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STUDENTS PROTEST PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT CUTS AT MEETING



A group of students protest cuts being made to the History and Philosophy Department during a faculty meeting with signs that read “Will APSU Kill Philosophy?” MAHALIA SMITH | THE ALL STATE

College of Arts and Letters expresses disbelief, anger at faculty meeting

STEVEN PRESCOTT
STAFF WRITER

President White held a listening event on Nov. 2, to ease faculty concerns and answer their questions about Dean Dixie Webb’s decision to cut one of three full-time Philosophy positions in the History and Philosophy Department.

Faculty in the College of Arts and Letters say they were blindsided by the decision.

“I am confused as to why those needs to the Music department were so incredibly urgent that it required this meek position, built up by this celebrated faculty member over decades... to be eliminated like this, right now,” associate professor and chair of Department of History and Philosophy Cameron Sutt said.

Webb said her decision was made based on how she could best serve students. At least 28 members of the faculty in the College of Arts and Letters wrote an open letter expressing disagreement.

Webb confirmed the faculty position was transferred to the music department when well-respected professor Dr. Bert Randall retired after 45 years of service to the school and the History and Philosophy Department.

“Apparently our beloved colleague was not appreciated by APSU as much as we had been led to believe,” professor in the Department of History and Philosophy Jordy Rocheleau said to APSU President Alisa White at the start of the listening event.

White applauded Randall’s service and called him an icon.

“I do not want it perceived as though

any decision for any position replacement is connected to how well we appreciated or did not appreciate the person who left,” White said.

A letter to *The Leaf Chronicle* by the remaining two full-time Philosophy faculty said that without explanation, Webb’s actions lead them to “conclude the decision results from favoritism or an anti-religion, anti-philosophy bias.”

“I am not anti-religion. I am not anti-philosophy. I made the decision based on what I believed was best for the largest number of students. I do not see this as favoritism,” Webb said. “There are 17 Philosophy majors and 125 music majors, 81 of which are music education majors.”

The History and Philosophy Department and the College of Arts and Letters have both disputed the accuracy of each other’s enrollment numbers.

Philosophy professors say their college is using misleading comparisons drawn from incomplete data writing,

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DIXIE WEBB
DEAN, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

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SGA revisits idea of pepper spray, Code of Conduct, revises Act 2

STEVEN PRESCOTT
STAFF WRITER

President of the College Republicans Taylar Scott asked senators to introduce legislation requesting APSU remove pepper spray as a Code of Conduct violation at the SGA meeting on Nov. 1.

Last year, SGA passed legislation to request pepper spray be allowed by the Student Code, however that request was rejected by APSU.

“To the extent that I am aware, it can subdue an attacker without being classified as a dangerous weapon,” freshman senator Lane Manley said.

He is considering sponsoring the club’s legislation.

Other universities, like The University of Tennessee for example, allow mace on some of their campuses. The proposal this year may have more weight since APSU is now governed by the new Board of Trustees.

Vice President Jordan Reedy announced that Senator Jonathan Bunton from the College of Science and Mathematics issued his resignation.

His decision has opened up a senate position and Reedy urged senators to encourage qualified applicants to apply on SGA’s website.


The decision comes after Senator

Bunton previously cited concerns about the overall role of the organization and the effectiveness of its legislative progress for APSU.

SGA’s Student Tribunal rejected Act No. 2, which passed in a prior meeting and requires committees to handle SGA’s biggest sponsored events, like G.H.O.S.T. and Mudbowl.

Senators revised the legislation to specify that each Major Event Committee would consist of one third of the Senate and one third of the Tribunal. Senator Gabriel Spring motioned to adopt the revised version of Act No.2, which passed.

SGA Chief Justice Waqas Ahmed



SGA LEGISLATION

ACT 2

Revised to provide a more clear definition what percentages of major event committees would be Senators and Tribunal members.

PASSED REVISION

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SGA Senators conduct business during a regular weekly meeting. MIYA HANEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

IFC hosts Men’s Health Week full of events and activities

WILLIAM HAYES
STAFF WRITER

The Interfraternity Council will be hosting their first Men’s Health Week Nov. 13 through Nov. 18. They will be providing free education and support on the issue of men’s health.

“Basically we are bringing awareness of health issues that men usually are not willing to discuss,” Senior President of IFC and criminal justice major Tyler Tubbs said. “We want to raise attention to issues such as STDs, testicular cancer, prostate cancer as well as just your basic healthy topics such as what you should eat.”

Men’s Health is solely centered on sexual and reproductive matters of the male anatomy. IFC wants to encompass the entire beneficiary components that can lead to a healthy body for the man, no matter the age. IFC has a full week of day-to-day activities.

All through the week Counseling and Health Services will be provided in the University Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the cafeteria.

Monday is “Moustache You a Question,” covering issues on facial hair.

“Get Tested Tuesday,” will make health issue tests available for free.

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indicated during the meeting that this change would address the tribunal’s only issue with the legislation.

Reedy announced that there are now two senator slots open in the College of Graduate Studies, one open slot in the College of Science and Mathematics and one slot open in the College of Education.

There was no new business introduced for discussion next week.

SGA formally meets every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Morgan University Center Room 307. Meetings are open to the public. More information about SGA can be found at www.apsu.edu/sga/.

