

Homecoming Week

Govs kick off Homecoming with a bang with Bonfire, T-shirts



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Understanding breast cancer

Studies show early detection is key to explain, diagnose the illness affecting women

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The month of October was designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) in 1985 after the American Cancer Society paired with the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries. The purpose of NBCAM is to raise breast cancer awareness and to promote mammographies.

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer starts when the cells in the breast begins to grow out of control. The cells in the breast usually form a tumor that can be seen on an X-ray or felt as a lump.

Malignant (cancerous) tumors are caused when the cells invade surrounding tissues or spread to other areas of the body. Breast cancer must be diagnosed by a medical professional and can be treated through chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery.

Lab tests or imaging are required for a clear diagnosis. Sometimes mastectomies are needed to removed the cancer as well as ensure that it does not return. Symptoms for breast cancer include a lump or lumps located in the breasts, bloody discharge from the nipple or changes in the shape or texture of the nipple or breast.

There are more than 200,000 cases of breast cancer in the U.S. per year. While breast cancer is most common in women, there are rare cases in which men develop it as well.

In 2016, about 246,660 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women. An estimated 61,000 new cases of carcinoma in situ (CIS) will be diagnosed. According to the American Cancer Society, CIS is non-invasive and is the earliest form of breast cancer.

Around 40,450 women will die from breast cancer in 2016, but continued research and treatment has resulted in more than 2.8 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S.

This number includes women who are currently being treated as well as women who have completed treatment. The best way to increase the survivor rate is to stay

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BREAST CANCER FACTS:

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Gov. Bill Haslam appoints 8 to APSU advisory board

Assists with student success by appointing positions, budgeting, setting tuition



Billy Atkins,
Chairman and CEO
of Legend Bank



Katherin Cannata,
Dealer principle
for Wyatt Johnson
Automotive



Larry Carroll,
President and CEO
of Carroll Financial
Associates Inc.



Don Jenkins,
President and
CEO of Jenkins &
Wynne



**Army Brig. Gen.
Robin Mealer (retired),**
Director of U.S. Army
Manpower Analysis
Agency



Mike O'Malley,
Partner and
CEO of Wendy's
Bowling Green



**To the left: Army Gen. Gary Luck (retired), officer
in the U.S. Army**
**Not Pictured: Dr. Valencia May, owner of Plaza
Dental Offices**

PATRICK ROACH
STAFF WRITER

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam announced the creation of APSU's local governing board as well as the eight appointees.

The local governing board will give the university increased autonomy to support student success by having to power to appoint the campus president, manage the university budget, set tuition and oversee other operational tasks.

The eight appointees are: Billy Atkins – Chairman and CEO of Legend Bank and former president of the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce, Katherin Cannata – Dealer principal for Wyatt Johnson Automotive Group, Larry Carroll – President and CEO of Carroll Financial Associates, Inc., Don Jenkins – President and CEO of Jenkins & Wynne Ford, Honda and Lincoln, Dr. Valencia May – Owner of Plaza Dental Offices and U.S. Air Force veteran, Army Brig. Gen. Robin Mealer (retired) – Director at the U.S. Army Manpower Analysis Agency, Mike O'Malley – Partner and CEO of Wendy's Bowling Green; and Army Gen. Gary Luck (retired) – 35-year officer in the U.S. Army and former Commander, Joint Special Operations Command.

APSU's board is one of six Tennessee university boards put in place by Haslam as part of the FOCUS Act passed by the General Assembly earlier this year.

The other governing boards put in place by the governor include East Tennessee State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee

State University, Tennessee Technological University and the University of Memphis.

"There is an incredible momentum around Tennessee's college enrollment rate, which increased to a historic high of 62.5 percent in 2015. With Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Reconnect we've been successful in increasing access to higher education, but as we change the conversation and culture of expectations in our state we have to ensure our colleges and universities are supported in their efforts to create student success. These six local governing boards will provide more focused support to the institutions as we continue the Drive to 55, or push to have 55 percent of Tennesseans with a degree or credential by 2025," Haslam said.

Haslam himself appoints the members to the local governing boards, with the General Assembly holding the responsibility of conforming said members. The board appointments are effective Jan. 16, 2017. After being confirmed, board members will undergo orientation and professional development delivered by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

The Drive to 55 is an initiative started by Haslam with the goal of increasing the number of Tennessee residents with a college education to 55 percent by 2025. Part of that initiative is the Tennessee Promise program which provides high school graduates scholarships to attend two years of community or technical college free of tuition and fees. The program has also helped develop a more comprehensive state approach to serving student veterans.

