



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# SGA IN THE RED

### Recently released budget shows 2015-16 session overspent

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NEWS EDITOR

Last year, SGA ended the year with a \$12,927.52 deficit in their budget.

In total, SGA received \$88,930.35 in income mostly from student fees and partially from Mud Bowl sponsors. SGA spent \$101,857.87, with \$26,333.87 of the budget going to events.

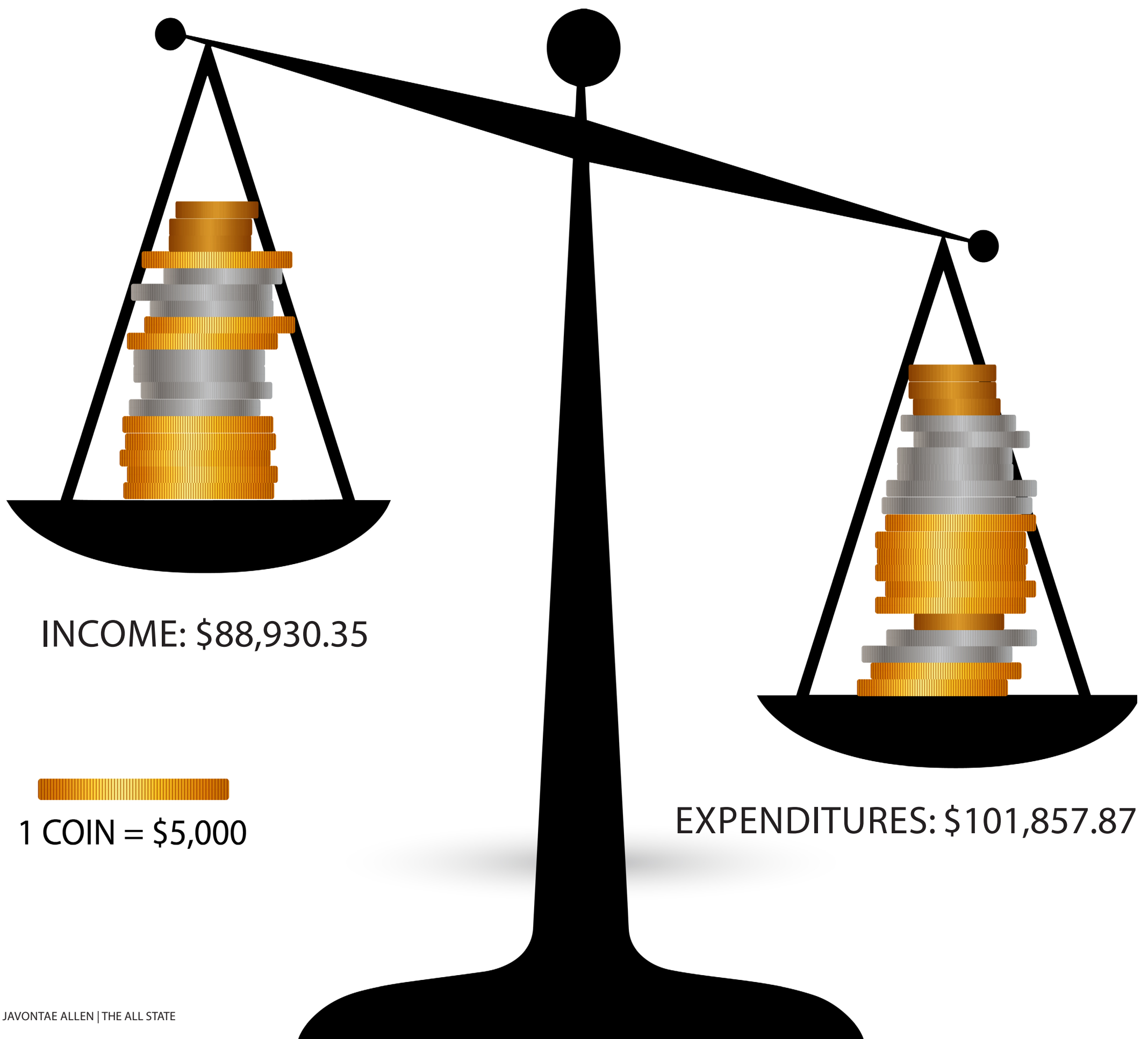
Other expenditures include \$22,141.01 spent on advertising and campus sponsorships, \$18,348.73 allocated to the Student Organization Committee and \$14,856 spent on professional development.

SGA ended the year with \$288,349.52 saved in the bank from \$301,277.04.

The SGA student fee is \$5 a student a

semester. Other TBR schools' fees range from \$3 to \$20 a semester, according to a TBR report.