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The program has grown exponentially since it was flagged for a lack of majors, largely due to Randall’s support for the religious studies track.

Without that track, Rocheleau says quite a few APSU students who want to become ministers will lose the major best equipped to prepare them for their work, a decision he says is departmental sabotage.

Provost Rex Gandy supported White’s statements during the listening event and agreed the numbers just were not there.

“It does not really make sense for our dean to cut the Philosophy department’s budget citing current data and not be able to present that data,” Mark Michael said.

Michael is now the second of only two full-time Philosophy professors.

“The data I used is publicly available on APSU’s Decision Support and Institutional Research website...by undergraduate majors,” Webb said in an interview.

Tensions rose during the meeting as other department heads expressed concern for their own tenure tracks, resulting from fear that a growing program could be cut without an adequate explanation. The department’s open letter stated that the decision was unjustified and only fared worse on the integrity of APSU.

Frank Hicks is a junior philosophy major with a religious concentration at APSU.

“The decision would affect me because it is my major and now I am not going to have the classes I need to graduate,” he said. “If classes are offered by someone who is not fully qualified in that area, it will diminish the legacy of the faculty who built the program.”

White told faculty the main issue is communication and pledged to work with communications professors to provide tips on ways to improve in that area.

All parties have conceded that Philosophy is not an expensive program due to current enrollment numbers.

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MARK MICHAEL
PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR

Texas church gunman sent hostile text messages prior to attack



Meredith Cooper and daughter Heather visit a memorial of 26 metal crosses near First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. ASSOCIATED PRESS

JIM VERTUNO, WILL WEISSERT and PAUL J. WEBER
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The gunman who killed 26 people at a small-town Texas church had a history of domestic violence and sent threatening text messages to his mother-in-law, a member of First Baptist, before the attack in which he fired at least 450 rounds at helpless worshippers, authorities said Monday.

In the tiny town of Sutherland Springs, population 400, grieving townspeople were reeling from their losses. The dead ranged from 18 months to 77 years old and included multiple members of some families.

“Our church was not comprised of members or parishioners. We were a very close family,” the pastor’s wife Sherri Pomeroy said. “Now most of our church family is gone.”

The couple’s 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle Pomeroy, was among those killed.

Kelley’s mother-in-law sometimes attended services there, but the sheriff said she was not at church on Sunday.

The massacre appeared to stem from a domestic situation and was not racially or religiously motivated,

Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Director Freeman Martin said. Based on evidence at the scene, investigators believe Kelley died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was chased by bystanders, one of whom was armed, and crashed his car.

The 26-year-old shooter also used his cellphone to tell his father he had been shot and did not think he would survive, authorities said.

Once the shooting started, there was probably “no way” for congregants to escape, Wilson County Sheriff Joe D. Tackitt Jr. said.

The gunman, dressed in black tactical gear, fired an assault rifle as he walked down the center aisle during worship services. He turned around and continued shooting on his way out of the building, Tackitt said.

About 20 other people were wounded. Ten of them were still hospitalized Monday in critical condition.

Investigators collected hundreds of shell casings from the scene, along with at least 15 empty magazines that held 30 rounds each.

As he left, the shooter was confronted by an armed resident who had grabbed his own rifle and exchanged fire with

Kelley.

The armed man who confronted Kelley had help from another local resident, Johnnie Langendorff, who was driving past the church as the shooting happened. The armed man asked to get in Langendorff’s truck, and the pair followed as the gunman drove away.

The pursuit reached speeds up to 90mph. The gunman eventually lost control of his vehicle and crashed. The armed man walked up to the vehicle with his gun drawn, and the attacker did not move. Police arrived about five minutes later, Langendorff said.

The assailant was dead in his vehicle. He had three gunshot wounds — two from where the armed man hit him in the leg and the torso and the third self-inflicted wound to the head, authorities said.

“There was no thinking about it. There was just doing. That was the key to all this. Act now. Ask questions later,” Langendorff said.

Three weapons were recovered. A Ruger AR-556 rifle was found at the church and two handguns were found in the gunman’s vehicle, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.



CRIME

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BURGLARY
Governors Terrace North
Oct. 20, 11:33 a.m.
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VANDALISM
Burt Lot
Oct. 20, 10:44 p.m.
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FRAUDULENT USE OF CREDIT CARD
Morgan University Center
Oct. 20, 1:50 p.m.
On Going

ROBBERY

Meacham Apartments
Oct. 21, 4:58 p.m.
Report

UNDERAGE POSSESSION/ CONSUMPTION
Hand Village
Oct. 24, 4:39 p.m.
Report

SIMPLE POSSESSION/ CASUAL EXCHANGE
Castle Heights Hall
Oct. 25, 7:55 p.m.
Status Unavailable

THEFT OF PROPERTY
Sundquist Science Complex
Oct. 25, 3:04 p.m.
Report

IFC

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During “Wellness Wednesday,” a trainer from the Foy Fitness and Recreation Center will be present to provide information about staying healthy and eating right.

There will be a contest called “Fitness Wednesday” where contestants will be handed little sheets of paper with fitness items to execute as an exercise. The person with the most participation points, or most fitness items marked off, wins.

“Therapeutic Thursday” will provide counseling services at a lobby table in the University Center to provide mental health care and advice.

“Facial Friday” will be a facial hair contest, where participants will be judged for the best mustache or beard.

