



APSU Police releases Clery Act

Annual public report documenting campus crimes comes out days early

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The Clery Act is a 93-page report that requires U.S. colleges and universities to be transparent with campus safety policies, crime and fire reports. The act became law in 1990.

“The report contains information regarding campus security and personal safety,” APSU Chief of Police Michael Kasitz said. “Including topics such as crime prevention, fire safety, university police law enforcement authority, crime reporting policies, disciplinary procedures and other matters of

importance related to security and safety on campus.”

Every year colleges and universities must release a report on Oct. 1 detailing laws, institutional policies and a three-year log of crime reports.

On Sept. 27, APSU released its Clery Act report four days before the deadline.

There are some categories of crime the Clery Act does not cover.

“The most common crime we experience at APSU is not reportable under the Clery Act,” Kasitz said. “Theft of property is our biggest crime issue on campus. Many of the thefts are preventable by not leaving your items

unattended and unsecured.”

The Clery Act covers the following crimes: murder, manslaughter, rape, statutory rape, incest, fondling, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Robbery involves the attempt of stealing property with physical human contact, while burglary involves unlawful entry in an attempt to steal property with no human contact necessary.

The act also covers hate crimes which include all the previous crimes as well as larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation and vandalism. Weapons, liquor and drug violations are included.

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Award winning poet Denice Frohman visits APSU campus

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The Hispanic Cultural Center welcomed poet and educator Denice Frohman to APSU on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Her performances have received millions of views on YouTube, and multiple publications, including *ESPN* and *The Huffington Post*, have featured her work.

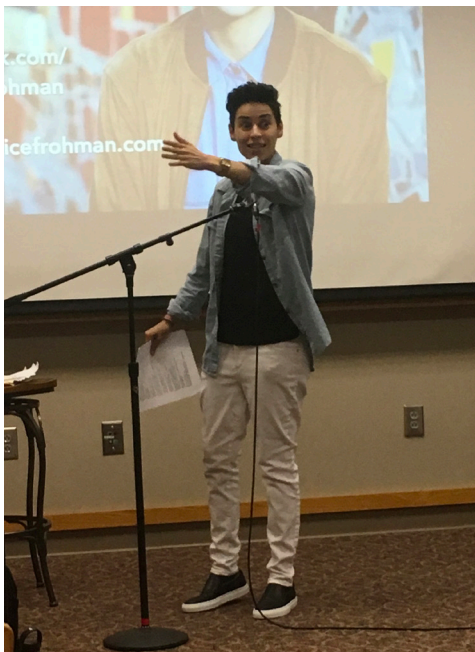
She was invited to the first Latinas in the U.S. Summit, a White House initiative to highlight the conditions faced by Hispanic women and girls in the U.S. Frohman has been praised for exploring intersections of race, gender and sexuality in her work.

She uses powerful imagery in her poetry.

“I am really just trying to paint a picture, and that is what poetry is asking us to do. Everyone was [not] there when that thing happened to you, so how can you recreate it using very specific language?” Frohman said.

Frohman recognizes that students may not feel comfortable with being as expressive as she is, or even embracing their own racial heritage. She believes the average person has to go outside of their comfort zone and build their way up to demonstrating similar openness.

“It takes time, and it takes a lot of self-reflection about how we exist in the world, and how the world kind of navigates around us,” Frohman said. “I think that happens once you have a deeper understanding of history, of identity politics, of the way in which America’s story is not just one of



Awarded poet Denice Frohman speaking on Sept. 27. STEVEN PRESCOTT | THE ALL STATE

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APSU GETS MUDDY



APSU students participate in Mudbowl on Oct. 1. The event is the finale to Family Weekend. JOANN MORALES & JEFFREY HOOPER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERS

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The day was full of sunshine and plenty of mud. On Sunday, Oct. 1 SGA hosted the annual Mudbowl. It was the last event of APSU’s annual Family Weekend.

Family Weekend is a time for students and their families to spend quality time together on campus.

Approximately 500 players participated in the game, and over 2,000 people attended to support the event.