Last year, the Senate approved the Sunshine Act which requires SGA to publish a budget each quarter. This is the first budget published under the act. The budget can be accessed at [www.apsu.edu/sga/guiding-documents](http://www.apsu.edu/sga/guiding-documents).



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**Raj Dakshinamurthy** received his in biochemistry and structural biology from the University of Arkansas. PHOTO COURTESY OF APSU

## Dean steps down to faculty roll

### Served for less than 10 months in the position

**WILL FISHER**  
NEWS EDITOR

Raj Dakshinamurthy stepped down from his position as Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and the associate provost for research on Wednesday, Aug. 31 and will now serve as a full-time faculty member in the Department of Chemistry.

APSU appointed Dakshinamurthy to the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies in December 2015. He previously worked in the chemistry department at Western Kentucky University.

Professor Chad Brooks will assume Dakshinamurthy's roles in an interim capacity.

Dakshinamurthy made the decision to step down earlier in the week and the change was effective immediately. The university does not anticipate any changes in the day-to-day operations of the College of Graduate Studies and expects the transition in leadership to be smooth.

As the Dean of Graduate studies, Dakshinamurthy was in charge of directing the College of Graduate Studies

and serving as a facilitator between faculty and administration.


Brooks' LinkedIn page states he has worked in the university's biology department for 11 years and served as the Assistant Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics since June 2015. He will serve in his new interim role until the school begins a search to replace Dakshinamurthy.

Dakshinamurthy specializes in biomedical sciences and has published more than 30 papers and a patent related to the field.









**SGA**  
LEGISLATION

**ACT NO. 1**  
To proportionally represent colleges in senate. Proposed by Sen. Critchlow.  
**Failed**

**ACT NO. 2**  
To have all legislation emailed to SGA members and The All State. Proposed by Sen. Murphy.  
**Introduced**



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**POSSESSION BY A MINOR**  
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Tuesday, Sept. 1 - 5:55 p.m.  
**Closed**

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Aug. 31 - 5:10 p.m.  
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Aug. 29 - 2:30 p.m.  
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**THEFT OF PROPERTY**  
Meacham Apartments  
Aug. 28 - 10:01 p.m.  
**Report**



Jack Diebert used the journal of James Carson to provide context and extra information to the sparse journal of Hayden. PHOTO COURTESY OF AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

# Professor publishes book about pioneering geologist

## Paints different portrait of journey out west

ALYSSA LONGWORTH  
STAFF WRITER

Jack Diebert, professor of geology, recently published a book recounting the discoveries geologist Ferdinand Hayden found on his historical 1871 survey of the Yellowstone region of Wyoming entitled “Tracks, Trails & Thieves.”

The book is based on Diebert’s research of a collection of Hayden’s haphazard notes. Diebert also used the journals of the people Hayden met along his journey as reference, which allowed Diebert to piece together a previously unknown record of events.

“We never got this sense of drama from [Hayden’s] reports, and other historians who wrote about him didn’t understand how much he really accomplished, given

his resources and the circumstances surrounding his 1868 survey,” Diebert said in an APSU press release.

One of Hayden’s most influential findings was the accidental discovery of fossilized dinosaur tracks in the Wyoming area, which he thought a “huge bird” created. Hayden also did the first structural study of the Rocky Mountains, mapping an area from Wyoming to Utah.

The tracks and the rest of Hayden’s findings were instrumental in convincing Congress to turn Yellowstone into the U.S.’s first National Park, according to an APSU press release.

Diebert co-wrote the book with Brent Breithaupt, a paleontologist from Wyoming. The book is available on amazon.com for \$40.

### HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

# New graduate degrees added to program

## Designed to make students more competitive in field

ALYSSA LONGWORTH  
STAFF WRITER

APSU recently introduced a Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) degree and added a public health education concentration to its Master of Science in Health and Human Performance (HHP) degree to help students become administrators in healthcare related companies.

Students interested in either the MHA or Master of Science in HHP graduate programs do not need a background in healthcare to apply. Both programs are available online and students can complete them within a year.

In a recent APSU press release, Kadi Bliss, assistant professor of HHP, said “the degree will prepare students with the knowledge and skills to be an effective health educator.”

The healthcare industry recently shifted its focus to preventative services. Because of the shift, there is a new demand for professionals with public health education degrees and the ability to hold administration positions.

“Salaries can be higher with an MHA,” professor of HHP Gregory Moore said. “A master’s degree is essential for some employers, but a MHA is a more refined and appropriate degree.”

For more information about the HHP department go to <http://www.apsu.edu/hhp>

# Senate votes down act aimed at representation

## Senator introduces new act to increase transparency and efficiency in SGA

WILL FISHER  
NEWS EDITOR

The Senate voted to not approve Sen. Dominic Crithclow’s proposed act, which would have changed how SGA represents students at the SGA meeting on Wednesday, Aug.1.

