clarksville Loaves and Fishes.

Tickets to these concerts cost either \$3 or a donation of two cans of food. Steinquest said he wanted to perform concerts that benefitted those in need, but were also affordable enough for anyone to attend.

Steinquest seems to have gotten his wish; his percussion ensemble performed for a nearly sold-out crowd, and the popularity of their annual Halloween and Christmas concerts has been growing rapidly in recent years.

Steinquest accredits the success of the events to tradition, “It’s a weird thing, we’ve been doing the Halloween concert for 26 years ... there’s something about a recurring event that helps to build a following.” **TAS**

#NONTRADITIONALSTUDENT

STARS: Marian Perron shares stories about a family tradition of nontraditional students

» **By TRENT SINGER**
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There is one common message among each nontraditional college student. “It’s never too late,” said Marian Perron, a part-time nontraditional student and full-time employee at APSU.

Perron is a personnel assistant in Human Resources and vice president of the Non-Traditional Student Society. Perron said she has not faced any particular hardships as a nontraditional student

“Fortunately for me, because I have that rich tradition in my family, I’ve never felt out of place,” Perron said.

Perron’s story entails a family tradition of nontraditional students. In 1927, at age 14, Perron’s mother had to drop out of high school to stay at home and care for her ill mother.

“She always felt like she was inferior to the rest of the family because she was the only one without a high school education,” Perron said.

At 68, Perron’s mother received her GED and went on to graduate from SUNY Cobleskill. She was the oldest matriculated student at that time. However, the family tradition didn’t end there.

“This past spring, my uncle, who is her brother, graduated from Keene State with his bachelor’s in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology at the age of 94,” Perron said.

As a former New York City police officer and World War II

“We enrich the classes because of our experiences and what we can bring in that students who are younger don’t yet have.”

— **Marian Perron, nontraditional student**

pilot, Perron’s uncle chose to pursue a college education almost 20 years after the average U.S. male expectancy age.

“He had the opportunity to go to school and learn. It’s just the focus on learning and not being content and continually learning,” Perron said.

Following graduation, Perron’s uncle informed her that he now plans to pursue his master’s degree.

Perron thinks highly of being a nontraditional student at APSU. “My experience here has been fabulous. First, because I’m an employee, so I have that aspect of life and co-working at APSU. Plus, my experience as a student has been very good,” Perron said.

Perron is currently pursuing her bachelor’s degree in Professional Studies. She has attended APSU for a year now.



Marian Perron is a nontraditional student pursuing her bachelor’s degree in Professional Studies. She also works full-time as a personnel assistant in Human Resources. **BRITTANY SPARN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

As an active nontraditional student, she hopes her story might inspire some of those who have always wanted to pursue college, but have never taken the opportunity to further their education.

“As a nontraditional student, we enrich the classes because of our experiences and what we can bring in that students who are younger don’t yet have,” Perron said. **TAS**



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THIS DAY IN HISTORY
DEC. 7

1941: The Imperial Japanese Navy attacked the US Pacific Fleet and its defending Army Air Forces and Marine air forces at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

1963: Instant replay is used for the first time in an Army-Navy football game.

1982: In Texas, Charles Brooks Jr. became the first person to be executed by lethal injection in the United States.

RANDOM
FACTS

Residents of Bethel, Maine **built a snow woman measuring 122 feet 1 inches tall**, in order to break the world record for tallest snowman built.

The record for the most people making snow angels simultaneously is **8,962**.

Information from
OnThisDay App and Guinness World Records.

Super Crossword ROSE GARDEN

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10 Conduit fittings	14 Active volcano	61 Skin problem	103 Salt serving	2 Where the tall corn grows	48 Loses a lap	95 Russian space station
18 "The Green —" ('56 hit)	19 Victorian ornament	62 Irwin of "The Crocodile Hunter"	105 — Alto, CA	3 Gallagher of Oasis	50 Phi Beta —	97 Tranquil
21 TV's "The Wonder —"	23 Guns n' Roses hit	63 '78 Peace Nobel	107 Fight site	4 Aftershock	52 '79 Down's homeland	99 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

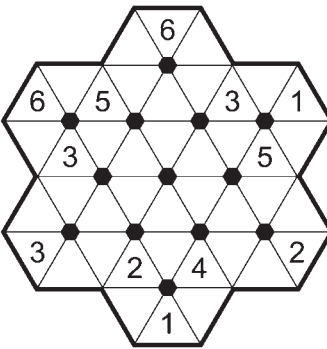
★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.





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He said, She said.

MARLON'S PICKS

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 - AFC NORTH Ravens
 - AFC SOUTH Texans
 - AFC WEST Broncos
 - NFC EAST Giants
 - NFC NORTH Packers
 - NFC SOUTH Saints
 - NFC WEST 49ers
 - SUPERBOWL Baltimore Ravens

He said:

Alas, I was defeated again. I take solace in being the most correct up until the last two weeks. It has been a pleasure to enlighten Theresa and the masses. It was also fun. Go Ravens.

