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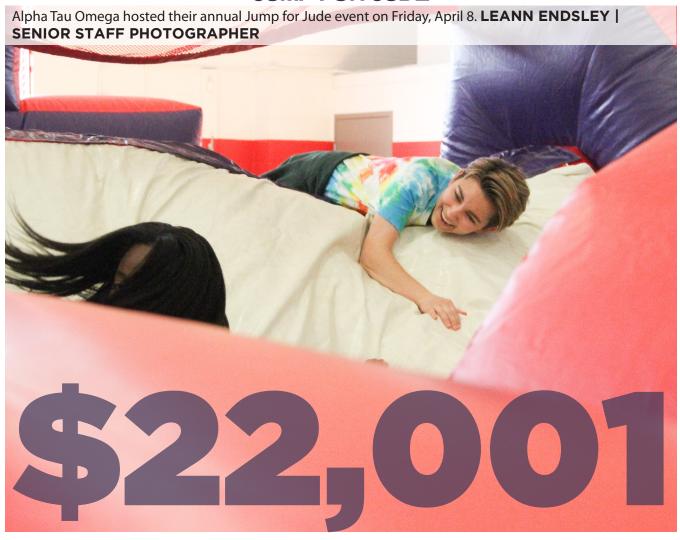
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ATO raises money with Jump for Jude

BY WILL FISHER

Staff Writer

Trampolines, food and bounce houses are all the men of Alpha Tau Omega need to throw their annual Jump For Jude event to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The Eta Tau chapter of ATO raised \$22,001 to help the hospital aid children by treating and curing childhood diseases.

2016 marked the eighth installment of Jump For Jude, which was held in the Memorial Health Gymnasium. There, participants could run through an inflatable obstacle course, eat barbeque and bid in a silent

auction on themed baskets. All the proceeds from the event will go to St. Jude's in Memphis.

The only new addition to Jump for Jude was the Pie a Tau activity. Participants could pay \$1 to smash a pie in any active ATO brother's face.

Fifty-five organizations from both the Clarksville area and around campus sponsored the event by providing not only money, but also goods and services to help the event.

Sponsors had donated many of the items up for bidding in the silent auction including coolers, gift cards and clothing.

Gold level sponsors included **Buffalo Wild Wings of Clarksville** and Marion United Methodist

BJ Harris, ATO's philanthropy chair, said he envisions Jump For Jude growing out of the Memorial Health Building in the future.

"I want [Jump for Jude] to take up the whole intramural field," Harris said.

Harris said he hopes the planned growth of APSU would help Jump for Jude in the coming years.

"When the campus starts growing, hopefully there will be more sororities [on campus] so there will be more trampolines and more people to help us out with raising money," Harris said.

An ATO fraternity member

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BY SEAN MCCULLY **News Editor** The Student Government Association plans to discuss a potential replacement of the almost 40-year-old Sentinel,

'Green Man'

otherwise known as the "Green Man," statue in the center of campus with a more "multicultural" statue. Sen. Frank Burns authored Resolution No. 33, which recommends the

replacement of the statue and presented this legislation at the April 6, SGA meeting. The sophomore class senator's legislation points to APSU's need to

express the university's image of diversity as the reason for the replacement. "Other Universities have and support the culture, history and diversity of their

school through various monuments and statues on their campuses to show school history and pride," Burns' legislation reads. "This would progress the image of diversity here at APSU, drawing more multicultural students."

The "Green Man" was unveiled in Spring 1980 as a public art installation crafted by Tennessee artist and APSU Professor Emeritus Olen Bryant, according to "A History of Austin Peay State University 1927-2002."

Burns' resolution will be discussed at the next SGA meeting on Wednesday, April 13.

At the same meeting, Lane Chisenhall

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Silence sent packing

Organization raises suicide awareness

BY COURTNEY GAITHER

Features Editor

As you walk through a sea of backpacks decorating APSU's Morgan University Center plaza, many things go through your mind.

Then you find out that each of the 1,100 backpacks represents a life lost to

No longer are you walking amongst everyday backpacks, but a graveyard for those who suffered from mental illness.

This event was held on Friday, April 8, by APSU's Active Minds chapter. Send Silence Packing travels to approximately 20 colleges in the southeast on a regional tour.

The event is a public education exhibit to promote the recognition of mental illness across college campuses.