Mudbowl began as an APSU tradition in 2002. It is a bracket style volleyball

tournament that is played in man made mud pits.

“The sole purpose of the Mudbowl is to benefit the student body,” Chief Justice of the Student Government Association Waqas Ahmed said. “All students are involved—grecians, dancers, vets, ROTC and football players. It is a time where we all come together and just have fun.”

“That is what I am here for,” student Tyler Hanna of Team Xur’s Book Club said. “I support the Mudbowl and just come to have fun.”

The afternoon was spent playing volleyball in the mud, taking turns

going down the water slides and eating CiCi’s pizza.

Students played against other teams in divisions consisting of men, women and co-ed. There were 65 teams total. A few of the teams present were Dirty Mike and the Boys, The Broski’s, ATO Gold, Spoken Peayce, ADPike and The Uniques.

Kappa Alpha Order beat Sigma Phi Epsilon in the final round of the men’s division.

Several teams took home trophies, but everyone left with mud on their backs.



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The Violence Against Women SaVE Act provision added new reporting requirements. Universities must now report domestic violence, dating violence and stalking in annual reports. 2016 Summary:

The crime log on page 68 showed these following crimes were reported on APSU’s main campus in 2016:

- Three cases of rape, one occurring in a residence facility.
- One case of fondling.
- Two cases of robbery.
- Two cases of burglary, both occurring in residence facilities.
- Seven cases of domestic violence, six occurred in residence facilities.
- Four cases of stalking.
- Four drug law violations that resulted in arrests, three occurring in residence facilities.
- There were 16 liquor violations that resulted in referrals, 14 occurring in residence facilities.
- There were 30 drug law violations that resulted in referrals, 26 occurring in residence facilities.

According to page 69 of the report, one of the above crimes was categorized as a racially motivated hate crime and one was an act of intimidation. There were no fires reported for 2016.

“The latest report is not unusual for APSU,” Kasitz said. “Every year, the reportable crimes may fluctuate up and down a little, but we remain fairly consistent year after year.”

Per the Clery Act, universities have the authority to determine whether campuses should be alerted of crimes. APSU policy states the alert systems are not used unless there is immediate danger to the university community.

APSU has crime prevention programs available throughout the year and the Clery Act report outlines these programs.

Student orientation is one of the most common programs in the fall. In the spring semester, a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class is available for females through the Health and Human Performance section during academic enrollment. Other programs include alcohol and drug awareness, dating violence, theft prevention and assault prevention.

“We provide many crime prevention programs throughout the year, upon request. We have a good set of base programs, but we add new programs as the need arises,” Kasitz said.

APSU police maintain a crime log that is accessible via the campus police website and weekly in The All State. For more detailed information about Clery Act policies, visit the Clery Act Report at <http://www.apsu.edu/police>.



CRIME LOG

VANDALISM

Main St./ University Ave. Lot
Sept. 21, 10:41 p.m.
On Going

OTHER AGENCY WARRANT

Farris & Robb Ave.
Sept. 22, 5:08 p.m.
Report

SIMPLE POSSESSION/ CASUAL EXCHANGE

Farris & Robb Ave.
Sept. 22, 5:08 p.m.
Report

RESISTING STOP, FRISK, HALT, ARREST

Maynard Math & Science Building
Sept. 25, 11:20 a.m.
Arrest

THEFT OF PROPERTY

Woodward Library
Sept. 26, 2:53 p.m.
Report

ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

Hand Village
Sept. 26, 4:41 p.m.
Report

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Morgan University Center
Sept. 26, 7:37 p.m.
Arrest

BURGLARY

Music/ Mass Communications Building
Sept. 26, 10:53 p.m.
On Going

THEFT OF PROPERTY

Kimbrough Building
Sept. 27, 8:46 a.m.
On Going

OTHER AGENCY WARRANT

Drane & Farris
Sept. 27, 11:50 p.m.
Arrest

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freedom and liberation but one also of injustice and making certain people feel like they do not belong.”