Critchlow’s legislation, Act No. 1, sought to give more senate seats to larger colleges and take away seats from smaller colleges to better represent the student body. The legislation failed to gain a majority in the senate and died on the floor.

“I feel like the senate is not representing the students on campus,” Critchlow said. “We need more senators to better represent students in those bigger colleges.”

Sen. Thomas Murphy, representing the College of Arts and Letters, had several reservations about the proposed act. “[The act] would dramatically change the way we do SGA. Right now we have equal representation between colleges, and so in fact, as it stands, students are equally represented in respect to their college.”

Murphy did not directly oppose the legislation’s concept. “I will not say I am against proportional representation. I think it is worth our time to discuss it,”

he said.

After the senate voted down the legislation, President Ryan Honea announced the creation of a committee focused on student representation in SGA. The committee will look at issues such as fair representation in the senate and changing meeting times.

Murphy also introduced new legislation of his own during the meeting. The legislation, entitled Act. No. 2, aims at making SGA more transparent and accessible by having the chief clerk of the senate provide electronic copies of all legislation to members of SGA and The All State.

“[SGA] is committed to its efficiency and transparency to serve students more effectively,” the legislation reads.

Upcoming events for SGA include the Fall Elections for the five freshman and two graduate senator seats, Mud Bowl and G.H.O.S.T. The number of eligible freshman candidates for the race was 56 at the time of the meeting, making the candidate field the widest in SGA history. The field is expected to decrease before elections begin

SGA will meet next Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m. in the Morgan University Center room 307.



Pictured left to right: Amy Hamlin, Shondell Hickson and Patty Orr. PHOTO COURTESY OF AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

# Department sends three to nursing conference in Africa

## Present research on diabetes, retention

ALYSSA LONGWORTH  
STAFF WRITER

Three of APSU’s School of Nursing professors traveled to South Africa over the summer to speak to the 27th Sigma Theta Tau International Research Congress about their research.

Two professors, Patty Orr and Shondell Hickson, presented research about lowering sugar levels and obesity rates in diabetes patients. Their research was funded by the Clarksville Montgomery County Health

Foundation and focused on a population of underserved patients.

Professor of nursing Amy Hamlin also went to the research congress. She presented her own research study on nursing educator retention and was named a finalist for the congress’s Excellence in Education Research Award.

The congress is the largest nursing research event in the world with over 800 researchers from over 30 countries, according to an APSU press release.



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# PERSPECTIVES

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”  
— First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution



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## Nostalgia grips millennials

Young adults not lazy for watching old TV shows, movie marathons

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Millennials are desperately trying to escape the atrocities of adulthood through old TV programs and childhood movies.

Young adults are obsessed with feeling nostalgia. These young adults have discovered a way to unwind without completely dissociating from the world, watching old television shows and movies.

Millennials are repeatedly branded by people such as Bill Maher and Martha Stewart as lazy, entitled brats who plan on drifting their way through life, expecting everything to be handed to them.

Contrary to this belief, these young adults grew up understanding the importance of college and know getting a degree is vital for a successful future.

Between college classes and holding jobs, millennials are far from lazy and have quite a bit to worry about.

Millennials are attempting to earn their college degrees and enter the

work force in a society where their only options are to sink or swim. For some students at APSU, old TV shows and movies motivate them to push through all the obstacles they face.

Freshman nursing major Bridgett Eleazer said she enjoys watching old Disney movies such as “Mulan” and “Robin Hood” in her free time.

“Mulan’ is a role model for students our age. She is a strong female character, and that has precedence in today’s society,” Eleazer said.

According to an article in the *Daily Mail*, watching reruns of your favorite shows can be good for your health. Reruns help boost your mood and increase your self control. Researchers from the University of Buffalo claim we often think of these characters from our favorite shows as friends or family.

Watching these old television series and childhood movies provides a well-deserved break from millennials’ crippling anxiety, accumulating student debt and the most frightening, attempts at adulting.

“It’s not serious, everything else in the world is really depressing and serious.”

JODI FELTS  
FRESHMAN PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

They cannot help themselves. Millennials were tossed from their cradles into a fast-paced, technologically advanced world and told to “keep up, because you are the future,” so excuse the fact that one night a year they cancel their plans for the annual Disney Channel Original Movie marathon.

Freshman psychology major Jodi Felts said she enjoys catching up on old TV shows such as “The Suite Life of Zack and Cody” and “Kim Possible.”

“It’s not serious, everything else in the world is really depressing and serious,” Felts said.

These 30-minute sitcoms deliver

these young adults back to a time when their parents scheduled their doctor’s appointments and they did not stress about whether or not they would have enough funds for groceries next week.