Saturday, IFC will be hosting tailgating party in the overflow lot beside the Dunn Center. They will be serving hot chocolate and giving more information on the subject of men’s health.

The logo for The All State newspaper, featuring the letters 'TAS' in white inside a red circle, with 'THE ALL STATE' written in small letters below it.

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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

1 Year Later: Our Takes

Trump reveals hatred coming from all



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Last year, if I asked anyone who they thought would win the election, hardly anyone would have said Trump. Even after the events of the week before the actual election, it simply was not on many people’s minds.

Honestly, a year after 2016’s election, I still cannot bring myself to particularly care about the majority of news surrounding Trump. I do not care about what the president puts out on his Twitter any more than I do what anyone else puts on their social media. However, Trump’s win has seemingly set something on fire, and that is much more interesting to me. After all, the way he talks on social media is no different than the dozens of Facebook friends I have. The only difference is his name and status.

I have written in Perspectives before about my views on American politics, but it saddens me to see nothing has changed in the past year. In fact, it has gotten worse. You cannot just “disagree” about politics anymore. You either agree with the majority opinion of a given social group, or you are the enemy of human existence. This happens on both

ends of the political spectrum, and as a moderate, I get slammed from both sides on a daily basis. This needs to stop. We are better than this.

I will always remember Trump’s inauguration. I was watching it in the The All State’s office, but I remember the actual event less than I do what was occurring on the other screen, where a protest against Trump had turned into a riot. Those were not white supremacists setting cars on fire. People who voted for Clinton let their anger get the better of them, and in that moment, I will admit, I gave up. I gave up trying to convince people there was a better way. Now I just sit at the table, biting my tongue off so as to not risk a misunderstanding, costing me friends.

It saddens me to see I was right. Trump is a product of our country’s issues; he is not a source. All he has served to do in the past year is remind us of a brutal reality: we are responsible for our own actions and reactions. When we perceive an injustice in our country, do we respond with strong morals, sound mind and kind actions, or do we respond with injustice, determined to demonize and destroy the enemy into submission? All too often in the past year, Trump’s actions have shown me people will choose the latter far more often than the first, no matter what moral high ground they claim. Trump is not responsible for your hate towards others. You are.



Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

Mainstream (FAKE) media refuses to state our long list of achievements, including 28 legislative signings, strong borders & great optimism!

Apr. 29, 2017, 1:39 p.m.



Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

I am honored to serve you, the great American People, as your 45th President of the United States!

Jan. 21, 2017, 12:09 p.m.



We cannot lose our humanity to Trump



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Many were shocked as the results of the election rolled in last semester, watching as state by state voted in favor of Donald Trump. There was notable tension in the air on APSU’s campus that Wednesday morning; those who voted against Trump were somber, while his supporters were silent, save for a sprinkle of red hats here and there.

The election was rough. I had to block some of my friends on Facebook, because looking at their political posts was making me hate them in real life. The election and everything that has happened since has opened up a Pandora’s box of hatred. Everywhere I look, everywhere I go people are fighting.

People have divided themselves into fierce factions, and there is no middle ground. I do not believe that Donald Trump started this hatred, even though

I disagree with his politics. The hatred has always been there, and this election exposed it to the world. It is disgusting, and it is pitiful.

I was stunned that Trump won. That is the best way I can explain it. I felt no anger or sadness, but a numbness to the world. And in the year since then, maybe to protect myself, I view the president with a certain sense of numbness because I do not want to be angry all the time. But I do not want to be numb to the world either.

We are humans. We cannot let political parties, the government or the president take that away from us. We are all in the same boat whether we like it or not, and fighting with each other is not going to change that.

I cannot control what the government or the president does, but I can control myself. I can choose to be optimistic. I can choose to be angry. I can choose to lash out. I can choose to ignore everything and retreat. We all have a choice in how we act, a choice free from the president and free from other people. We all still have a choice.



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The travel ban into the United States should be far larger, tougher and more specific-but stupidly, that would not be politically correct!

Sep. 15, 2017, 6:54 a.m.

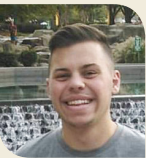


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Bob Corker, who helped President O give us the bad Iran Deal & couldn’t get elected dog catcher in Tennessee, is now fighting Tax Cuts....

Oct. 24, 2017, 8:13 a.m.

Trump is not enough to lead us



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About a year ago Donald J. Trump was elected as the 45th President of the U.S.; a year later the country remains divided. As a nation we have seen tragedy, such as the events in Las Vegas, Nevada, and hate, with the rallies in Charlottesville, Virginia, and Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

With the division and resentment present in the country, a leader is needed to bridge the gap and bring the American people together. Trump has not been that leader.

Following the events that rocked Charlottesville, Virginia, Trump spoke out against the violence. He said that “no child should fear for his or her safety,” and “the hate and the division must stop.”

Obviously, any self respecting American would agree with that statement. However, we cannot get to that state of tranquility without calling out what keeps us away from it.

In Virginia there were people brandishing Nazi flags. White Nationalists and Neo-Nazis went to spread their hate through the town. A hate no longer below a hood.

Naturally, this was met with a response from counter protesters, Americans who were not going to allow this hatred in their town.

Trump condemned both sides following the weekend, the side of hate and the side taking a stand.