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ROTC celebrates 100 years

BY SYDNEE DUKE

Staff Writer

APSU's ROTC program will join other installments nation-wide this week to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the formation of ROTC.

Assistant Professor of Military Science and Capt. Joshua Peeples said he was excited because this string of events unites the community.

"Bringing the community together to experience this is going to be special," Peeples said. "This will really give an inside look of what a day in the life of a cadet is

Peeples said this event in particular will be a great way for younger people to celebrate ROTC and gain more knowledge of what it entails.

"After eight and a half years in the army, it is very rewarding to be able to come back and teach cadets skills and witness them learning and growing," Peeples said. "I highly encourage everyone to come out and celebrate with us."

There will be events every day next week starting on Monday, April 18.

On Monday, ROTC will participate in the Manna Cafe service project. Cadets, APSU students, faculty and staff will join together to help the Manna Cafe prepare for future events to help those in need.

APSU faculty, staff and students will have the opportunity to participate in the APSU obstacle course on Tuesday, April 19.

Participants will learn to employ a fieldexpedient technique to bridge hazardous obstacles to gain experience in cadet

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APSU's ROTC program will host multiple events next week to celebrate the 100th anniversary of ROTC. APSU PR AND MARKETING DEPARTMENT

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whose sibling was a patient at St. Jude's hospital inspired the event eight years ago. Since then, the event has become the highest grossing Greek philanthropy event on campus and the Eta Tau chapter has raised over \$100,000 in the past five years.

Sophomore English major Madison Hobson praised the Eta Tau chapter and their efforts to help the event.

"The brothers have been working outrageously hard to raise money for [St. Jude's]," Hobson said. "I think [St. Jude's] is a wonderful organization to support, especially helping kids beat cancer and

Harris reports Eta Tau chapter ranks 24th out of the 140 active ATO chapters in the nation for money raised to benefit charities and the chapter has received awards on campus because of the event.

"It takes \$2 million dollars a day to run [St. Jude's]. They're nonprofit so every little bit helps," Harris said. TAS

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On Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30 a.m., students, faculty and staff will gather at the Memorial Health building for the cadet-led physical training session and flag raising demonstration.

The APSU community is invited to the annual Cadet Award Ceremony, on April 21, at 2:20 p.m. in the Morgan University Center Ballroom C. A group of 27 cadets who have exemplified the Army Values of duty, integrity and honor will be presented with awards for exceptional performance in academics, fitness and merit during the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters.



After eight and a half years in the army, it is very rewarding to be able to come back and teach cadets skills and witness them learning and growing,"

-Joshua Peeples, assistant professor of Military Science

The week's festivities will conclude on April 23 with the 100th anniversary JROTC 5k Fun Run at 11 a.m. at Rossview High School. The Army Values of selfless service and duty will be highlighted as high school students across the globe will run, walk or march at their school's track or nearby running course. The goal is to have a simultaneous start-time in order to allow participants to connect via social media, to view locations worldwide and appreciate the scope and magnitude of

For information on the events, contact APSU ROTC Captain Joshua Peeples at peeplesj@apsu.edu, or call 931-221-1262. For more information on APSU's ROTC program, visit www.apsu.edu/rotc. TAS

'BATHROOM' BILL ADVANCES, BIBLE BILL AWAITS SIGNATURE

Bills in Tennessee General Assembly will effect LGBT groups, make Bible Tennessee state book

BY MEGAN OLIVER

Staff Writer

Last week, Tennessee lawmakers debated on a controversial legislation that would require students to use the restrooms that match their sex at birth.

Legislation similar to this failed to pass the House of Representatives last summer.

The Senate will have the opportunity to discuss this type of legislation on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12 and

As it turns out, there are several other states who are drafting and passing similar legislation.

Pat McCrory, the Governor of North Carolina, signed a bill requiring students to use restrooms that match their birth sex on March 23.

As a result, the North Carolina government is now facing a discrimination lawsuit.

If this suit is successful, it could set a precedent for citizens to be able to successfully sue the government if lawmakers were to pass a similar bill.

As of now, the only official bill that has been drafted failed last summer, but committee members asked for the opportunity to have the bill reconsidered the day after the vote.

If passed, this legislation would affect colleges and universities across the

Senior communication major Eleyce Harrington said this type of bill wouldn't work, particularly for people who have had gender reassignment surgeries.