Millennials in college trying to better their lives and take steps necessary to secure successful futures for themselves are constantly bombarded with questions on what makes them different, how they are going to compete for the jobs they want and whether or not they will even work in their anticipated job fields.

It seems millennials are grasping at the American dream. The older they get, the dream starts to fade, and reality starts to peek through.

Being an adult can be challenging. Millennials have earned the right to indulge themselves in the TV shows and movies they used to love.

These young adults have no idea what the future holds for them.

Old TV shows and movies do not erase the challenges they will face, but it’s nice for millennials to have an outlet to reflect back to a simpler time.

## News websites should allow public comments

“I don’t know what these young ladies are reading, but if you look at the latest polling, Clinton is falling behind...”

COMMENT ON A HUFFINGTON POST STORY ON HILLARY CLINTON

“HARAMBE WILL NOT BE PUT TO REST. HE WILL COME BACK BETTER, STRONGER AND FASTER”

COMMENT ON A BUZZFEED NEWS STORY

JESS STEPHENS  
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As National Public Radio (NPR) disables its comment feature, we realize that we need those comment sections on news websites more than ever.

As of Aug. 23, NPR decided to remove the comment section from their website and move in a new direction. Noticing that only a small percentage of their viewers commented, they decided the conversation should move to where the hotspot for talking seems to be: social media.

In fact, many news websites are moving the conversations to social media, including *Popular Science* and some facets of *USA Today*. Many of the companies seem to be saying their

comment sections are less intelligent conversations and debates and more trolls and angry haters. There have also been complaints about the commenting systems.

Trolling is making a deliberately offensive or provocative post online to make others respond or become upset.

News websites exist to inform and connect people, to start conversations.

Comment sections of websites exist as a place for discussions to take place, and the exchange of ideas and opinions to happen. Without them, some people’s points of view may never leave the walls of their homes, and that definitely does not help to connect and inform people.

If news websites want to focus on social media, then they should be allowed to do so, but they should not

take the comments off of their websites entirely. By alienating people who do not have or use social media, they are taking voices away from the topic, not adding them.

We need comment sections because people should be able to express their thoughts, opinions and concerns with the source readily available and where the news outlet is more likely to see it.

There will always be trolls and haters and spam in every section of the internet, and there will always be flaws in communication. If a news outlet wanted to control the quality of comments on their website, they could easily put a filter on their comment section or even hire someone to go through and filter out spammers for the company instead. They could easily add a

comment limit too.

News websites could even make it where the only people who allowed to comment would be those subscribed to the website or who have accounts. Rather than doing any of those things, some major news websites are shutting down their comments completely, excluding anyone who is not on social media.

Without the comment sections on websites, news companies are restricted to viewing the 140 character responses on Twitter, the 2,200 character limit responses on Instagram and the even more hectic comments on Facebook. We need comment sections because limiting the places that the company receives feedback from won’t help the news or its readers.



# EXTRAS



## Live On The Green 2016



Various bands performing for a large crowd in Nashville, Tenn. for annual “Live On The Green” free concert series that began in Aug. and continued to Sept. THE ALL STATE PHOTOGRAPHY STAFF | THE ALL STATE

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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### MAGIC MAZE ● CALIFORNIAN FRUITS AND NUTS

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# FEATURES

## Sculptor races to APSU for artwork



### Chris Taylor envisions creative way to honor APSU non-traditional students

**JOSHUA CLEMENTS**  
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For the first time in 30 years, APSU has added a new permanent sculpture placed in the bowl outside of the library. The university chose sculptor Chris Taylor, and the proposition he made was for a sculpture, named Cardboard Kids: Monument to The Non-Traditional Student, that represents one of APSU's key demographics.

“I have a whimsical feeling when I look at the piece that I believe comes from the implied movement of the cars on something that is not a roadway.”

**KAIYA MCKASSACK**  
LIBERAL ARTS FRESHMAN

The Department of Art and Design hosted a lecture by Taylor on Aug. 30. Taylor discussed an overview of his process as an artist and why he chose the design he went with.

“When I visited to scope out the

grounds of the university, I discovered the sinkholes,” Taylor said, “and I immediately thought I needed to see what I could do with that space.”

Taylor said his process involves him observing where the sculpture will be positioned because the space is as important as the sculpture itself.

“I like to have a marriage between the two so they can make a complete picture,” Taylor said. “I look at a space first to see if my work will fit into the space that it will call home.”

Taylor said he came to see the sinkholes resembled a racetrack so he decided to go with a vehicle motif for his sculpture.