SGA introduce 5 new pieces of legislation

PATRICK ROACH
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association introduced five different pieces of legislation during their meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Former Sen. Jay Alvarez introduced Resolution No. 2 that calls for the creation of sleeping pods on campus. Sleeping pods are special chairs designed specifically for sleeping. Alvarez said APSU would be ideal for this type of addition as it is a commuter campus. Sleeping pods are a part of campuses such as University of California Berkeley and the University of Miami for exhausted students.

Alvarez also introduced Resolution No. 3 which would reduce the number of papers produced by The All State by 30 percent.

“Reducing the number of copies produced will save the university money that can now be used to better benefit our students” Alvarez said. It is worth noting that student activity fees do not fund The All State and printing of The All State is strictly funded by advertising revenue.

Resolution No. 4 was introduced by Sen. Jacob Robertson to recognize the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017. The legislation calls for the university to recognize that APSU is “one of the best locations to view the total solar eclipse” according to the resolution. Resolution No. 4 also calls for proper equipment for the viewing of the solar eclipse to be provided to students free of charge.

Resolution No. 5, authored by Sen. Sara Alexander, calls for proper signage on campus indicating which areas of campus prohibit firearms. A Tennessee state law passed in June allows certain university faculty members to carry concealed firearms on campus, but certain areas still have restrictions including “stadiums, gymnasiums and auditoriums when school sponsored events are in progress.”

Resolution No. 6, authored by Sen. Daisia Frank, calls for a short biography describing candidates as they appear on SGA ballots during elections. “Including a short biography will eliminate the belief that Student Government elections are based on popularity rather than beneficial qualities” Frank said.

President Ryan Honea recognized The All State and its Editor-in-Chief Celeste Malone with a certificate of appreciation. Honea also presented Malone and several senators with their official membership into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honors Society.

CANCER

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healthy. By eating healthy, exercising, avoiding tobacco and staying protected in the sun, chances of developing breast cancer are decreased. The American Cancer Society suggests regular cancer screenings for men and women.

University Recreation will be hosting their seventh Annual Breast Cancer Awareness 5k in February. For more information, visit apsu.edu/recreation/breast-cancer-awareness-5k for more details.

Those wishing to donate to breast cancer research or learn more about breast cancer can refer to the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, National Breast Cancer Foundation.

2016 Homecoming brings out the govs

“Home is where the Govs are”

ETHAN STEINQUEST
MANAGING EDITOR

The bonfire may have burned out, but there is still plenty of time for the campus community to get involved in Homecoming 2016. Activities will continue from Wednesday, Oct. 19, through Saturday, Oct. 22.

Homecoming week is held as a celebration of school spirit and a show of support for APSU football, according to Director of Student Life and Engagement Victor Felts.

Each of the week’s events leads up to the football game against Mercer University at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Fortera Stadium. Before the Govs take the field, the community will march across campus as part of the Homecoming Parade beginning at 10 a.m. Former APSU basketball player L.M. Ellis will serve as the grand marshal.

“[Homecoming] will be some of the most cherished memories of APSU you will reflect on as an alumni.”

VICTOR FELTS
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE AND ENGAGEMENT

“Ellis was the first black basketball player to play at APSU,” Felts said. “Ellis [was also] the first black basketball player signed to play in the Ohio Valley Conference – breaking a longstanding color barrier.”

The Homecoming Queen and King will be crowned during halftime at the football game.

“Through a popular vote by the student body, the Homecoming Court consisting of five women and five men is elected,” Felts said. “The 10 members of the court are interviewed by a committee of faculty, staff and alumni, who determine the Queen and King.”

Another campus tradition is the Homecoming Concert. This year’s artist is Frankie Ballard, a country musician who has scored three top 10 hits on the Hot Country Songs chart. Ballard will perform at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20, in the Foy Fitness Center.

“[Homecoming] will be some of the most cherished memories of APSU you will reflect on as an alumni,” Felts said. “Friendly competitions, late night meals at Johnny’s Big Burger, [the] excitement of participating in the parade and the suspense of hearing the name of the Homecoming Queen and King announced make for memories that last a lifetime.”

For a complete schedule of Homecoming 2016 events and ticket information, visit <http://www.apsu.edu/student-life/aphomecoming>.