"I get what they are trying to do, but what about the people who have already had a sex change?" Harrington said. "Like they were born a girl but now they look like a dude. What would that look like?"

It is unclear at this time if the legislation proposed contained any contingencies for students in this situation.

It is also unclear if any future legislation would address this situation.

BIBLE AWAITS SIGNATURE

The bill to make the Bible the official book of Tennessee is now awaiting approval from Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam.

The Tennessee General Assembly passed the bill with a 19-8 vote.

legislation.

opposes the bill.

Constitution."

Nashville Democrat Sen. Jeff Yarbro

"When lawmakers are sworn into

while making an oath to uphold the

said. "I understand that it's hard to

to do that. We have to follow the

Haslam will sign or veto the bill.

vetoed three bills. TAS

vote against the Bible- no one wants

At this time it is unclear whether Gov.

According to the Associated Press, in

his five years of office, Haslam has only

office, they place their hand on a Bible

state and federal constitutions," Yarbro

According to the Tennessean, Attorney General Herbert Slatery and Haslam share concerns about whether or not the Bible being the state book is constitutionally appropriate.

Another APSU student who wished to not be named shares Haslam and Slatery's sentiments.

"We're supposed to have a separation between church and state," the student said. "Making the official book of a particular religion, even the popular religion of the state, isn't really separation, but there are more important things to worry about."

Sen. Steve Southerland, the author of the bill, said making the Bible the state book is based on its historical and cultural impact.

"The Bible is a history book," Southerland said in defense of his

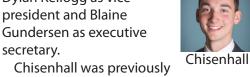
government that we have today - was put forth by men of faith, based on their faith, based on what they read in Holy Scripture," of Southerland's



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was appointed as the new chief justice of SGA for the 2016-17 academic year. This appointment completes the roster

of the 2016-17 Executive Council with Ryan Honea as president, Dylan Kellogg as vice president and Blaine Gundersen as executive



a tribunal justice for the 2015-16 year with Honea and current Chief Justice Lucas Bearden.

DEFINING CONSTITUENT

SGA also heard College of Arts and Letters Sen. Austin McKain's Act No. 13, which defines "constituent" in the SGA Constitution.

The definition of "constituent" was called into question in late March when College of Education Sen. Jay Alvarez, who has since been voted back into his

senate seat in the SGA elections, was removed from his seat because he was found to not be a constituent of his college by a special SGA Internal Affairs hearing on March 28.

Under McKain's act, "constituent" will be defined as anyone who has a major or minor of the academic college or classification that a senator is looking to represent.

Currently, "constituent" is defined by the most current SGA Electoral Act in accordance with the SGA Constitution and associated bylaws.

According to SGA President Will Roberts, the definition of "constituent" is decided each year by the chief justice.

When Roberts was chief justice during the 2014-15 academic year, he defined "constituent" as any person whose major or minor falls under the umbrella of the college they represent.

Roberts said current Chief Justice Bearden made the decision to keep Roberts' definition for the 2015-16 year.

SGA will hear discussion on McKain's act at the next SGA meeting on Wednesday, April 13.

LACTATION STATIONS

SGA will also recommend pictures of babies be installed in the lactation stations around campus to help breastfeeding mothers lactate.

SGA passed College of Education Sen. Lydia Bullock's Resolution No. 29, which recommends the pictures' implementation.

SGA Vice President Ankit Patel said seeing pictures of babies helps the lactation process by helping women produce oxytocin.

Oxytocin is a chemical in the body that aids in child birth and milk production, according to Daniel Chiras' book "Human Biology."

BLUE LIGHT CALL BOX

SGA also passed Resolution No. 30, which will recommend the installation of a blue light call box between the Sundquist Science Building and the Morgan University Center.

College of Science and Mathematics Sen. Dominic Critchlow authored this resolution.

It will send a letter of recommendation to the Physical Plant requesting they install the call box by the beginning of Fall 2016.

SPEED BUMPS

SGA also passed Behavioral and Health Sciences Sen. Gundersen's Resolution No. 31, which looks to replace the speed bumps on Hand Village Avenue with speed humps to make walking safer for pedestrians.

PAPERLESS AGENDAS

In addition to these resolutions, SGA passed legislation to have paperless agendas at future meetings.

Gundersen's Resolution No. 33 was passed, and it aims to better align SGA with the recently implemented Pharos Printing Services plan by cutting down on paper use during meetings.