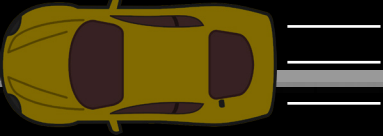
“I have a whimsical feeling when I look at the piece that I believe comes from the implied movement of the cars on something that is not a roadway,” freshman liberal arts major Kaiya Mckassack said.

“I was struck with how the student body really knew what life was about and how to deal with real life challenges and how the students came from multiple walks of life,” Taylor said. “So I thought these vehicles can stand in for those students of diverse background.” Taylor

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Sculptor Chris Taylor showcases the inspiration behind his latest art piece, Cardboard Kids: A Monument to the Non-Traditional Student, in his lecture Aug. 30. HUNTER ABRAMS | THE ALL STATE



HENRY KILPATRICK | THE ALL STATE

## Wisdom Walk encourages student interaction

### Honea leads students in informal discussions with campus faculty

**ASHLEY THOMPSON**  
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Could a professor collect different types of teas or name any superhero and their origin? What if they did not just focus on the next big pop quiz or which student stays awake in class? Wisdom Walk gives professors the chance to express these out-of-class interests.

Student Life and Engagement at APSU hosts the Wisdom Walk, which is a series of events where faculty members can talk about a variety of topics with students and let their guard down for an hour.

“The main point is that a lot of people become informal when they are walking and talking so it takes away kind of that wall that can exist between student and faculty sometimes,” Martha Harper, director of the Wisdom Walk said. “For example, when a teacher talks about what they teach a student tends to tune out, but walking is that opportunity when people just kind of let down their guard and make conversations about a variety of things.”

Ryan Honea, president of SGA and senior mathematics major, lead this

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## Veteran tackles new challenge

### Student engages campus community after eight years in Army

**ANDREW WADOVICK**  
FEATURES EDITOR

For many veterans, going back to school is a challenging decision. For Bruce Hunter, it was his next assignment.

Hunter, a senior nursing major, spent eight years in the 101st Airborne Division before coming to APSU.

“I needed discipline,” Hunter said. He said he did not have many prospects beyond military service, and his experience largely defined his vision of himself in the present day.

“[The Army] taught me what to fight for,” Hunter said. “I became the person I am today because of it.”

Hunter said he served in Iran and Afghanistan during his time in the Army, and applied to APSU immediately after his medical discharge from the Army in January 2013. Hunter said this decision was based on his military experience.

“I chose to specialize in trauma because I dealt with a lot of it in the army,” Hunter said. “I’m good on my feet, and it’s a really good field.”

Hunter said his major’s versatility also played a role in his decision, allowing him to pursue jobs in intensive care and psyche.

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**BRUCE HUNTER**  
SENIOR NURSING MAJOR

“Nursing is very regimented,” he said. “It’s also very specialized.”

In APSU’s nursing program, Hunter has little choice in the classes he takes each semester, and he said he is generally okay with that.

“I’m very much a ‘get the job done and go home’ kind of guy,” Hunter said.

One of the challenges Hunter said he faced upon returning to the civilian world was his interactions with people.

“To some people, my confidence comes across as arrogance,” Hunter said. “Some people label me as egotistical, but that’s not really true. I put 100 percent into everything I do. That’s what the army trained me to do.”

Hunter also said he feels a need to watch what he says after coming to APSU.

“You have to watch what you say around people,” Hunter said. “People have feelings, and people have their own lives. You have to respect that, and you have to respect their personal space.”

Hunter said he also experienced a community difference coming from a male-dominant platoon to a female-dominated career field.

“My whole platoon was male,” Hunter said. “Coming into nursing, I had to watch my profanity, and the way I treated my classmates had to be different than how I acted in the Army.”

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**BRUCE HUNTER**  
SENIOR NURSING MAJOR

Outside the classroom, Hunter said he enjoys shooting pistols and rifles, and he also enjoys weight training.

“My wife works under Dr. Dailey as an admin assistant in the Biology department,” Hunter said. The two of them have a daughter, who is currently four and a half.

Hunter said although he is done with the military, it will always be a part of him, and he is grateful for what APSU has provided.

“I think APSU has been great,” Hunter said. “The benefits are great, and it’s been a good experience.”



## WISDOM

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week’s walk on Wednesday, Aug. 31, and chose to speak about SGA and what it was all about.

Martha Harper added to Honea’s topic and said, “The Wisdom Walk was inspired by other campuses’ idea of gaining more connections between faculty members and students.”

Harper said SLE wanted to recreate the relationships students and staff members used to have on college campuses.

“There was a time when students would hang out with professors in cafes or attend events with them, whereas now so many things limit what is and is not allowed,” Harper said.

Wisdom Walk takes place all semester, and the faculty leading it change each week. The specific staff that lead the walks are usually recommended or volunteer. On occasion, student leaders such as Ryan Honea, will lead the walks as well.