Students, faculty, staff and the Gov participating in 2016 Homecoming T-shirt distribution and the Bonfire Yell on Monday, Oct. 17, 2016 in the Morgan University Plaza and Dunn Bowl. **REBEKAH LANGLEY AND HUNTER ABRAMS** | THE ALL STATE



CRIME LOG

THEFT OF PROPERTY
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9:47 a.m. - Oct. 12
On-Going

CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION
Stadium West- 602 Summer St.
2:35 a.m. - Oct 12
Arrest

CRIMINAL TRESPASS
Stadium West- 602 Summer St.
2:35 a.m. - Oct . 11
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BURGLARY
Dunn Center/ Robb Avenue Lot
1:44 p.m. - Oct. 11
On-Going

SIMPLE POSSESSION/ CASUAL EXCHANGE
Castle Heights Hall- 305 Castle Hgts
3:08 a.m. - Oct. 11
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THEFT OF PROPERTY- CONDUCT
Harvill Bookstore Building
2:38 p.m. - Oct. 10
On-Going

BURGLARY
Meacham Apartments- 235 West Ave.
11:35 a.m. - Oct. 10
On-Going

THEFT OF PROPERTY
Dunn Center/ Robb Avenue Lot
7:31 p.m. - Oct. 10 2016
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VANDALISM
York St. - 511
9:44 a.m. - Oct. 8
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THEFT OF PROPERTY
Foy Fitness & Rec
4:47 p.m. - Oct. 7
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FORGERY
Morgan University Center- 16 Browning
10:08 a.m. - Oct. 6
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DRUG PARAPHERNALIA- UNLAWFUL USE
Blount Hall- 14 Gov's Ct.
10:40 p.m. - Oct. 5
Report

BURGLARY
Meacham Apartments- 235 West Ave.
7:23 p.m. - Oct. 4
Report

CRIMINAL TRESPASS
Burt Lot
1:32 p.m. Oct. 3
Arrest

VANDALISM
Ellington- 331 Drane St.
12:13 p.m. - Oct. 3
Report

EVADING ARREST
Drane & Marion
8:14 p.m. - Oct. 1
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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



We deserve better

Trump does not represent American values, will stifle progress



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Over the course of the past year-and-a half, Donald Trump has shown his true colors: Those are misogynistic, racist, intolerant, inept and deeply problematic.

The U.S. deserves a better leader than Trump. With the recent remarks implying his kissing women without their consent and how he can grab them by the genitals and get away with it, as well as the multiple women who have come forward with allegations of sexual assault, voters should be fully aware of the threat this man presents to the citizens of the U.S.

This type of comment validates and encourages perpetrators of sexual assault and rape to continue with their unredeemable attitudes and behaviors. This type of comment shows Trump’s deeply ingrained hatred and objectification of women.

This candidate should not represent the U.S. because, at its core, the U.S. does not tolerate the abhorrent values Trump represents.

Trump repeatedly treats racial groups as objects, like one person can represent an entire group of people.

At a rally in California in June, Trump tried to prove he was not racist by pointing at a black supporter and saying “look at my African-American over here.” The implications of this statement alone are horrid.

SEXISM

Trump’s feud with reporter Megyn Kelly further shows his intolerance. After a presidential debate, when Kelly asked Trump about his misogynistic comments about women, Trump retaliated by saying there was “blood coming out of her wherever,” according to CNN.

Trump called former Miss Universe winner Alicia Machado “Miss Piggy” and “Miss Housekeeper” because she is Venezuelan.

Trump supported his comments by saying, “she gained a massive amount of weight, and it was a real problem,” according to NPR.

These comments do not show a person who values women or treats them with respect.

RACISM

Trump said Gonzalo Curiel, a federal judge who presided over a case involving Trump University, was biased because “he’s a Mexican.”

Trump said he wants to build a wall to keep out immigrants who he calls “criminals” and “rapists.”

Trump’s real estate company was sued twice for racial discrimination against black people trying to rent apartments in New York.

Trump was asked by CNN if he condemns the white supremacists and KKK members who support him. He said he did not know about the white supremacists, so he could not condemn them.

Among other offenses, Trump spearheaded a long, racist tirade against President Barack Obama’s birth. Trump repeatedly put pressure on Obama to release his birth certificate, trying to prove he is not American. Obama’s birth certificate proved he was born in Hawaii. In the first presidential debate, Trump stood by his racist behavior.