That is not the actions of a leader that a divided country needs. Trump is not going to bring this country together.



EXTRAS

Tailor Y. Career: Thank-you notes are essential

Dear Tailor,

I have always been told that we should write thank you letters when someone gives us something. However, I was recently told that I should send thank you letters to employers after my job interviews. I do not understand why because they may not even be giving me the job. Can you clarify if a thank you letter is appropriate to send?

Sincerely,
Grateful But Confused

Dear Grateful But Confused,

While it is true that technically you may not be offered the job, time was still set aside for you to come for an interview and to be considered for the position. By sending a thank you letter, you will demonstrate good manners and stand out! The employer will see that you paid attention to detail as well as valued relationship building. Your personal touch could be the deciding factor if the employer is having a tough time choosing

which candidate to hire.

Thank you letters do not have to be long and elaborate. Begin by greeting the reader and using the proper spelling and title. Then express your gratitude. This could be a simple "Thank you for taking the time to discuss my possible employment with your company." Continue on with more specific details and look ahead to the future. You could say something along the lines of "The interview really opened my eyes to the growth opportunities in this company. I look forward to hearing back from you next week." In closing, restate your thanks and end with your regards. Do not forget, to use the company's name specifically!

As always, if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact the Office of Career Services at 931-221-6544 or email us at careerservices@apsu.edu. All questions remain completely anonymous.

Best regards,

Tailor Y. Career

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Students grab a photo with the APSU cows during homecoming week on Friday, Oct. 21 in the MUC bowl. BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

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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1,557 more students enrolled
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FEATURES

A year of Trump: Where are we?



The Length of a President’s Terms

U.S. presidents typically hold office for a four-year term. The president can run for re-election after his or her first term is over, but any given president can only serve two terms at maximum. If a president takes office as a result of the line of succession, such as after the death of the current president, the new president can serve an extra two years, making 10 years the longest any person can be president.

Community responds to political environment a year after election

ASHLEY THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

The controversial election of 2016 ended in Donald Trump’s election as president. Now a year has almost passed since that day. There are still many political decisions and social aspects to discuss in political science classes and among students.

“Over time, political norms develop and are generally accepted or entrenched,” assistant professor Harold Young said. “However, when the norms are challenged or disregarded, it is not illegal, though we may feel it is ill-advised and disruptive. What we are seeing currently is a challenge

to, or disregard for, political norms.”

There are many perspectives on Trump’s decisions involving taxes, immigration and how he approaches news in tweets.

“His actions represent an extreme over reach of presidential power. I believe he is not an appropriate figure to represent America or the values that our country supposedly represents,” senior English major Arielle Raymos said.

Diverse groups are the most affected during Trumps presidency, and most original perspectives have not changed since the election.

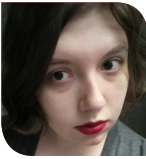
“[Donald Trump’s] actions represent an extreme over reach of presidential power. I believe he is not an appropriate figure to represent America or the values that our country supposedly represents.”

ARIELLE RAYMOS
SENIOR ENGLISH MAJOR

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The guilty pleasure has returned

‘Jigsaw’ lives up to disappointing ‘Saw’ series, detached plot does not save it



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You know those guilty pleasures people binge watch, despite knowing how terrible they are? Mine is the Saw series. Nothing about the plot makes sense, it is incredibly convoluted and at this point, it serves as nothing more than fan service—and I love every bit of it. When you stop taking the increasing amount of variables stacked against the plot’s plausibility, it makes for an amusing comedy. However, from an objective standpoint, they are horrible

movies, and the latest comeback is no different.

Jigsaw is the latest installment in the Saw series. The Jigsaw Killer has presumably returned a decade after his death, and he has yet to finish his games. Five new people are selected to carry out his gruesome traps and repent for their sins of the past. As the body count rises, two police detectives and two forensic pathologists are trying to track the killer, who may be closer to home than they realize.

Unlike the other films, Jigsaw has a more detached narrative, making it easier for newcomers to watch without



‘Jigsaw’ is the eighth installment of the ‘Saw’ series, which started in 2004. Though this addition is easier for newcomers to understand, it still falls flat in presentation and logic. IMAGES PROVIDED BY LIONSGATE

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Students celebrate Día De Los Muertos



“Día De Los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead,” is a Mexican tradition, centered around remembering the departed. Tradition says Oct. 31 is when the dead can reunite with their families. IMAGES FROM PIXABAY

Hispanic Cultural Center honors Day of the Dead with art gallery Thursday

MARKAYLA BEDFORD
STAFF WRITER

While children and adults celebrated Halloween by trick-or-treating, another cultural event took place: Día De Los Muertos, formally known as Day of the Dead, a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico during the month of November. In honor of this tradition, the HCC hosted an art gallery Thursday, Nov. 2.

The holiday itself is meant to honor those who have passed. Tradition holds the gates of heaven are open at midnight on Oct. 31, and the spirits of those deceased are allowed to reunite with their families.

The HCC first celebrated the Day of the Dead four years ago, initially as a way to honor the tradition and educate students about the holiday. It ended up being a great success, so they decided to bring it back.

“It was a great turnout, as far as students coming to see the different displays,” Coordinative Director of the HCC Louise Mitchell said.

The gallery, a collection of art created by APSU students, showcased different aspects of the holiday.