Frohman embraces her identity as an LGBT Hispanic woman of color.

“It is important to broaden the conversation about social justice so that we understand how nuanced, complicated and messy these sensitive issues can be,” Frohman said.

“Amazing,” sophomore sociology major and President of the Feminist Majority Leadership Nilda Maldonado said, to describe the performance. “I connected with the speaker over our similar Hispanic upbringing.”

Trish Campbell-Roberts, sophomore Political Science major and member of the Hispanic Cultural Club, is a

nontraditional student. She utilizes the Hispanic Cultural Center to help her stay in touch with the community.

“I received a flyer, and I had no idea about what to expect. That is why I sat in the back, and after listening I said ‘wow’. A lot of things just clicked,” Campbell-Roberts said.

Coordinator for the Hispanic Cultural Center Louise Mitchell arranged Frohman’s visit.

“We want to provide a safe place for students of different backgrounds,” Mitchell said. “I look at the whole picture to ensure that we are doing the best that we can for the University to be inclusive.”

The Hispanic Cultural Center is located in the Morgan University Center room 213. The center is available to students of all cultural backgrounds.

More information about Denice Frohman can be found on her website at www.denicefrohman.com.

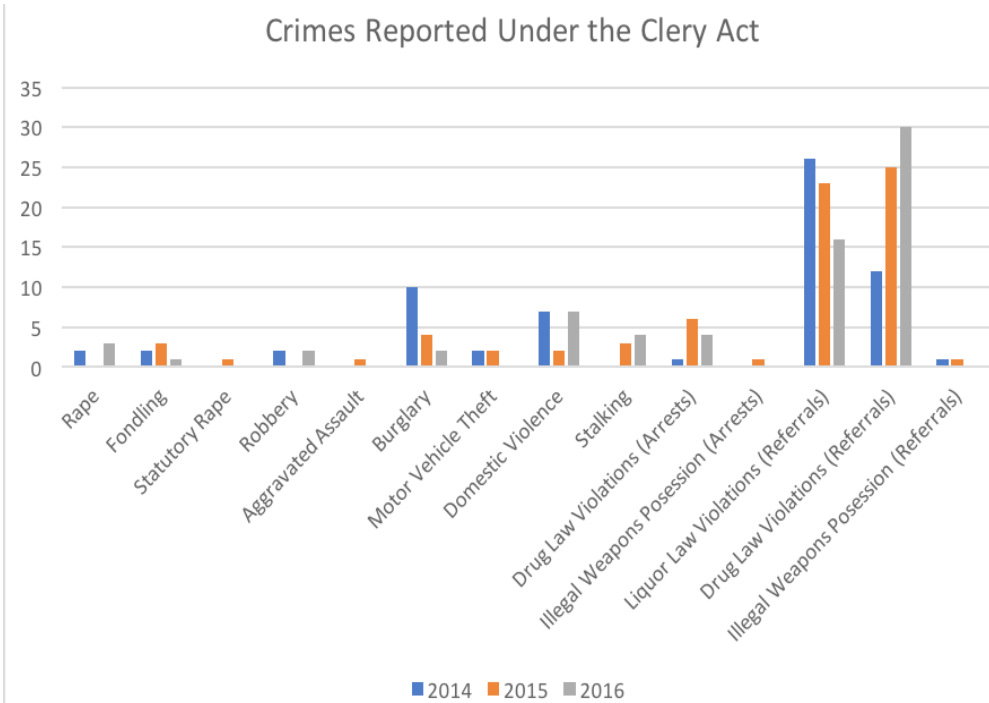


Chart detailing crime covered under the Clery Act at APSU for the last three years. | MAHALIA SMITH



SGA LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 1

Recommend APSU purchases enos stands that could be rented out to students. Enos stands are single person hammocks.

Tabled

RESOLUTION 2

Recommend that Physical Plant remove dumpsters near Subway and Sevier Hall.

Tabled

RESOLUTION 3

APSU Parking Committee to implement two residential parking spots per townhouse in Greek Village.