Here is the question: would Trump have treated Obama in the same way if he were white? I think we all know the answer.

On Cinco De Mayo, Trump posted a picture on Twitter of him eating a taco bowl captioned with “I love Hispanics.” According to *The Huffington Post*, Gov. Jeb Bush responded by saying “It’s like eating a watermelon and saying ‘I love African-Americans.’”

CONCLUSION

We are the America that passed Brown v. Board of Education, allowing integration of black and white people into the same schools. We are the America that passed Roe v. Wade, the court case allowing women to be in control of their own reproductive rights.

We are the America that dismantled Don’t Ask Don’t Tell and legalized same-sex marriage. We are the America that passed the Lily Ledbetter Act to help equalize pay for women in the workplace.

We are the America that speaks up when we see inequality. We speak up when we hear intolerance; we speak up when we see that our police are indiscriminately killing young black men. We speak up when people are not treated equally because of their skin color, gender, orientation or appearance.

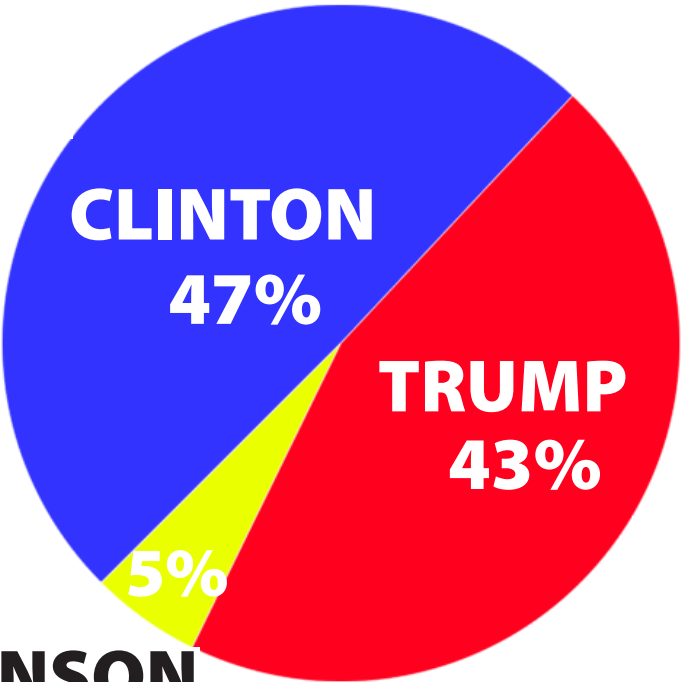
We are the America that values progress, not regression. Trump’s values and policies do not promote progress, they promote separation, intolerance and hate.

Civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

We are not the America that will vote Trump into office, because underneath our differences in political views, we can see this man is not who will help further our country; he will try to tear down the progress that has been built up so far.

TRUMP’S TRUE COLORS

- Misogynistic
- Boasted about grabbing women’s genitals without consent, shamed former Miss USA contestant for her weight, said Megyn Kelly had “blood coming out of her wherever.”
- Racist
- Questioned President Barack Obama’s birth place.
- Homophobic
- Implied black people only live in “inner cities,” said they “have nothing to lose” so they should vote for him.
- Intolerant
- Wants to force Muslims entering the U.S. to go through “extreme vetting,” attacked Kahn family (parents of fallen soldier) for being Muslim.
- Bully
- Called John McCain “weak” because he was a prisoner of war.



JOHNSON

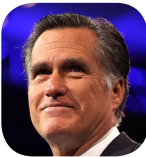
Recent polling from ABC News/Washington Post shows Hillary Clinton with 47 percent of the vote, Donald Trump with 43 percent and Gary Johnson with 5 percent. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Republicans who oppose Donald Trump

“[Trump’s behaviors] revealed a character and temperament unfit for the leader of the free world.”

“I don’t know how women can vote for someone who said what he said about Megyn Kelly. It’s terrible.”