The next SGA meeting will be on Wednesday, April 13, at 4 p.m. in MUC 307. *TAS*

STOP LAUGHING START LISTENING

Trivialization of assault gives victims more initiative to not come forward

BY TAYLOR HUDGIN

Multimedia Editor



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Students need to be doing our part to make APSU a safe place for victims, especially when they have risked being vulnerable by sharing their story.

After the two incidents of sexual battery at APSU in recent weeks, one on March 31, one on April 5, the topic of sexual assault is hitting a little closer to home.

"I don't understand why people [are] walking out at night by themselves. [Assault] can happen any time, any day. Even if it's daytime, someone can still slap you on the butt or harass you," Raschard Taylor, a tellin me junior computer science major, said.

Junior health and human performance Mackenzie Spivey said that events like these "make you paranoid as a college girl."

Even so, student response – 180 los especially on social media – has been less than understanding, and many reactions from the student body are demeaning and disgusting.

Student Kyrie Servin tweeted, "Bruh she prolly had just tweeted 'I just want my booty rubbed' smh," and another student with Twitter handle "OG Jerr" said "did y'all see the alert about a girl reported getting slapped on the booty."

The National Criminal Justice Reference Service reports that at least 20 percent of women and 6 percent of men will be sexually assaulted in just a four year period: while they attend college.

Victims should be supported, not mocked.

It's no wonder that 90 percent of these attacks go unreported, according to NCJRS; girls on campus are seeing their peers' responses to these attacks.

"I've definitely seen some [negative reactions] on Yik Yak and on Twitter," said junior social work major Cheryl Biggs. "I feel like people don't take it seriously. There are so many girls on our campus who are affected by sexual assault every single day, so the fact that people who aren't taking it seriously is only a slap in the face [,..] it's ridiculous to see some people

making a joke about it or saying that it's her fault."

Survivors of sexual assault tend to blame themselves for the battery, and negative reactions from others (especially when those reactions explicitly blame the victim) only reinforce those feelings.

Self-blame "may be fed by the reactions of others and the media in analyses of the event," according to John Harvey in "Coping with Sexual Assault."

Michael Kasitz, Chief of APSU Police, said that sexual assault is "absolutely" underreported.

As long as survivors are met with these reactions, they will continue to avoid reporting incidents of assault.

Students claim that the wording of the most recent alert text was inappropriate, or even funny.

The text read: "APSU ALERT: Female reported unknown male slapped her on buttocks near library at 10:30 pm. Susp: Black male, 5'0", 180lbs, gray jacket, red sweat pants."

When asked about the wording of the text, Chief Kasitz said, "The text was factual. It is a shame that people aren't taking this seriously, because it is a serious offense."

The reactions from students reflect the cultural conditioning to take sexual battery lightly.

The tendency to minimize sexual assault and "victim-blame," or the perpetuation that victims' actions are what led to their attack.

The issue at hand is much less about the anatomically correct term for where the assailant touched the victim or how he touched her, and more about how he took away her power to control what happened to her body.

APSU Police listed the most recent event as sexual battery, defined by TCA 39-13-505 as: "Unlawful sexual contact with the victim by the defendant [...] accompanied by any of the following circumstances: force or coercion is used to accomplish the act; the sexual contact is accomplished without the consent of the victim and the defendant knows start listening. 745

or has reason to know at the time of the contact that the victim did not consent [...] Sexual battery is a Class E felony."

Students should not be trivializing this attack just because "it isn't rape."

There are a range of sexual offenses, but unwanted contact is obviously on the spectrum.

Minimizing the occurrence "because it's not rape" further perpetuates the idea that a man can help himself to a woman's body on a whim, based on objectification and consumerism.

"I feel like a lot of people are minimizing it, as if it's something that's not important, when actually it's a crime," junior business major Halston Matheny said. "They're making it not an issue and blaming her, saying it's her fault in some way, or saying that what he did was completely innocent and shouldn't even be punished [...] this is an issue of people, especially women, not having the right to control their own 'bubble,' and it comes down to human rights."

Two crimes were committed on our campus, allegedly by the same male.