Tabled

Tennessee nurse dies in Vegas shooting

JASON DEAREN AND KATHLEEN RONAYNE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A registered nurse from Tennessee who died shielding his wife, a doctor, from gunfire. The only son of a Canadian couple who is now left childless. A California middle school special education teacher engaged to be married.

All were among the at least 59 people killed in the mass shooting at a country music festival in Las Vegas.

Off-duty Las Vegas police officer and youth football coach Charleston Hartfield was among those killed when a gunman opened fire on a crowd of concertgoers in Las Vegas, two of his



Sonny Melton pictured with wife Heather Melton. Melton died in the Las Vegas shooting. | FACEBOOK

friends said.

Hartfield, 34, was known as a selfless, respected leader who brought out the best in his players, said Stan King, whose son played football for Hartfield.

Sonny Melton, a registered nurse, died in the shooting, according to The Henry County Medical Center in Paris, Tennessee, where he worked.

His wife, Dr. Heather Melton, an orthopedic surgeon who was with him

when shots were fired, survived, the medical center said.

Heather Melton told WZTV in Nashville, Tennessee that her husband “saved my life and lost his.” She says her husband was the most kind-hearted, loving man she ever met.

Friend Jeremy Butler told the Paris (Tennessee) Post-Intelligencer that Melton was shielding Heather Melton from gunfire when he was fatally shot.



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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

Is the bachelor’s still required?



A degree is no longer suitable job security for undergraduate students



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You have spent four years, 208 weeks, 1,460 days and 35,040 hours as a college student. Is that enough time to ensure you are ready and qualified to get a job in your desired field? Students work for years to make their future achievable, and over the years it has gotten harder.

Whether you find yourself majoring in music education, history or communications you go the additional mile to secure a job before your graduation. You are forced to do the extra work.

Students who now obtain a bachelor’s degree do not receive job security like their parents who graduated before them.

When students apply for a job employers ask for internships. Many college kids start looking for these opportunities as early as the first week of their freshman year.

According to The Fiscal Times, “Young people aged 18 to 34 have struggled with double-digit unemployment and account for half of the 10.9 million unemployed Americans.”

Parents tell students while they grow up that they need to gain a college education if they want to make a living in the future, yet in reality, the current climate pins you against tough competition and many are unlikely to find jobs within five years of their graduating.

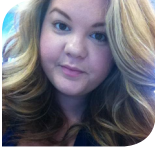
Young adults attend college to get prepared for the workforce, yet The Fiscal Times states “Nearly three-quarters of hiring managers complain that millennials- even those with college degrees- are not prepared for the job market and lack an adequate ‘work ethic,’ according to a survey from Bentley University.”

When attending college, the high tuition is only paying for a large class load, yet students lack the experience it takes to achieve their overall goals in their life. Students are able to recite math equations and pieces of literature, but employers are not enthusiastic. “College graduates [are] severely lacking in some basic skills, particularly problem solving, decision making and the ability to prioritize tasks,” the Washington Post said. “32,000 students at 169 colleges and universities [were surveyed in this study.] [The study] found that 40 percent of college seniors fail to graduate with the complex reasoning skills needed in today’s workplace.”

Adults spend four years in an academic setting to fall short on the experience needed to thrive in work environments. These students enroll in specific universities entrusting them to supply the skills needed for a long-lasting career. Is the college or the student to blame for the lack of readiness the work force is asking for?



Many employers do not value a degree over experience in choosing workers



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The small print on employment applications usually contains a stipulation stating that although most jobs require a collegiate degree, many years of experience will be a sufficient trade-off.

It is not uncommon for an individual to work at an entry level position for a satisfactory amount of time to allow for a promotion, as well. Professionals have coined the phrase “working my way up the ladder” for this reason.

Textbook knowledge is respected, as it should be, but there is nothing that can replace firsthand experience and fieldwork.

To let students earn the experience that will set them apart, some colleges offer internships; APSU refers to them as “field studies.” These help make applicants competitive against workers who can only provide a transcript.