MITT ROMNEY
FORMER REPUBLICAN NOMINEE



Mitt Romney, former Republican nominee



John McCain, former Republican nominee



Jeb Bush, Republican candidate



Barbara Bush, former first lady



Bill Haslam, gov. of Tennessee



Chris Shays, U.S. representative



John Warner, former secretary of the Navy



Christine Todd Whitman, former gov. of New Jersey



Barbara Comstock, Virginia representative



Jon Huntsman, former gov. of Utah

EXTRAS



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

The Gov celebrating the Homecoming kick-off in the Dunn Bowl at the annual Bonfire Yell where Homecoming Court is announced on Monday, Oct. 17 2016. HUNTER ABRAMS | THE ALL STATE

King Crossword

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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FEATURES

Drag Show rocks campus in Clement Auditorium



The Gay Straight Alliance at APSU hosted this year's Drag Show. The various performers received monetary tips during each of their performances, and many of the acts got close and personal with the audience. Performers went by their stage names from the moment they began preparations Thursday, Oct. 13 until the very end. Anna Freeze (top left) has performed for 15 years. CHANEICE JACKSON | THE ALL STATE

Anna Freeze continues 15-year tradition at GSA's annual Drag Show on Thursday

JOSHUA CLEMENTS
FEATURES WRITER

It was about two hours from show time when Anna Freeze arrived at the Clement auditorium. The occasion was the annual Gay Straight Alliance Drag Show on Thursday, Oct. 13, which saw other performers arrive with suitcases full of outfits and a plethora of wigs. Freeze joined three other performers to rehearse one of their big group numbers. They ran through the set several times to work out the kinks. Once they were happy with how it ran, they gathered in the dressing area

to prepare for their performance. About 45 minutes before show time, everyone started to get into costume. "It takes me about four hours to get ready with makeup and outfits," Freeze said. "Sometimes it will be four hours just for the makeup depending on the situation." It was a sight to behold; each of the performers would rush back to the dressing rooms after their performances and become "whirling dervishes" while getting ready for the next one. The only time to spare was at the top of the stairs in the backstage area, when each of the

performers would let out a large sigh and get to changing. "I have been doing drag shows for 15 years now, and have no plans to stop anytime soon," Freeze said. "I have also been coming to the GSA shows for a long time now, as this is something like my 20th show here on campus." It seemed to be just enough time between sets for Freeze to get ready, because as soon as she was finished she would have to move at a brisk pace to make it to the wings of the stage. Freeze is a tall person out of costume, so when she gets in full costume, which usually involved shoes with increased height, she is absolutely towering. While the performers have fun being on stage and cutting loose, they are only half of the equation.

The students also make up an important part of the experience as the performers can feed off of their energy to make the routines even better. "This my first ever drag show and I have never seen anything like it before," freshman psychology major Amber Anderson said. "It is fun to see all the provocative dances because it feels very risqué." Freeze said she admired the cultural significance of the drag show. "I really love drag shows because they are an important part of the LGBTQ community and it is something that goes back to the Stonewall era," Freeze said. "However, they mean something different today than they did back then as now drag shows are a way for the community to show solidarity with one another."

Changing majors during school is common

Students' paths through college are unique and valid



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Students are encouraged to get involved on campus as soon as they arrive, whether by joining student organizations, seeking a new family through Greek life or joining an intramural sports team. Even more critical aspects college students explore are attending the right school and choosing the right career paths.

Choosing a major is a significant moment in any student's college career. Sometimes we don't get it right the first time, but that's OK. It's important for students to research, try out different courses and become familiar with departments on campus because making the decision to change your major or transfer schools could be one of the best decisions you make in college.

The selection process can be simple for some students.

"An important factor when choosing a major or deciding to switch your major is interest. I've always known I wanted to work in the science field, even as a little kid," sophomore medical laboratory science major Diana Gott said.

It's not always that simple. Some students were in high school a short time ago, so the nature of the decisions they previously made, including planning prom night and senior pranks, does not compare to the more consequential decisions of mapping out their entire future.

As scary as it seems, students should set aside feelings of fear and doubt by taking a leap of faith. The bright side of college is nothing is set in stone. College encourages students to step outside of their comfort zones.

According to the APSU Office of

Admissions, the university receives most of its transfer students from Nashville State, Hopkinsville Community College and Volunteer State. A total of 640 students transferred to APSU this semester, with 232 arriving from in-state community colleges.

Junior media technology major Hayden Drury said he started his college career at Middle Tennessee State University as a philosophy major before transferring to APSU.

"Whether it's cost effectiveness, or whether or not you can get into a better program, transferring schools can be beneficial," Drury said. "For me, it was the location. I knew I would receive a better education in a place I was familiar with, versus being in a place I didn't know very well." Every student's experience in college is going to be different, but one mindset all students should share is they are attending the right school.