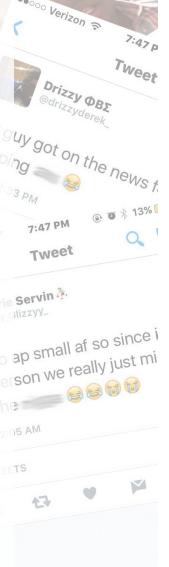
These crimes must be taken seriously, and the victims must be protected, not minimized and mocked.

The victims are somewhere on campus: they may be one of the girls in your class, in your dorm, ordering a drink in front of you at Starbucks.

They are the girls scrolling through their Twitter or Yik Yak feed, seeing the cruel and accusatory responses of fellow students.

These girls were already attacked once, and now have to relive that event and develop even more shame and self-blame every time they hear derisive laughter when the story is brought up.

Stop blaming, stop laughing, and

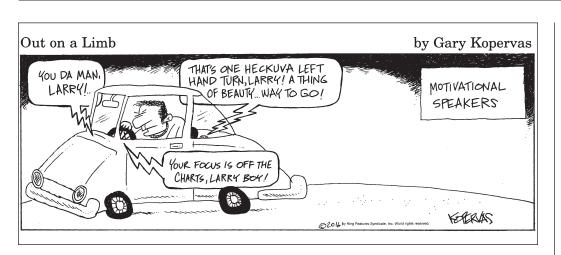


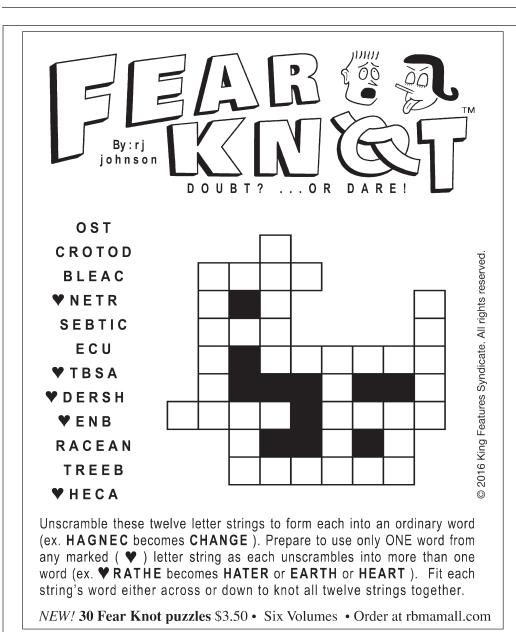
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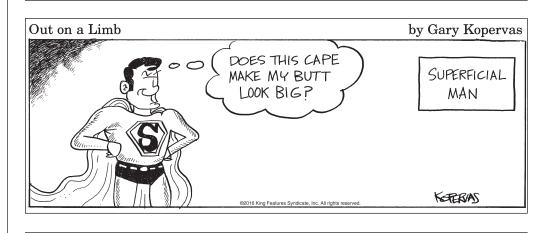