The reality for the average student is possibly unpaid internships, in addition to mandatory school work, are becoming less optional if they hope to remain competitive.

There are not many positions that list a degree as the only requirement. Furthermore, a person with the most working years in that position would still be more desirable because that individual knows what to expect in that specific work field.

There is conversation on campus, especially between seniors, concerning their anxiety facing the real world with the lack of experience they have to offer a future employer.

The smallest expected trade-off for a college graduate is the ability to find a job to help alleviate student debt, but an entry-level position can leave a lot to desire when it comes to salary.

Offering more valid resume entries at colleges would benefit students at scoring their dream jobs. Bookwork is helpful and has its place, but requiring work at specific, off-campus locations would help set a student apart from the average graduate.

It is hard to find work that matches a student’s degree when they are in competition with experience holders. The truth is experience has always trumped a degree in most fields, and it is a growing concern for most college students.

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College Majors with Lowest Unemployment Rates

1. Actuarial Science (0.0%)
2. Nuclear, Industrial Radiology and Biological Technologies (0.0%)
3. Architectural Engineering (0.4%)
4. Miscellaneous Agriculture (0.4%)
5. Educational Administration and Supervision (0.6%)
6. Educational Psychology (1.1%)
7. Court Reporting (1.11-1.19%)
8. Genetics (1.2%)
9. Engineering, Mechanics, Physics, and Science (1.6%)
10. Teacher’s Education (1.6%)

(Rankings from MSN.com)

Fast facts on employment prospects for graduates

Three-fourths of employers complain that millennials with college degrees are not prepared for the job market and lack a proper “work ethic.” -The Washington Post

40 percent of college seniors fail to graduate with “complex reasoning skills needed in today’s workplace.” -The Washington Post

People aged 18-34 account for half of the 10.9 million unemployed in the U.S. -The Fiscal Times

EXTRAS



FEATURES

“Beautiful pumpkins helping beautiful people”



Clarksville’s pumpkin patch has been an annual tradition since 1984. Keith and Julia Boyd grow the pumpkins on their farm and then take them to Keith Boyd’s parents for sale. Various groups of people, including girl scouts, sororities and church communities visit the farm every year to partake in the community event, from young children to adults in their 60s. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE

Clarksville pumpkin patch brings city together as Halloween approaches

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On Sept. 30, Clarksville’s very own pumpkin patch opened for business for the 33rd consecutive year. The patch started in 1984 with Keith and Julia Boyd, who would grow the pumpkins on their land and bring it out to Keith Boyd’s parents’ large farm to sell. The pumpkin

patch prides itself on being not just family friendly, but community friendly. “It is a generational thing,” Julia Boyd said. “Parents bring their children. Their children bring their children, their friends and so on.” Julia Boyd had explained how many organizations, from girl scouts, sororities and churches will often visit. There are also a select few who have since moved

away from the area, but travel back to the patch annually. “People start traditions here,” Julia Boyd said. From 6-year-olds to 60-year-olds, the patch has something for everyone. Margaret Hannah, 62, went to the patch for the first time as she visited Tennessee, as well as her son and father of two, Adam all the way from Iowa. Margaret was primarily fond of the farm smell, as it reminded her of home. “I grew up on a farm,” Hannah said. “We did not have pumpkins [on the farm], just smelly animals.”

The Hannah family had visited the pumpkin patch for the third year in a row. Adam Hannah’s wife, Lindsay, found out about the patch when military duties moved them to the Fort Campbell area, and they have been visiting since. Their eight-year-old daughter, Emily stuck to the Boyd’s swing set, and their six-year-old son Max tried his best to lift large pumpkins, to no avail – laughing throughout the experience nonetheless. The farm features enough land for family or friend outings and picnics with

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Tailgating event becomes college staple Family Weekend hosts pre-game party as football team racks up wins