People who partake in this event are not grieving loss, but are celebrating life

instead. Some have altars inside of their homes decorated with flowers, candles, mounds of fruit, stacks of tortillas and big loaves of bread called “pan de muerto.”

Junior mathematics major Allyson Johnson, who has worked at the HCC for about seven months, was one of the coordinators of the event, and she said was grateful of the outcome of the event.

“I just love that everyone can come and get a glimpse of the Mexican culture and learn new things,” Johnson said.

The gallery honored the tradition in more than just artwork, however. The HCC offered visitors plates of “pan de muerto” and also encouraged families to decorate sugar skulls so they, too, could learn about the Day of the Dead.

In addition, the art pieces included written stories about family members who had passed away and how celebrating the Day of the Dead helped reconnect with them.

Specifically, Nov. 2 is when families visit the grave sites of loved ones and reminisce about their loved ones’ lives, an aspect the art gallery reflected in its choice of works.

The gallery served as a reminder to students about another side to Halloween festivities, and the cultural significance behind them.

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“His derogatory comments towards women, left-leaning news anchors and support of anti-LGBTQ legislation do not represent an America that I want to live in. To put it succinctly, he is not fit for office,” Raymos said.

Trump was a candidate most did not expect when he ran his campaign. Now, a year has passed and he is making presidential decisions and tweeting his feelings on current events.

“During the election, the best way to describe it is that I was surprised, I could not believe the actions and behaviors he

showed as a candidate for president,” professor of political science, political management and the department of criminal justice Chinyere Ogbonna-McGruder said. “My perspective was that he would behave more professionally since he did win. However, his tweets and actions have still surprised me coming from someone seen as a powerful figure.”

Political Science classes create an atmosphere that opens discussions on topics like a president’s decisions and how they affect everyday life.

Students can discuss these topics with their professors and peers. The election raised most of these discussions and now they are on matters created by Trump.

“I avoid talking about party politics

and discuss how the Constitution, laws, and principles of your country are being used, tested, supported or challenged in current affairs. What does it all mean for the voters and the country as a whole?” Young said.

Ogbonna-McGruder said her students often bring up these topics and ask for her perspectives every time they see a tweet from Trump or hear of a new legislative decision.

She also said her discussions usually focus on constitutional basis and the criminal justice perspective, rather than the president himself, continuing to relate real-life events to the academic environment.

“I am an African American Studies

minor, so most of my classes in that department end up discussing Trump and his decisions often. I enjoy discussing him in class, because my fellow students have become much more conscious of news and current events in the wake of Trump’s election,” Raymos said.

This shows how impactful a new president can be on society and especially one challenged the norms of what is an average president.

“We are in historic and mainly uncharted waters right now. It is nothing to really be happy about. It is ignored by a few, concerning for some or alarming for many. It is a test of the strength of our institutions, leaders and fabric of the people,” Young said.

JIGSAW

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needing to see the previous installments. If you know the basic gist of the films and the main villain’s motivation, then there is not much else to know.

While it saves audience the taxing experience of having to watch seven Saw movies for context, it most likely will not provide an engaging experience beyond some squeamish gore and few tense moments.

For fans of the movies, however, the plot of this movie reflects how barren

the writers are of ideas at this point. Most fans of the franchise will concede that the films are not particularly well-written.

The timeline of the Saw franchise is notoriously complicated and improbable in numerous aspects, mostly due to the barrage of twist endings. However, the one in this film not only retcons the previous twists and turns the Saw series has thrown our way, but it riddles the story with inconsistencies, such as distracting anachronistic details and its failure to fit within the overall sequence of events throughout the series. Not only that, but it fails to serve

as anything beyond a cheap attempt to fool the audience as opposed to creating engaging character dynamics.

Beyond the infuriating retcon, the film suffers from flaws that one would expect from any Saw film. How did Jigsaw know this is how a trap would play out despite the stacked amount of variables that plays against fate? How did Jigsaw know about these people’s crimes despite them either lying to authorities or never telling anyone? How is this supposed to help these people appreciate life better? Is this even about appreciating life at this point? Is the audience supposed to view

Jigsaw as a godlike figure? If so, how does that tie in with the series’s attempt to create plausible real-life situations out of the implausible? These questions and more are prominent throughout the film’s runtime.

Aside from adequate performances, decently fluent directing and a plethora of laughs (both self-aware and unintentional), Jigsaw is another entertaining misfire that will please die-hard fans, but turn away critics and newcomers.

After an eighth installment, I think it is time someone finally looked at this series and said, “Game over.”

Netflix pulls Spacey from ‘House of Cards’

Kevin Spacey will no longer star in Netflix show after series of accusations

JAKE COYLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Netflix said Friday night that Kevin Spacey will no longer be a part of “House of Cards” and it’s cutting all other ties with the actor after a series of allegations of sexual harassment and assault.

“Netflix will not be involved with any further production of ‘House of Cards’ that includes Kevin Spacey,” the company said in a statement.

Netflix said it will work with the show’s production company MRC to evaluate whether it will continue without him.

The 58-year-old Spacey was nominated for best drama actor Emmy Awards during each of the show’s first five seasons, but never won. He played a ruthless politician who ascends to the presidency of the United States. Co-star Robin Wright is also a central player on the show, and it could conceivably continue with a focus on her.

Production on the show had already been suspended on Tuesday.