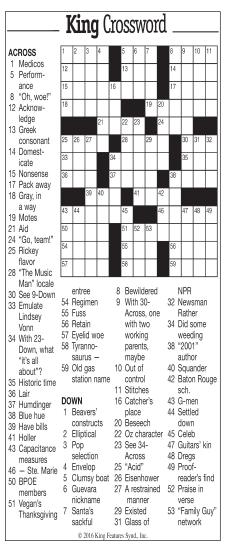


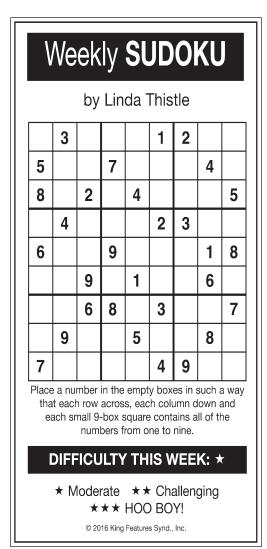












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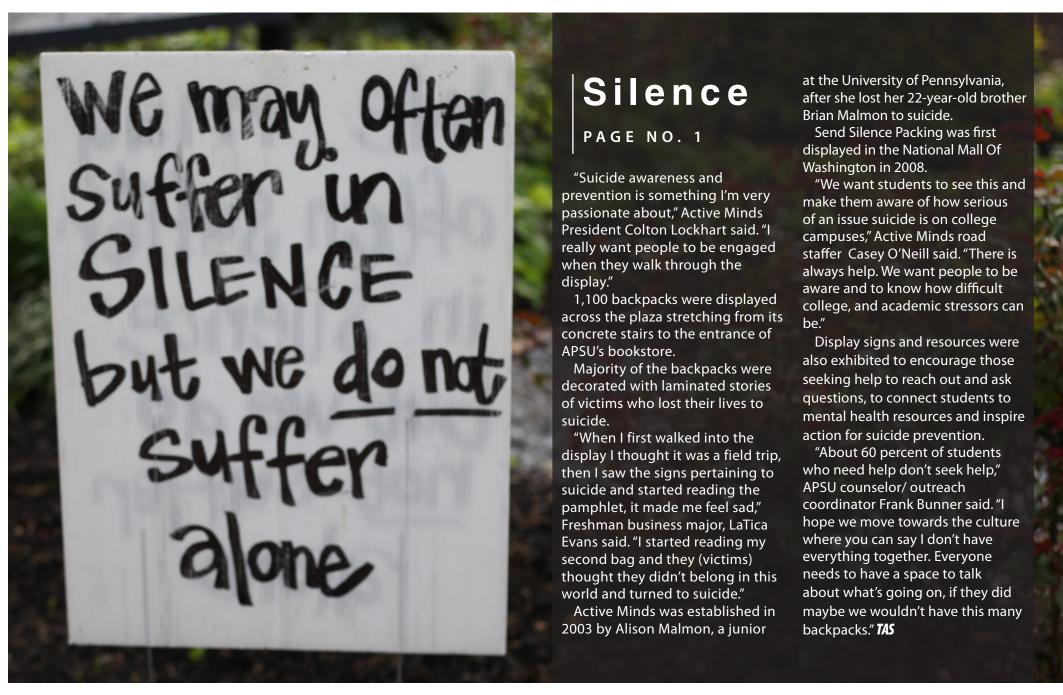






Active Minds sends silence packing

APSU's chapter held event to raise mental health awareness among college students



APSU's Active Minds chapter held Send Silence Packing Friday, April 8. The event displayed 1,100 backpacks in APSU's UC plaza representing lives lost to suicide and encouraging student and staff to speak out for mental health awareness. The event travels to approximately 20 colleges across the country. COURTNEY GAITHER | **FEATURES EDITOR**

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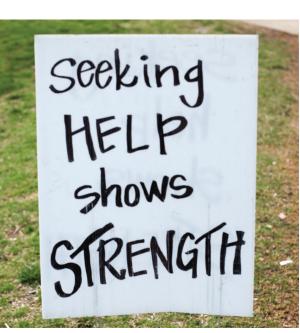


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Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students









APSU walks with dead

Walker Stalker Con hits Music City for second year



Vendors at Walker Stalker Nashville sell and promote theatrical prosthetics. COURTNEY GAITHER | FEATURES EDITOR

BY COURTNEY GAITHER

Features Editor

Walker Stalker Con came back to Nashville for its second year from Saturday April 9, to Sunday April 10.

The convention was created from The Walkers Stalkers Podcast with James and Fric.

Both men, being huge fans of AMC's "The Walking Dead" dedicated a podcast to reviewing and talking about its content.

According to the Walker Stalker website, they got the idea for the con after visiting Senioa, Georgia where the show is filmed.

After meeting their favorite actors and getting a taste of the Walking Dead life, they created the con for others to share the experience.

During the con, fans had the chance to meet and greet various celebrities from shows like "The Walking Dead," "Vampire Diaries," "Bates Motel" and even cast members from horror movies like "Nightmare On Elm Street" and "Friday the 13th."

Panels featuring celebrities were held throughout the day where fans could ask questions about the shows and get advice on how the actors got their start.

Different vendors were located throughout the Music City Center selling "The Walking Dead" memorabilia as well as different merchandise pertaining to the various shows, zombies and horror. TAS



Sigma Delta Pi hosts annual Spanish Language Fair

BY ANDREW WADOVICK

Assistant Features Editor

Students were able to participate in a variety of events and activities during the annual Spanish Language Fair on Tuesday, April 5.

Held in the Memorial Health Building in conjunction with Spanish Honor Society and Sigma Delta Pi, the fair serves as an informational event for high school students, so they can explore the Spanish language and culture.

Laura Schultz, professor of Spanish at APSU, organized the fair for the second year in a row.