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As tensions rose preceding Saturday’s football game against UT Martin, APSU’s tailgating tradition took on new meaning for returning students and gave new students a taste of college traditions. Students, families and friends all gathered together for a weekend of partying and fun with games like corn-hole and other activities. Students bonded together as they prepared for Saturday’s game. This year’s Family Weekend provided freshmen one of their first college tailgating experiences, and brought back familiar experiences for their families as well as returning alumni. Many of them

were just happy to be spending that time with their families. Family Weekend Event Coordinator Jawaun Rogers talked about the reason behind APSU’s sporting tradition. “I started this tradition to create a space and opportunity for students to reconnect with their parents,” Rogers said. “Between October to November is when students tend to get homesick and want to reestablish connections with their families.” This year’s Family Weekend incorporated this trend into their pre-game ritual. This event brought many students and families together as they witnessed one



Tailgating has been a sporting tradition at APSU for about 12 years. Students and their parents met in the parking lot next to the stadium to play games and share the fun. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE

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a myriad of pumpkins from all different shapes, colors and sizes. Each pumpkin is family-grown and natural.

They have the traditional orange pumpkin varying in size, along with warty pumpkins, winter-white or “albino” pumpkins and the very special pink pumpkins.

“Each pumpkin is reasonably priced,” Julia Boyd said. “They are 25 cents a pound.”

Most pumpkins are between eight and 20 pounds, costing about \$2 to \$5 each. It is important to note the pumpkin patch is cash or check only. Remaining economically friendly is a key aspect of the Boyd’s farm.

Unlike competitors, they do not offer an entrance fee into their farm. This means the play area and pumpkin fields are free to roam and photograph, and the land is free to enjoy.

There is a small children’s playground, a picturesque location for photo-ops and a six-acre corn maze that Keith Boyd had created himself by memory.

Getting in and out of the corn maze takes an average of 30-45 minutes. The corn maze is \$4 for ages six and up, and those five years old and under are able to venture, with parental supervision, for free. The maze has very specific and

concise rules, making the experience as safe and entertaining as possible.

The Boyd’s said the pumpkin patch is community friendly. This means regardless of attendance to the actual farm, individuals are impacted by it. The Boyd’s have partnered with the Pink Pumpkin Foundation, where a percentage of every pink pumpkin sold, goes to breast cancer research.

“We are very proud of [our partnership]” Boyd said. “Beautiful pumpkins helping beautiful people.”

The Boyd’s also have a connection to APSU as the patch’s founder, Keith Boyd, graduated from the university, double majoring in biology and agriculture, and Julia Boyd attended for camp.

Boyd’s Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze is located in the Sango Area, with directions posted on their website. Visit soon: the patch is scheduled to close after Halloween. You can also wait until next fall for the enamoring experience.

BOYD’S PUMPKIN PATCH

Clarksville’s Pumpkin patch has been open for more than 30 years, and it is open from Sept. 30 to Oct. 31.



Boyd’s pumpkins come in the standard orange, but they also stock albino pumpkins. Each pumpkin, ranging from eight to 20 pounds, is on sale for 25 cents a pound. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE

Award-winning speaker comes to campus

Frohman visits Clarksville, talks life, experiences with slam poetry, writing

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As a way to send off Hispanic Heritage Month, award-winning writer and poet Denice Frohman visited APSU Wednesday, Sept. 27 to perform some of her slam poetry, as well as offer a look into her background as a multicultural LGBT woman of color.

Her poems frequently focus on her personal experiences with identity, as well as the intersections of race, Hispanic lifestyle, sexuality and womanhood. Media outlets such as ESPN, The Huffington Post and BuzzFeed have featured her work.

Throughout her performance, she

encouraged others to participate, whether it be snapping in response to what she said or verbally agreeing with her.

Frohman said she wants to include others in her work the same way her colleagues included her during times of loneliness. However, that does not end with those who are outsiders to her life experiences.

“I invite you to sit with that. Discomfort helps us grow,” Frohman said. “If you are offended, I have to ask, are you offended because you are offended, or are you offended because you are uncomfortable?”

Frohman was born and raised in New York, mainly by her Puerto Rican mother and “many strong Latina women.”

During her high school years, she said she grew a disinterest in poetry, as she felt as though it meant doing nothing more than “writing about nature and listening to poems about foxes in the second stanza.”