Netflix says it also will refuse to release the film “Gore,” in which Spacey stars as the writer Gore Vidal and also acted as producer.

CNN reported that eight current or former “House of Cards” workers claim

that Spacey made the production a “toxic” workplace and one ex-employee alleges the actor sexually assaulted him.

Spacey has not been arrested or charged with any crime. His publicist did not immediately return an email message late Friday night seeking comment. A publicist said earlier this week that Spacey is “taking the time necessary to seek evaluation and treatment.”

The Academy Award-winning actor became ensnared in Hollywood’s fast-growing sexual harassment crisis after actor Anthony Rapp alleged Spacey made sexual advances toward him in 1986, when Rapp was 14. Spacey has said he doesn’t remember the alleged encounter reported by BuzzFeed News last weekend but apologized if such “drunken behavior” occurred.

The story spurred several others to come forward with similar allegations about Spacey.

London police are reportedly investigating Spacey for a 2008 sexual assault, British media reported Friday.

Police did not identify Spacey by name but said the department’s child abuse and sexual offenses unit is investigating the reported assault after it was referred to police earlier this week.

Spacey is the latest high profile

Hollywood figure to lose work and standing in a wave that began when dozens of sexual harassment allegations were reported last month against film mogul Harvey Weinstein.

Weinstein is under investigation in Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, London and New York for possible criminal cases after several women accused him of sexual assault or rape.

Also Friday, Hamilton Fish, publisher of The New Republic, resigned amid allegations of sexual harassment.

In a company memo shared with The Associated Press, magazine owner Win McCormack wrote that Fish’s resignation was effective immediately and that an internal investigation would continue. Fish, who joined The New Republic in 2016, had been placed on leave of absence last week. He is a former publisher of The Nation.

“As I understand it, some employees, to my deep dismay, complained this week that my presence had led them to feel uncomfortable at The New Republic,” Fish wrote to McCormack in a memo Friday that was also shared with the AP. “Women have longstanding and profound concerns with respect to their treatment in the workplace. Many men have a lot to learn in this regard. I know I do, and I hope for and encourage that new direction.”

Fish wrote in an email to the AP that he “felt the controversy swirling around us could cause irreparable harm to

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the magazine, and that the only way to protect The New Republic and its employees was for me to separate from the organization.” Noting his time with such organizations as The Nation, a prominent liberal publication, and with Human Rights Watch, he wrote that he had spent his career in “in progressive media and the human rights field.

Fish is among several figures in media and publishing that have stepped down or been fired in the wake of the Weinstein reports.

Others include author and former NBC analyst Mark Halperin, former New Republic literary editor Leon Wieseltier and former NPR chief editor Michael Oreskes, who was an AP executive from 2008 to 2015.

SPORTS

CHAMPIONS

Govs go 3-0 in Sgt. York games, capture first Sgt. York Trophy in school history

RILEY GRUBBS
STAFF WRITER

APSU secured the Sgt. York Trophy for the first time in school history Saturday, Nov. 4th. The Govs found themselves winners in Cookeville defeating the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles 35 to 28.

The Govs entered this season's Sgt. York Trophy competition with a 7-23 record all-time, the latest of those wins coming from 2012. APSU finished with an undefeated record in the competition this season.

While wrapping up the Sgt. York Trophy the Govs also defeated Tennessee Tech for the first time since 2012.

The Govs wrapped up their season against the rest of the Ohio Valley Conference Tennessee teams with a perfect record of 4-0.

APSU continued to play well on offense totaling 522 yards with 423 of them coming from the ground game.

APSU started on defense to begin the game but did not stay out long as they forced a fumble on the first play of the game.

Capitalizing on a short field, Ahmaad Tanner punched the ball in from the one-yard line to give the Govs the early 7-0 lead.

Tennessee Tech struck back on a 75 yard drive tying the game at seven at the end of one quarter.

Midway through the Second quarter the Govs put points on the board again

after Jeremiah Oatsvall found the end zone on a carry. The score was set up after Oatsvall found DJ Montgomery on a 35-yard reception. The Govs led 14 to 7 after two quarters.

The Govs came out with a bit of trickery in the third quarter as Baniko Harley found Jeremiah Oatsvall through the air on a 27-yard touchdown strike jumping out to a 21-7 lead.

The Govs led 28 to 14 after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter the Luke Ward found Dontez Byrd to trim the lead to seven.

The Govs answered just two minutes later when Kyran Moore punched the ball in to extend the lead to 35 to 21.

With a minute left, Oatsvall saw disaster as the Golden Eagles forced a fumble then recovered the ball for the touchdown. The effort was too late for the Golden Eagles as time expired with a 35 to 28 victory for APSU.

Jeremiah Oatsvall remains impressive in the starting role finishing with 157 total yards of offense.

The Govs were without Kentel Williams but were not daunted by the absence. Ahmaad Tanner finished with a 105 yards on the ground and a touchdown. Kyran Moore and Daryl Rollins-Davis both broke through the 80 yard rushing marks.

The Govs continue the hunt to make the playoffs next week when they travel to Eastern Kentucky to do OVC battle.