Some students feel obligated to follow paths paved by their parents; however, college helps them create their own.

"I've considered switching my major to psychology because my mom's a psychologist, but I've always had a passion for fixing things, and messing with gadgets and electronics," freshman mechatronics major Quinton King said.

That is what college is all about, finding yourself and your purpose. To students who are considering changing their major, King said "Do what makes you happy."

The process of switching majors or transferring schools is not as scary as it seems. College promotes trial and error. Whether you've known your path your entire life, or you're still figuring it all out, there isn't a deadline. You can always work toward your future at your own pace, even if that means switching your learning environment or changing your career path – your future self just might thank you.



The Communications department hosts the AP Debate Forum once a year. The topic of the debate appeared on social media prior to the day of the debate. TREVOR MERRILL | THE ALL STATE

Students debate one another about importance of voting

Biannual AP Debate allows expression and exchange of ideas in formal setting

AALIYAH MITCHELL
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With the election season approaching this November, the biannual AP Debate forum garnered student interest this year with an election-related topic for debate; whether "it should be the duty of citizens to vote in democratic elections" or not. The event was held on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Music Mass Communications building.

The students were asked to prepare arguments for and against one premise: "It should be the duty of citizens to vote in democratic elections."

Each side had two students argue in five-minute opening statements to frame the debate. Then, each attendee who wanted to speak was given two minutes to argue for or against. At the end, the original four students who had given opening arguments gave closing arguments.

"I feel as though while talking about why we should exercise our right to vote should be a part of the conversation, there is way more to it than that. We need a full reform of this electoral college so that the electoral college isn't rigged against us because that way our voices will truly be heard," freshman communications major Juno von Palko said, arguing for the con side.

Before the debate began, participants were asked to go on their smartphones and vote in a social media poll. The results of the poll showed on a large

screen in the center of the stage at the end of the evening, determining that 59 percent of the attendants were on the pro side, 22 percent of the attendants were on the con side and 18 percent of the attendants were undecided on the issue.

After the debate, another poll was taken, showing 48 percent of the attendants were on the pro side, 42 percent were on the con side and 11 percent were undecided, making the pro side the winners.

"Being a mother, I have a child, and I want her to know that yes, it is your right to vote but it should be your responsibility to vote," sophomore biology major Halie Ledbetter said.

The Communications Department holds a student debate every semester so that speech and communications students can get credit for their classes by participating in the debate. However, all students are welcome.

"I think this was a phenomenal debate," Assistant Professor of Communications Rob Baron said. "There are a couple of ways you can measure debates, one is who wins and who loses, but for me as someone who's in charge of moderating it, the best debates are ones where we have a lot of participation, and compared to past debate forums, this has been a really good, well-attended and active debate. I was really happy to see a lot of students get up there and speak, and really happy to see lots of people make really good arguments on both sides of the debate."

Organization kindles religious communication

Catholic Student Association offers community-based discussions on faith

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There is a 23 percent drop in religious service attendance from students after three years in college, according to the Higher Education Research Institution at the University of California, Los Angeles. The Catholic Student Association (CSA) is a group that tries to avoid these kinds of drops by inviting anyone, not just Catholic students, to the organization's meetings on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

The group meets at 715 Franklin St., across from the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, only a five minute walk from APSU's campus. The Catholic Student Association spends time in their meetings educating on the Catholic faith, speaking on any issues that may be occurring and connecting them with faith.

"In our meetings we enjoy pizza after blessing it and usually we have philosophical discussions. We try to watch a video a few minutes long and then discuss how it relates to Catholicism. And if anyone ever has questions over the Catholic faith, we answer them. Sometimes we even have guest speakers come and talk." CSA social chair of the association and junior history major Christopher Mattox said.

The association gathers together at meetings to grow faith but also welcomes anyone with questions. The CSA also goes on retreats when they can.

The club has been around for over 20

years and used to be called the Newman Club.

"What I think makes our group so great is having these educated advisers like our group has. They are well educated in the faith, and know so much about what we go through as college students because they have been there. They are college professors and know the struggles we face as college students. I think they are our greatest resource here for the CSA as a whole," junior political science major Laura Picataggio said.

CSA is group that follows the Catholic goal of serving.

"The main thing Catholic faith is about is serving," professor of Latin and Greek and adviser for the CSA Timothy Winters said.