"The fair is a fun way for APSU students to volunteer and give back to their local communities," Schultz said. "Some of our student volunteers actually remember coming to the fair when they were in high school, and it's neat to see that cycle continued."

The fair hosted a variety of activities in a competitive setting, including dance, cuisine, music, literature and art.

In particular, this year's fair had an extra twist.

extra twist.

"This year, we worked with Chartwells to create a Caribbean theme day at

the APSU Caf, and students will have the opportunity to dine on campus," Schultz said.

In terms of the competitive elements of the fair, Schultz said contestants participated in a placement test according to their language level.

The award ceremony occurred at the end of the day.

Madeline Williams, a junior Spanish major at APSU, heard about the fair from one of her professors and was part of the event the previous year.

Williams said the planning committee tries to plan at least four months ahead.

"It's hard to keep high schoolers interested," Williams said. "We have to prepare for situations as they come up."

Williams said the fair is about more than just campus involvement.

"It's more for the high school students," Williams said. "If you're a part of APSU the fair is an 'open door' and a way to help the Spanish department."

Schultz, the most rewarding aspect of organizing the fair is "seeing all of our planning come into fruition and seeing how much the students are enjoying their day on campus." TAS



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Govs tennis closes out win streak at home



Almantas Ozelis returns a serve. JONATHAN BUNTON, SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

HENRY KILPATRICK

Staff Writer

The APSU men's tennis team came out on top against Ohio Valley Conference opponent Belmont during their final home contest of the season.

The Govs (6-8, 5-2 OVC) capped off a five-match winning streak leaving them 5-1 at home for the season.

The Bruins (8-9, 4-4 OVC) could not handle the No. 2 doubles duo – Almantas Ozelis and Aleh Drobysh – who put away Stephen Goldman and Zak Khan, 6-3.

The Bruins bounced back with a 6-2 win from Bruno Russo and Adam Rudowski against Chad Woodham and Alex Kartsonis, leaving all eyes on the No. 1 match.

In a contest between each team's top players, Aaron Jumonville and Manuel Montenegro put up a fight against Robin Demasse and Cedric Dujacquier but the Govs duo pulled off the 7-6 win.

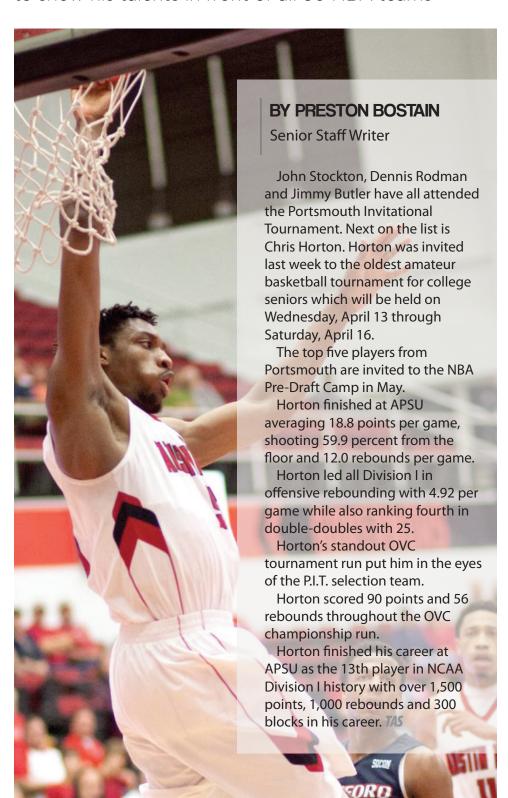
The Govs won three games in a row to open singles play. Drobysh defeated Khan, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1. Ozelis made it 2-0 for the Govs by defeating Demasse, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 and Montenegro overcame a deficit to beat Rudowski, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

In a match that left fans on the edge of their seats, Jumonville fell to Dujacquier 6-2, 6-7(5), 7-6(7), despite his courageous efforts. At the end of the day, Goldman defeated Kartsonis at No. 5, 8-7, and Russo beat Woodham, 8-5.

The Govs head to Cookeville, Tennessee on Friday, April 15, to face off OVC competitor Tennessee Technological University. *TAS*

Horton's next stop: Portsmouth Invitational

Senior Chris Horton is heading to Portsmouth, Virginia to show his talents in front of all 30 NBA teams



Chris Horton goes for a layup against the Murray State game at the Dunn Center on Feb. 7, 2015. TAYLOR SLIFKO | PHOTO EDITOR

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Loos returns for 27th season



Dave Loos looks smug while being interviewed in front of a cheering crowd on March 5, 2016. TAYLOR SLIFKO | PHOTO

BY GLAVINE DAY

Sports Editor

Dave Loos is coming back to APSU to coach the Governors basketball team for the 27th year.