However, her freshman year of college, exposed her to different types of poetry, specifically slam poetry.

“The beautiful thing about spoken word poetry is that it is different from opera or other kinds of performance in which you have to be polite,” Frohman said. “It is not a monologue, but a dialogue.”

Before her college years, Frohman said she felt isolated due to her identity.

“I went my whole life feeling broken, only to come to college and realize that I was not. I never was,” she said.

Her poetry reflected a diverse range of topics, and all of them stem from personal experiences and perspectives.

Specific subjects she covered included the stigma against unconventional English such as “Spanglish,” cultural borders, misogyny, the hard work “illegal” workers endure and how heteronormative culture antagonizes LGBTQ+ people.

Afterwards, the audience attended a lunch in a different room. Caterers served several Spanish dishes, and at an adjacent table, Frohman signed copies of her spoken word album “Feels Like Home” and took photos with other students.

In her presentation, Frohman said numerous people of complex identities continue to live in societies that press for conformity as opposed to embracing diversity, and this is something she said she wants to change.

“I am not always hopeful, but I am constructed in a way that I need to find hope somewhere,” Frohman said.

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of APSU’s staple traditions.

Tailgating has become a staple of college athletic activities. It also exudes the spirit of Family Weekend as well. All of the families that came together were able to enjoy great music, good barbecue, and fun games.

Some have said that tailgating is sometimes more fun than the actual game itself. Tailgating at APSU started 12 years ago and has continued to be one of the most anticipated events on campus.

This was freshman chemistry major Paige Armstrong’s first time tailgating, but she said she had a very good time.

“I really enjoyed myself,” Armstrong said. “It was very lively, and the food was good.”

A few parents also shared their tailgating experience with Family Weekend.

“I have had a really fun time at APSU so far,” Marcus Hunt, the father of freshman psychology major LaQuinta Hunt, said. “We toured almost seven schools, and not one could compete with this school.”

The parents of many students said they enjoyed this aspect of the college experience, and they look forward to having this become a part of their family tradition.

The tailgate event showcased a change in atmosphere for APSU, with the Govs’ football on a three-game winning streak.

With the football team on a winning streak, students and parents alike got the chance to bond with one another in the spirit of fun, as students immersed themselves in the college experience.



Various campus organizations gathered to interact with students and their parents. Games included Jenga and corn-hole. Among the bustle of activity was an excitement for the upcoming football game, which culminated in APSU’s first three-game winning streak since 2011. JOANN MORALES | THE ALL STATE



**EXCLUSIVE
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GALLERY**

View a gallery
of photos from the tailgating
event and more online at **www.
theallstate.org**.

SPORTS



DeKeivis Perry and Keawvis Cummings celebrate APSU's 7-0 shutout victory over UT Martin at Fortera Stadium on Sept. 30, 2017. The win is APSU's first shutout since 2012. BENJAMIN LITTLE | THE ALL STATE

THREE PEAY'T APSU shutouts UT Martin 7-0 for 3rd consecutive win, first since 1986

NOAH HOUCK
SPORTS EDITOR

APSU football (3-2, 2-0 Ohio Valley Conference) earned their third win of the season following a shut out against nationally ranked UT Martin (3-2, 1-1 OVC).

According to letsgopeay.com, the 7-0 victory is APSU's first shutout over a NCAA Division 1 team since Middle Tennessee State in 1986, 331 games ago. The win sets APSU's first three-game win streak since the 1986 season. APSU has now allowed 20 points in the last 12 quarters they have played.

The win is APSU's first victory over a nationally ranked team since a 24-20 win over Eastern Kentucky in 2009.

The defense shined all night long for the Gavs holding UTM to 14 first downs and 165 rushing yards on 42 attempts.

The Skyhawks failed to reach the red zone through the entire night with their farthest drive halting at the APSU 39-yard line.

Martin's offense started to show their teeth late in the second quarter by connecting a first down pass from Troy Cook to Jaylon Moore for 39 yards. On the next play, Cook hurled the ball 49 yards down field only for it to be intercepted by Keawvis Cummings.