Keawvis Cummings and Dekeivis Perry celebrate on the field following a play in APSU's historic 7-0 shutout win over UT Martin on Saturday Sept. 30 in front of a record breaking crowd in Fortera Stadium. The win is APSU's only shutout in 2017. BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

Golf wins Town and Country Invitational

Women's golf secure first team title since 2015 by winning TSU's Invitational



APSU Sports Information

RILEY GRUBBS
STAFF WRITER

APSU Women's Golf collected its first team title since 2015 taking Nashville by storm, winning the Town and Country Invitational hosted by Ohio Valley Conference rival Tennessee State.

Head coach Sara Robson told letsgopeay.com "They played really well today. We struggled a bit on the back but got on track around hole 16 or 17 to finish strong."

The Govs edged passed teams such as Belmont, Cumberland, Lipscomb, Trevecca and the host team TSU.

APSU got their best push from senior AnnaMichelle Moore. Moore led with a

140 (70-70) and was also the only player under par. She reached that achievement in both rounds of the invitational.

Moore said letsgopeay.com "Getting to play with my teammates was absolutely a blast. We were able to cheer each other on, and I think that was the biggest factor of us winning."

Along with APSU's first team title since 2015, Moore's individual win was the first for the Govs since the 2016 season.

Joining Moore, two players from APSU were named to the All-Tournament team. Ashton Goodley (72-73-145), a junior, took runner-up honors in the Tournament. Fellow Junior Reagan Greene (75-75-150) tied for fifth.

Goodley finished first in total pars with

27, while Greene finished third with 24.

Following Goodley and Greene, junior Taylor Goodley found a way to come back in the last round with a 73. The late push propelled her to eleventh overall in the standings. She tied Moore for the team high in birdies with seven as well.

Freshman Riley Cooper found herself closing out the lineup for APSU with a 153 (75-78).

The performance by the team ended with great results as all five players in the lineup finished in the top 20.

The Govs will now see a long winter break in action before traveling to Las Vegas, Nevada, in early March to begin their spring season in the Battle at Boulder Creek III.



Govs Games

FOOTBALL
@ Eastern Kentucky (OVC),
Richmond, Ky., Saturday, Nov. 11,
Noon

VOLLEYBALL
Battle of the Border: Mu**ay
State, Clarksville, Tenn.,
Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

@ Morehead State (OVC),
Morehead, Ky., Saturday, Nov. 11,
1 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
@ Vanderbilt, Nashville, Tenn.
Friday, Nov. 10, 8:30 p.m.
Available on the SEC Network

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
@ Butler, Indianapolis, Ind.,
Saturday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m.

Govs atop regular season OVC, 3-0 on the week

ALLY WILLIAMS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The APSU Volleyball team went undefeated on the week against Middle Tennessee State (25-13, 32-30, 25-15), UT Martin (25-19, 25-18, 25-18) and Southeast Missouri (25-13, 25-10, 25-23).

With results from around the conferece, the Govs secured the regular season Ohio Valley Championship crown.

The Govs took the win over MTSU on Wednesday, Nov. 1. APSU recorded 11 aces in the match. Seven of the aces came from Christina White, which were the third most in program history.

The win against UT Martin on Friday, Nov. 3 put the Govs at 25 wins for the season and 12 in OVC. The Govs posted 44 kills. Kaylee Taff and White led APSU with 10 each.

Senior Ashley Slay posted eight kills against the Skyhawks, which puts her at exactly 400 kills on the season.

In APSU's final match of the weekend on Saturday, Nov. 4, the Govs out hit SEMO with 49 kills to 28.

After this match, senior Allie O'Reilly put herself at 984 digs, which puts her 16 away from 1,000.

APSU (26-4, 13-1) will take on Murray State on Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 7 p.m. in the Battle of the Border.

Volleyball's 2017 OVC Onslaught

8 Shutouts in OVC Schedule

W- Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, 3-2
W- Eastern Illinois, 3-1
W- Southeast Missouri, 3-0
W- UT Martin, 3-0
W-Muay State, 3-0**
L- Eastern Kentucky, 1-3
W- Tennessee Tech, 3-0
W- Jacksonville State, 3-0
W- Belmont, 3-1
W- Tennessee State, 3-1
W- Eastern Illinois, 3-0
W- Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, 3-2
W- UT Martin, 3-0
W- Southeast Missouri, 3-0
Nov. 8- Muay State**
Nov. 11- Morehead State

13-1 in OVC



Ashely Slay and Christina White celebrate one of their many conference wins in route to the regular season OVC championship JEFFREY HOOPER | THE ALL STATE

Titans atop AFC South, top Ravens 23-20

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Tennessee Titans know they’re in no position to be choosy over how they win games.

Not yet anyway.

The Baltimore Ravens are eager to use their bye to heal up and clean up some of the mistakes that keep costing them.

Marcus Mariota threw for two touchdowns and safety Kevin Byard intercepted two more passes as the Titans held off Baltimore 23-20 Sunday for their third straight victory coming off their own bye.

“I wish it wasn’t that way all the time,” Titans coach Mike Mularkey said. “But, I know our guys know we can win them.”

The win keeps the Titans (5-3) on top of the AFC South by a tiebreaker over Jacksonville, and they host Cincinnati next with a chance to reach six wins at the earliest point in a season since 2008 when Tennessee won its first 10 games.

“When you can pull these tough ones out, especially against a good team like Baltimore, it builds confidence,” Mariota said.