He said with religious services being abandoned by students, it is important to an association like the Catholic Student Association that is available and open to all.

"Almost every prominent scientist is an atheist. Catholic scientists were at the forefront of great scientific discovery. People too often associate faith with anti-intellectual. Like, if you believe in God, therefore you shouldn't believe in evolution," Latin and Mythology teacher and adviser of CSA Mary Winters said, "Catholicism is not at all against any of those theories."

The CSA meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and enjoys pizza and lessons. It is open to everyone, and the advisers and president are always open to questions.



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Robertson wants to “change the game”

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Each athlete aspires to be the play maker on the field. No matter what position they play in or what role they serve, every athlete wants to leave their mark on the field.

Motivation for that can come from anywhere.

For junior forward Kirstin Robertson, the motivation, or rather the reminder of that motivation, comes from a message written in sharpie on her wrist.

Before every game, each individual member of her team writes something on their wrist(s) that means something to them. “A lot of us write something on our wrist before games to remind us what we want to do,” said Robertson. “Change the game” are three words that can be found upon the wrist of the junior striker.

The 13-letter message has been Robertson’s driving force this season, and it is propelling her and the team to a strong standing on the season and in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Robertson attributes her personal challenge of changing the game to her resilience on the field and refusal to quit. A shining example of Robertson’s initiative is a goal she scored when the Lady Govs faced their biggest test of the season, a road trip to Texas Christian.

Ultimately, the game ended in a 4-1 loss for APSU. Despite that, Robertson followed through on a play to score APSU’s lone goal of the game. The striker opened up an opportunity on a play while trailing TCU 3-0, and managed to steal the ball from keeper Courtney Hofer and slide it into the net.

Robertson blasted a game winning goal in the first two games of the year, plus three more later on and is now embarking on an ocean of success.

Success in sports, and in all aspects, is a process.

It takes an athlete a while to master their craft. Years of practice are all a part of the process to becoming elite. For Robertson, soccer has always been present.

“I was 6 years old [when I started], but it feels like my entire life,” said the junior.

Robertson started playing soccer along with her brother, and continued with the sport as she grew.

Robertson played through her academic career, which included playing soccer at Harpeth Hall in Nashville, Tennessee.

Robertson won a State Championship her senior year with Harpeth Hall and was named Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association 2013 Division II AA Middle/East Region MVP with 27 goals before coming to APSU.

At the moment Robertson has 10 goals on the season. Combined with three assists and 23 points, the Cheatham County native has been

extremely effective for the Lady Govs. Robertson’s 10 goals now have her tied for 16th in the nation.

Robertson’s accomplishments in soccer, both before coming to APSU and now, shows how she strives in a competitive environment, and that fight to be the best is a natural drive.

“I’m almost competitive,” said Robertson on what drives her.

She jokingly added that she might be too competitive, but that fire in her play brings success to her individually.

Throughout her 2016 season, Robertson’s success has awarded her the adidas® OVC Player of the Week on three separate occasions. The first came after Robertson scored the game winning goals against UAB and Alabama State.

The second award was Robertson adding three goals to her resume over a weekend with games against TCU and UT Chattanooga.

The third award came after

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KIRSTEN ROBERTSON
SOCCER PLAYER

Robertson had two goals and two assists in one weekend against UT Martin and Southeast Missouri.

Amongst all the personal and team success, Robertson has one main goal this season, to win the Ohio Valley Conference.

Robertson leads the conference in points and points per game while being tied for first in goals.

The Lady Govs have found success in conference play while jumping out to a five game unbeaten streak, but currently sit at sixth in the conference following a couple draws and losses.

Robertson has scored three goals and tallied two assists in the conference this season.

Add 6 points to her resume and she serves as a focal point for the Lady Govs success.

“Last year as an offense as a whole we couldn’t click, but now we are firing on all cylinders,” Robertson said. Championships aren’t typically won by the best team, but by the team that peaks at the right time.

Robertson and the Lady Govs are hitting their stride deep in the schedule, and with the OVC tournament on the horizon the team looks to carry their success over the next few weeks.

Three games remain for the Lady Govs in the regular season, so Robertson is slowly being limited to opportunities to change the game, but what lies ahead is what she and the team have been working and striving towards.



Kirsten Robertson put her only shot in the back of the net against the Evansville Aces leaving her 100 percent on the day during their 2-0 win.
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Kirsten Robertson contributed to the 2-0 win over the Evansville Aces.
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