"I don't think either team ever got into a flow," said Head Coach Will Healy. "We made enough plays to get a win and gutted it out."

Jaison Williams shined for the Gavs with six tackles, 2.5 of those being for a loss. Williams hits added up for a total of 19 yards lost and one forced fumble. The 6-foot-1 sophomore also recorded two quarterback hurries.

"This was the great thing about football," added Healy. "Finding ways to win games against top 25 competition is something we wanted to do."

Williams performance earned him OVC Co-Defensive Player of the Week honors. He is the first Gov to earn the honor this season.

The lone score of the game came early in the second quarter behind a 22-yard rush from redshirt-freshman Terrius Callahan. The six play drive totaled in 59 yards featuring four separate ball rushers.

APSU had the opportunity to take a two-possession lead in the third quarter, but the 35-yard field goal attempt from Logan Birchfield was no good.

APSU returns to action again on Saturday, Oct. 7 against Jacksonville State (3-1, 0-1 OVC).

"I love the way they compete. I love they way they compete each and every day on the practice field. It is not just Saturday. That is what makes it so much rewarding. That is there mentality. They are relentless, they are resilient and they came here to do something really special."

WILL HEALY
HEAD COACH

Volleyball continues to roll

Following three game week volleyball win streak hits 10 games

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The Gavs volleyball team played three matches this week. APSU took all three matches in three sets. The Gavs are now 16-2 overall and 4-0 in the OVC.

The Gavs first opponent was Alabama A&M, and APSU swept them 25-20, 25-12, 25-9.

The next win was on Friday, Sept. 29 against Southeast Missouri (25-23, 25-22, 25-16).

The first two sets saw APSU and Southeast Missouri battle with 16 ties and seven lead changes.

The Gavs took the lead early in the third, and the Redhawks could not make a comeback.

The Gavs traveled to Martin, Tennessee, for their match on Saturday, Sept. 30 to sweep the UT Martin Skyhawks (25-19, 25-21, 26-24).

The win over the Skyhawks gives APSU a 10 game win streak, for the third time in program history.

APSU's Ashley Slay also hit another milestone in the match.

Slay recorded her 300th block against UT Martin.

Slay is now one of five other Gavs who have achieved this. Slay also led the Gavs in kills with 15 against the Skyhawks.

The Gavs are set to take on Murray State next on Tuesday, Oct. 3.



Brooke Moore and Ashley Slay go up for a block in APSU's win over Eastern Illinois. STEPHEN SCHLEGEL | THE ALL STATE

APSU receives national votes in polls

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After an impressive shutout victory against ranked opponent UT-Martin on Sept. 30, the Gavs are receiving national attention from two Football Championship Subdivision polls.

This is the first time in six years APSU has received votes in a major poll.

The STATS FCS Top-25 Media Poll, released Monday, Oct. 2nd, had the Gavs receiving 45 votes, after not receiving any the week before.

The FCS Coaches Poll, had the Gavs earning four votes.

The Gavs have never been ranked in either poll.

APSU is ranked 119th in the FCS's Simple Ratings System.

Despite being unranked, and behind other Ohio Valley Conference teams in some polls, APSU sits in first place of the conference at 2-0.

The Gavs are tied with Eastern Illinois, as both are 3-2 on the season.

Sitting behind both of them is the fourth ranked team in the nation, Jacksonville State, at 1-0 in conference.

APSU will host JSU on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. at Fortera Stadium in OVC action.

Player of the Week

Ashley Slay
Middle Blocker
Sr., Nashville, TN




Ashley Slay.
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Theseniostarrecorded37 kills across three games for APSU this past weekend. Including 15 against UT Martin. Slay also added in 2 service aces ash she has been instrumental in the Gavs undefeated Ohio Valley Conference run. Slay dictates play for the Gavs as they have 12 OVC games remaining on their 2017 schedule. Slay's leadership has but APSU at a 10-game winning streak for the third time in program history.

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