She said:

Since this is the last edition of the paper and my last NFL pick, I have to say it's been fun. Although I didn't pick up many wins, it was still worth it to win in the end. Plus, the Titans won this weekend. Happy Days.

THERESA'S PICKS

- trogers11@my.apsu.edu
- AFC EAST Patriots
 - AFC NORTH Steelers
 - AFC SOUTH Titans
 - AFC WEST Broncos
 - NFC EAST Giants
 - NFC NORTH Packers
 - NFC SOUTH Saints
 - NFC WEST 49ers
 - SUPERBOWL Green Bay Packers

MARLON SCOTT

Wins : 8
Losses : 6
"This set back is temporary because I am about to walk across the stage. So long TAS sports section. You have been good to me."



THERESA ROGERS

Wins : 10
Losses : 4
"What a way to leave the paper and what a way to leave Austin Peay. No other win or loss matters but this one to me. Marlon and I both will be gone in the new year."



SUNDAY, DEC. 8
MAKE YOUR OWN PICKS

- Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs. Jacksonville Jaguars
- Kansas City Chiefs vs. New York Jets
- Houston Texans vs. Cincinnati Bengals
- New England Patriots vs. Washington Redskins
- Atlanta Falcons vs. Carolina Panthers
- Philadelphia Eagles vs. Miami Dolphins
- New Orleans Saints vs. Tennessee Titans
- Indianapolis Colts vs. Baltimore Ravens
- Minnesota Vikings vs. Detroit Lions
- Chicago Bears vs. Denver Broncos
- San Francisco 49ers vs. Arizona Cardinals
- Buffalo Bills vs. San Diego Chargers
- Oakland Raiders vs. Green Bay Packers
- New York Giants vs. Dallas Cowboys

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Happy Holidays!

SCORE BOARD

FINAL FALL SPORTS
OVC STANDINGS

FOOTBALL

Tennessee Tech	6-2
Eastern Kentucky	6-2
Jacksonville State	6-2
Murray State	5-3
Tennessee State	4-4
UT Martin	4-4
Austin Peay	2-6
Southeast Missouri	2-6
Eastern Illinois	1-7

VOLLEYBALL

Morehead State	19-1
Tennessee State	13-7
UT Martin	12-8
Southeast Missouri	11-9
Eastern Kentucky	9-11
Jacksonville State	9-11
Austin Peay	9-11
Murray State	8-12
SIUE	8-12
Eastern Illinois	8-12
Tennessee Tech	4-16

SOCCER

Southeast Missouri	8-1
Eastern Kentucky	5-3-1
UT Martin	5-3-1
Murray State	4-3-2
Morehead State	4-4-1
SIUE	4-5
Eastern Illinois	4-5
Austin Peay	3-5-1
Jacksonville State	1-4-4
Tennessee Tech	2-7

CURRENT NFL STANDINGS

AFC EAST

New England Patriots	9-3
Buffalo Bills	7-5
New York Jets	5-7
Miami Dolphins	4-8

AFC NORTH

Baltimore Ravens	9-3
Pittsburgh Steelers	9-3
Cincinnati Bengals	7-5
Cleveland Browns	4-8

AFC SOUTH

Houston Texans	9-3
Tennessee Titans	7-5
Jacksonville Jaguars	3-8
Indianapolis Colts	0-12

AFC WEST

Denver Broncos	7-5
Oakland Raiders	7-5
Kansas City Chiefs	5-7
San Diego Chargers	4-7

NFC EAST

Dallas Cowboys	7-5
New York Giants	6-6
Washington Redskins	4-8
Philadelphia Eagles	4-8

NFC NORTH

Green Bay Packers	12-0
Detroit Lions	7-5
Chicago Bears	7-5
Minnesota Vikings	2-10

NFC SOUTH

New Orleans Saints	9-3
Atlanta Falcons	7-5
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4-8
Carolina Panthers	4-8

NFC WEST

San Francisco 49ers	10-2
Seattle Seahawks	5-7
Arizona Cardinals	5-7
St. Louis Rams	2-10

49ers beat Rams, 26-0 for 1st playoffs since '02

Nashville arena celebrating 15th Anniversary

Avalanche beat Redwings, 4-2

SPORTS



Above: Gobs head coach, Rick Christophel, celebrated his fifth year with the team in 2011 season. SYNTHIA CLARK | PHOTO EDITOR



LET'S



Top Right: Lady Gobs volleyball team included two star outside hitters, including Nikki Doyle and Ilyanna Hernandez. Bottom Left: Sophomore runner, Xiamar Richards posted two top 20 finishes in 2011 season. Bottom Right: Gobs football started 2011 season with two home wins, raising the fans spirits. ALL PHOTOS BY MATEEN SIDIQ | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

PLAY IT AGAIN



Bottom Left: Natalia Ariza, a sophomore midfielder/forward, was named first-team all OVC her freshman year. Bottom Right : Paige Economos, a senior Gobs volleyball player, had 126 sets in 34 matches during the 2011 season. ALL PHOTOS BY MATEEN SIDIQ | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER



VS.



Next home
Lady Gobs
basketball
game Tuesday,
Dec. 20, against
Florida A&M