At the end of his Wisdom Walk, Honea said he wants SGA “to be ran under transparency” and answer any questions about changes needed on campus.

Students who are interested in joining a Wisdom Walk can reach out to Student Life and Engagement for more information at <http://www.apsu.edu/student-life>.

## SCULPTOR

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said he chose how the vehicles would be placed around the bowl as it shows that everyone goes through college at different speeds.

Taylor’s only other standing sculpture is in Montevideo, Uruguay. It depicts a tugboat that is representative of the nation.

“That is Uruguay’s role in South America,” and, despite being surrounded by larger nations, “It still holds a distinct position in the region,” Taylor said.

Students who wish to learn more about the sculpture, or Taylor, can contact Michael Dickens, the Director of Galleries, at [dickensm@apsu.edu](mailto:dickensm@apsu.edu), or visit Taylor’s website at [walkingcubes.com](http://walkingcubes.com).

# Students prepare for historic SGA election

## Students reflect on reasons for voting as national election approaches

ANDREA ALLEN  
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SGA prepares to host their Freshman and Graduate elections in the midst of the 2016 presidential election. Through the SGA elections, students give insight to similar voting trends on the national scale.

Every student at APSU has the opportunity to vote on academic and class representatives in SGA. The students that choose to vote base their decision off different criteria. Some students want their representatives to have similar ideas for APSU while others look for university involvement.

“It really sells it for me when I know certain candidates are involved in multiple organizations because I can trust that they are thinking for the good of all students and not just from a governing or financial point of view,” sophomore biology major Jessica Parks said.

As this relates to the national candidates, citizens are concerned with their plans for the nation but also the things they show concern for and where they choose to associate themselves. Another characteristic that affects the national candidates is character, or who they are outside of the political realm. In the same way, students at APSU look for the character of their representatives.

“I think it is important for the candidates to have good character because the roles they will fill prepare them for further political careers,” sophomore accounting and finance major Mike Simpkins said.

SGA voting is anonymous and not mandatory, meaning, like the national election, students have the choice not to vote. On a national scale, citizens decide not to vote for a variety of

### SGA Election Information

Elections for SGA started Tuesday, Sept. 6, and will continue online through Thursday, Sept. 8.

To vote for freshman and graduate senate positions, log in to PeayLink at <https://www.apsu.edu/apps/sll/collegiatelink.php>, and click on the SGA link on the main page.

reasons, such as being too busy, not having interest or thinking their vote will not make a difference.

Since SGA is a small election in comparison to the national election, students at APSU are able to know candidates on a personal level and experience first-hand the changes they plan to make while in office. “I vote because I feel like SGA can have a positive impact on campus and I want those that represent me to the university to operate with the same values I hold,” junior physics major Josh Allens said.

APSU’s SGA, founded in 1943, is a mock government centered around the national government, and it bases its proposal and election system off the national model.

In any democratic forum, the voice of the people matters and optional voting could lead voters to invest in the candidates rather than blindly fill out a ballot. Despite the number of voters, SGA representatives are handpicked by the student body, given the responsibility of being the voice of students for the benefit of the university. To vote, go to <https://www.apsu.edu/apps/sll/collegiatelink.php>.

## Excape Room challenges students

### Popular group activity invites students to escape

AALIYAH MITCHELL  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

The Govs Programming Council and the Govs Lead Leadership Council brought Excape Games to the APSU Morgan University Center Plaza on Thursday, Sept. 1, from noon to 3 p.m.

Excape Games set up inflatable walls to prepare two rooms, with puzzles inside each room. Each group of students was given fifteen minutes to complete the tasks in their room and “escape.”

“[It’s] just like the Excape Room you might find in Nashville or Excape Games here in Clarksville... You’ve got to go through and solve puzzles and figure things out and work together to accomplish a goal and the goal in this case is not to be blown up,” Josh Gianitsis, Coordinator for Leadership and Student Organization, said.

Admission for students was free, like most events hosted by the Govs Programming Council. Though some students came in small groups, many students were forced to work together on the spot to figure out the secrets to their room.

“Govs Programming Council does fun events on campus all the time, and this has a huge leadership component because you have to work together... you’re going to have leaders emerge,” Gianitsis said.

“It was fun but it was really hard. It’s definitely a teamwork thing,” freshman megatronics engineering major Benjamin Crawley said. If the students ran out of time, alarms would blare, and students struggling to solve puzzles as their deadline approached could be heard yelling for release as if they were truly trying to escape an explosion.

“Excape Games is really popular right now so we thought it would be a great event to bring right now in the beginning of the year,” Gianitsis said. He also said if the event continued to be popular, it was likely the Govs Programming Council and Govs Lead Leadership Council would try to bring Escape Games back another year.