Following the end of his 26th year, there was speculation as to whether Loos would return.

However, the ending of the 2015-16 season turned into a Cinderella run to the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament and the Govs were the first No. 8 seed to play and win in the championship game.

Athletics Director Ryan Ivey announced Loos's return in a press release from letsgopeay.com.

"We are excited to have Coach Loos returning for his 27th season," Ivey said. "This season was an incredible and magical run, and I look forward to helping Coach Loos and his talented staff build upon the momentum to achieve future success."

Loos is the most successful coach in the OVC and APSU history.

Loos is the only coach in the OVC to have won OVC Coach of the Year five times in 1990-91, 1995-96, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2007-08.

Loos is a member of his alma mater Memphis' Hall of Fame along with APSU's Hall of Fame.

Loos has coached 38 All-OVC honors including three league Players of the Year, while 30 former Govs have played professionally, according to letsgopeay.

"His service and dedication to APSU, Governors basketball, but more importantly, to his student-athletes is something we should all strive to achieve," Ivey said. "It is what is right about college athletics." TAS

APSU renames stadium to Fortera Stadium

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After one year with the new and improved Governors Stadium, APSU agreed to a 25-year \$2.5 million contract with Fortera Credit Union which will see the home of APSU football renamed to Fortera Stadium on April 23.

"The people of this community, people and businesses like Fortera, are what provides us the great opportunity we have to be a highly successful and competitive athletics department," APSU Athletic Director Ryan Ivey said to letsgopeay.com. "Without their support and generosity, we couldn't do what we do."

At the end of the 2013 season, APSU demolished the home side of the stadium and completely renovated it for the start of the 2014 season.

On April 23, APSU will have a day full of festivities to commemorate the renaming including a softball game, a baseball game and a spring football game.

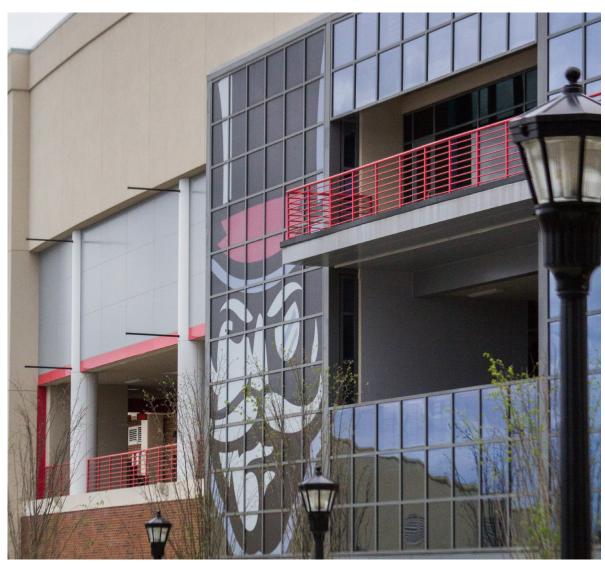
The softball game against Jacksonville State at Cheryl Holt Field begins at noon. At 1 p.m., the Govs baseball team will take on Eastern Kentucky at Raymond C. Hand Park.

Tailgate Alley will open at 3 p.m. for all tailgaters eager for the highly anticipated football season.

The spring football game begins at 4 p.m.

After the game, at approximately 5:45 p.m., a naming ceremony will take place with Tom Kane, president and CEO of Fortera Credit Union, and APSU President Alisa White. Afterward, there will be a concert and fireworks show.

"First and foremost, thank you to Fortera Credit Union for entering into this new and exciting partnership with APSU," APSU President Alisa White said to letsgopeay.com. "Fortera has been a part of this community for more than 60 years, and many of its leaders and employees have earned their degrees from the University. We are proud of their accomplishments and are celebrating our partnership and our shared values and goals. We are honored that Fortera Credit Union wants to be part of APSU's future." TAS



An \$2.5 million agreement will give the APSU football stadium a new name -- Fortera Stadium. DANI HUNTER | SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