The Ravens (4-5) head into their bye having lost three of four, and left tackle Ronnie Stanley hurt a shoulder in the second half. Coach John Harbaugh didn’t have an update on Stanley after the game, but the coach wasn’t happy with two turnovers, a shanked punt and his offense’s struggles.

“We have a bye week and seven games left,” Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs said. “We better get this ... fixed, or we are going to be on the outside looking in again.”

Here are some things to know about the Titans and Ravens:

BYARD’S PICKS: Byard has five interceptions in the span of seven quarters, becoming the fifth in the NFL

to do that since the league merger in 1970 and the first since 2010. He just missed a chance at a sixth interception in the final 70 seconds. Byard led the NFL with six interceptions this season after the early Sunday games.

WIN ONE, LOSE ONE: Harbaugh won his first challenge when he forced officials to review the spot on a fourth-and-1 play they had ruled the runner shy of the spot. The Ravens finished that drive with a 49-yard field goal from Justin Tucker. The Ravens wound up converting three of four fourth downs, and Harbaugh again threw the challenge flag on the first play of the fourth quarter when officials ruled Javorius Allen short on fourth-and-inches at the Titans 17. Review didn’t change their

ruling, leaving Baltimore with only one timeout and no more challenges.

ANGRY LEFT TACKLE: Taylor Lewan didn’t hide his fury after Ravens linebacker Matthew Judon hit Mariota after the Titans quarterback threw away a pass near the sideline. Officials flagged Ravens linebacker Za’Darius Smith for unnecessary roughness for a hit on Mariota in the second quarter, but it wasn’t enough for the Titans left tackle.

“It’s ridiculous. It’s getting out of hand,” Lewan said. “People get mad and go, ‘Oh, you’re doing too much.’ No. If they’re not going to do it, then we need to do it. I’ve already been warned once about talking to the refs by the NFL. I got a letter about that, but I’m like, ‘Protect our quarterback.’”

Three Govs record OVC Honors

NOAH HOUCK
SPORTS EDITOR

Three Govs found their ways into the Ohio Valley Conference honors following their performances in volleyball’s undefeated week.

Kristen Stucker week earned her setter of the week as she racked up 110 assists over the three game span.

Stucker’s highest amount of assists came in her game versus UT Martin with

a 41-assist outing.

Currently, 41 is her best of the season in conference play. She added 30 assists against Middle Tennessee and 39 versus Southeast Missouri.

Stucker also racked up a total of 25 digs over the week.

Brooke Moore earned herself OVC Newcomer of the Week led by 18 kills over the week, 10 of those coming in the clash with the Blue Raiders. Moore also

recorded three blocks in the 3-0 win over UT Martin.

Ashley Slay led the charge for APSU, accumulating 35 kills over the 3-0 week. During the Govs trip down to Murfreesboro to clash with MTSU, Slay recorded a 0.588 hitting percentage. That was followed with a 0.414 hitting percentage against Southeast Missouri and .300 attacking percentage versus UT Martin.



Player of the Week

Kristen Stucker

Stucker is playing her best volleyball as the Govs start to set their focus on the Ohio Valley Conference volleyball championship tournament.

The Govs went 3-0 this past weekend while Stucker set her team up with 110 assists over the course.

In addition, Stucker hit two service aces in the shutout win over Southeast Missouri. Stucker moves to 1,250 assists on the season in her 110 sets played.

Former Gov John Murry goes pro with Saint John Riptide

NOAH HOUCK
SPORTS EDITOR

Former Gov and member of the 2016 Ohio Valley Conference Men’s Basketball Championship team John Murry has joined the list of Govs to go into professional basketball.

Murry, who was listed at 6’3” and 195 lbs. his senior season has signed with Canadian team Saint John Riptide. The Riptide will begin play in late November.


In Murry’s final season with the Govs the Indiana raised talent averaged 17 points per game while hitting 47.7 percent from the floor and 80.9 percent from the line.

Murry hit a total of 140 free throws in his final season in red and black.

Murry’s tempo will be an asset playing professional as he has recorded numerous counts of earning 10 points in less than five minutes.

Murry averaged 7.8 points per game during the Govs 2015-16 OVC tournament run and recorded 13 points in the Govs NCAA tournament second round loss to Kansas. Murray also shot 58.8 percent during the tournament.

Murry joins fellow 2015-16 championship teammates Chris Horton, Khalil Davis, Kenny Jones, and Assane Diop as Govs-turned-pros in basketball.

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	FOOTBALL	MEN’S BASKETBALL	WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
1ST	JACKSONVILLE ST.	BELMONT	BELMONT
2ND	APSU	JACKSONVILLE ST.	SIUE
3RD	EASTERN ILLINOIS	MURRAY ST.	UT MARTIN
4TH	UT MARTIN	EASTERN KENTUCKY	MOREHEAD ST.
5TH	EASTERN KENTUCKY	TENNESSEE TECH	TENNESSEE TECH
6TH	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	EASTERN ILLINOIS	APSU
7TH	TENNESSEE ST.	TENNESSEE ST.	JACKSONVILLE ST.
8TH	MURRAY ST.	UT MARTIN	MURRAY ST.
9TH	TENNESSEE TECH	MOREHEAD ST.	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
10TH		SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	EASTERN KENTUCKY
11TH		APSU	EASTERN ILLINOIS
12TH		SIUE	TENNESSEE ST.