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# Governors drop season opener to Troy



APSU SPORTS INFORMATION

GLAVINE DAY  
SPORTS EDITOR

APSU football lost their season opener against Troy University in Troy, Alabama. 57-17.

Kickoff started at 5:04 pm and the duration of the game lasted three hours and fourteen minutes.

The Govs hyped themselves for a highly anticipated season by cheering and chanting before taking the field. During the first quarter, Troy scored first and second

to take a 13-0 lead, missing the extra point after the second touchdown.

With about one minute left in the quarter, junior quarterback Tommy Hays threw a 6-yard pass to junior tight end James Coleman for a 13-6 score. Senior kicker Nick Gauna scored the extra point.

During the second quarter, APSU was the first to score. Coleman received a 14-yard pass from Hays.

However, by the end of the first half, Troy scored two touchdowns and kicked a field goal to lead 30-14.

In the second half, the Govs' only points came from a 33-yard field goal from Gauna, who went 3 for 3 in the game.

Despite losing 57-17, APSU has already shown improvement from last season.

The Govs start Ohio Valley Conference play on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. against Tennessee Technological University at Fortera Stadium in Clarksville, Tennessee.

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# APSU drops 3 out of last 4 matches

GLAVINE DAY  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Govs volleyball team (3-4) was swept by No. 19 Western Kentucky University in their first home game of the season on Aug. 30 (25-21, 25-14, 25-14).

Junior outside hitter Christina White led APSU’s offense with a season best 10 kills. White also leads the overall offense with 38 kills.

Junior Ashley Slay earned five blocks and seven kills.

Next the Lady Govs joined the Govs’ football team in Troy, Alabama for the Trojan Invitational.

APSU went 1-2 on the tournament with losses to New Mexico State and Valparaiso and a win against Southern University.

In the first match against NMSU, Slay and White combined for 22 kills, but fell 3-1 (25-16, 27-29, 25-20, 25-28).

Senior Sammie Ebright earned eight kills against the Aggies. Slay and White both earned 11 kills a piece and White ended up with 10 digs.

In the win against Southern University, Slay posted another double digit kill performance with 10 (25-19, 25-16, 25-19). Slay attempted 18 kills and had no errors. Behind Slay was

Ebright and White with seven kills a piece. Junior Kaitlyn Teeter came in fourth with six kills.

In the last match, the Lady Govs fell to Valpairso 3-1 (25-15, 25-18, 18-25, 25-21).

Slay led the Lady Govs on offense and defense with 12 kills and six blocks.

In second place, White earned 11 kills.

The Lady Govs look to get back to .500 or better when they travel to Evansville, Ind. for the Dunn Hospitality Tournament. APSU will play the host, Evansville, Kent State and Dayton.

# Lady Govs lose undefeated season

NOAH HOUCK  
STAFF WRITER

After starting 3-0, APSU finished the weekend 3-2

## WKU

The APSU Lady Govs soccer team watched their undefeated season slip away from them on the road losing 2-1 to Western Kentucky (2-2-0) in overtime.

The Hilltoppers’ Bria Mosley slid the decisive goal past freshman Mary Parker Powell to finish the game 14 seconds into the opening overtime period.

APSU could not find consistency in midfield, and that allowed WKU to control the game.

The Hilltoppers controlled in the offensive third, producing eight shots to APSU’s three in the first half.

Powell, who played the entirety of the game, recorded four strong saves in the opening phases of the game and finished with six saves.

WKU opened the scoring with 72 minutes played as Chandler Backes hit a one-timer from the edge of the box, blasting the Hilltoppers ahead with 18 minutes left to play.

However, The Lady Govs scrapped to create offensive opportunities.

Freshman Renee Semaan and Senior Gina Fabbro led with three shots each, Jennifer Smith followed suit with of her own.

Finally, with three minutes left in regulation Semaan, and the rest of the Lady Govs, were rewarded for their efforts, blasting the Lady Govs back into the game with a single goal.

This saw the Lady Govs enter their first overtime period of the season ,which did not last long. Mosley quickly slammed a dagger into the undefeated season for APSU (3-1) winning the game for WKU in overtime.

## LIPSCOMB

Junior Kirstin Robertson scored her fourth goal of the season as APSU lost its second consecutive game of the season in Nashville on Sunday, Sept. 4, 3-1 to Lipscomb (4-1-1).

A 3-0 start for the Lady Govs (3-2-0) has now seen two losses on the second road series of the season.

In the third minute Lipscomb opened up the scoring as Natalie Duboise assisted Olivia Doak who slotted a shot past freshman Mary Parker Powell.

Four minutes later, Doak doubled the scoring with an assist going to Maycie McKay.

Lipscomb maintained possession and forced chances as Duboise hit a shot under the crossbar in the 23rd minute.

Minutes later, APSU was gifted an opportunity to get back in the match as the Bison’s defender handled the ball inside the box.

Robertson slotted the ball past the net tender’s right side for her fourth goal of the season.

Three minutes later in the 27th minute, Head Coach Kelley Guth opted to sub in junior keeper Lindsay Todd.

Todd recorded three saves, and did not allow a goal.

In the second half, APSU found more of an attacking rhythm.

Senior Gina Fabbro’s effort was rewarded with two good shots on goal.

Sophomores Jennifer Smith and Amber Bateman earned one with a shot on goal each. Robertson ended the day with three.

“We were exposed in some areas, which shows us things we need to work on and improve,” Head Coach Kelley Guth said. “Lipscomb is a great team with two SEC wins this season. For us, it’s about learning and getting better now five games in. I don’t think we performed to the level we are capable of, and we’ll address those things this week.”

The Lady Govs will be back in action on Friday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m. against South Alabama and on Sunday, Sept. 11 for Senior Day against Alabama A&M at 1 p.m.

Both games will be at Morgan Brothers Soccer Field.



Tennessee Titans wide receiver Marc Mariani runs back a punt against the Arizona Cardinals in the first quarter of an NFL football preseason game on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, in Nashville, Tenn. Mariani was injured on the play and was carried off the field. WADE PAYNE | ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Marc Mariani returns to Titans

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marc Mariani feels like he’s back home again, and the Tennessee Titans feel much more confident about who’s catching kicks and punts for them.

The Titans announced Monday they signed Mariani and waived wide receiver Tre McBride.

Mariani spent his first four NFL seasons with the Titans, though he spent two of those on injured reserve.

He spent the last two seasons with the Chicago Bears, who waived him on Saturday. Mariani, who kept his house in Nashville, was at practice Monday and said it feels good to be back with the Titans who drafted him in the seventh round out of Montana in 2010.

“I didn’t want to leave the first time, and I’m excited to be with a team and an organization that I love and that has

treated me so well and also a team that I really think I can help and wants me to help and contribute,” Mariani said. “It feels good to be wanted down here, and I’m excited to get things rolling.”

Mariani was a Pro Bowl returner as a rookie but was on injured reserve for both 2012 and 2013. The Titans released him in the final cuts of August 2014, and Chicago signed him in November that year.

Titans coach Mike Mularkey was coaching tight ends on Ken Whisenhunt’s staff in 2014 and said Tennessee brought Mariani back for his return skills.

“Really it gives us somebody in both areas that we can use as a returner that has been to the Pro Bowl because of it,” Mularkey said. “He’s had a lot of success. It was good for this team.

This team is excited to have him back.

I think the fans will be, as well.

He’s one of these guys we’ve been talking about — tough, dependable and team-first. He fits right in with us right away.

Mularkey said the Titans gave players chances to win the job as returner.

They also released Dexter McCluster, who had returned punts, on Friday.

“We gave guys chances,” Mularkey said. “We attempted to develop. You can say that about a lot of guys. That’s your job, and sometimes it doesn’t work that way. No, I haven’t given that a second thought.”

The 29-year-old Mariani has career averages of 9.5 yards per punt return and 25 yards per kickoff return. He has scored on two punt returns and one kickoff return. He also has 27 career catches, with 22 of them coming last season.



# SPORTS



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## Govs show improvement during season opener

**GLAVINE DAY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite losing to Troy University 57-17, APSU has a lot to look forward to in the remainder of the season.

APSU earned their highest score against a Football Bowl Subdivision team since scoring 33 points against Middle Tennessee State University in 2010.

Another takeaway from the game is junior James Coleman scoring two touchdowns.

This was the first time an APSU player has scored two or more

touchdowns since 2014, when then freshman Jared Beard had three touchdown receptions against Murray State.

This is also the first time APSU put up at least 17 points in a season opener since 2010, when they scored 38 points against Cumberland University.

Last season, the Govs struggled with extra points and field goals. During the season opener, senior kicker Nick Guana went 3 for 3 on kicks with 2 extra points and one 33-yard field goal.

APSU also had a lot of big

additions to the team in the offseason, including two former SEC players.

Four-star defensive end Lloyd Tubman came from the University of Kentucky.

Along with Tubman, long snapper Alex Harrelson and Nick Gauna rolled into the Govs' 2016 roster with one year of eligibility left.

The Govs also added the fourth FBS player, Tyree Harris. Harris was a wide receiver at Wake Forrest.

With all things in consideration, APSU has talent and coaching to earn success in the 2016 season.