

Foust House slated for demolition



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The Foust House was placed on the registry of historic places July 7, 1988. It was placed in the registry because of its architectural style. The house was purchased by APSU from the Foust family in 1996. In 2001, according to documents from the Tennessee Historical Commission, APSU estimated a cost of \$45,000 to demolish the house. According to Mitch Robinson, the Foust house was untouched by the January 1999 tornado that struck campus.

In 2001, Leatherwood Inc. issued a report about the Foust House for APSU. When they arrived, the roof hatch was off and was letting rain in and contributing to moisture damage. A \$40,000 grant was received in 1999 to repair the damaged roof.

Vacant house safe until March 2009

By KYLE NELSON
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In March 2009 the Foust House, a vacant building between Hand Village and the Baptist Collegiate ministries building, will no longer be protected by a covenant which has prevented its demolition for nearly 10 years.

The house, built in the late 1800s, was placed on the national registry of historic buildings in 1988.

According to Mitch Robinson, vice president of finance and administration, the university plans to demolish the site once the covenant ends.

"While we would like to restore the history and significance of the house," Robinson said, "it would be a financial challenge."

According to the President's Cabinet minutes from Oct. 9, 2001, it was found that

the cost to renovate the Foust House was, "prohibitive," and requested permission from the Tennessee Historical Commissions to remove the building.

In September of 2001, both Austin Peay State University and the Tennessee Board of Regents petitioned the THC to remove the building from the historic registry.

Both requests were denied based on the covenant and the house's historic significance, which is in its architectural design.

According to Robinson, the estimated cost of \$1.2 to \$1.5 million to renovate was the chief current reason to demolish the house.

In a letter obtained from the THC courtesy of Brian Beadles, preservationist, TBR and former APSU President Sherry Hoppe emphasized the deteriorating structure, vandalism, the need to make room for the place of Hand Village and presence of both lead paint and asbestos as reasons to demolish the building.

"Anytime we renovate some of our old buildings, we're required to [remove asbestos].

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Mitch Robinson, vice president of finance and administration



It's not inexpensive," Robinson said.

A decision was made to renovate the Foust House, according to Robinson, early in APSU's 1996 purchase of the property.

This is confirmed by a \$40,000 grant received in 1999 from THC to repair the building's roof, repair the gutters, haul off trash and repair the siding of the house. Of those things, only the roof has been repaired.

Even though this was done, it apparently was not done well according to a report by Leatherwood, Inc., which stated, "Although the roofing was well-installed and the decaying rafters repaired, there still exists a fungus growth which is damaging the rafters and ceiling joists ... Note the light hole in the

edge of the roof. This will let in water and animals which can damage the structure further."

According to a letter written by Hoppe, "Funding only allowed replacement of roof shingles: neither the siding nor the masonry work was funded."

The report is comprised of photographs of the house and accompanying conclusions.

The report was conducted at the request of the THC after APSU petitioned the Foust House be removed from the registry according to the letter attached to the report.

In order to receive the grant, APSU had to sign a 10-year covenant with the THC that held they would "assume the cost of the continued maintenance and repair," of the Foust House in order to protect, "the architectural, historical or archeological integrity."

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SGA: WEEKLY ROUNDUP

Hall speaks to senate, elections held

"We want to foster a climate where students can be encouraged to participate."
Timothy Hall, president



By TINEA PAYNE
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President Timothy Hall's words left an impression on his listeners during the Oct. 14 Student Government Association meeting.

The SGA Executive Committee invited Hall to speak at the meeting to introduce, not only himself, but his purpose at Austin Peay State University.

Hall introduced himself to the SGA senate and answered various questions regarding campus policy changes and funding.

"We want students to be engaged at APSU," Hall said. "We want to foster a climate where students can be encouraged to participate."

Hall also noted the need for more programs to support academics and encouraging students to "own and belong" to the APSU campus.

He also mentioned the need to focus extra attention on prominent department programs. Marc Bady, Chief Justice, looks forward to

the new president's changes on campus.

"He's more accessible to the students," Bady said. "It's good that he wants to be more involved [on campus]."

"[Hall] is what we need now," said Brian Huffman, SGA president.

"President Hoppe was what we needed then and [Hall] is what we need now to move forward," Huffman said.

SGA event turnout

SGA proceeded to discuss Mudbowl results. Nearly 700 participants composing 40 teams "got dirty" Oct. 4 in the SGA sponsored event.

SGA presented awards for winners of the volleyball and "tug-o-war" competitions. Mudbowl is an annual event held at the intramural field every fall where students and organizations set up teams and battle it out in a muddy environment.

AP Day, the new student day for juniors, seniors and graduates, will be coming to APSU on both days, Oct. 20 and Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is welcome to new students as well as the campus community.

SGA is looking for volunteers to assist the admissions office during both event dates.

SGA also discussed its first "Lobby Day," which is scheduled for Oct. 22. SGA is using

the event as a chance for the SGA Senate to introduce themselves to the campus community and talk to students, encouraging them to speak out and get involved on campus.

The executive committee resurfaced the G.H.O.S.T. (Greater Halloween Options for Safe Trick or Treating) event. This year, SGA will not provide candy for participating organizations.

Students who do not belong to an organization can also participate.

G.H.O.S.T. will be held on Oct. 28 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SGA Senate elections

At the meeting, SGA held its elections for class chairperson, speaker pro temp and parliamentary positions.

Front runners for the class chair elections are freshman Senator Steven Biter, sophomore Senator Graham Stewart, junior Senator Toni Lynn Dunson and senior Senator Sarah Bullock.

SGA Senate elected nominees for graduate class chair and parliamentarian.

SGA placed votes for speaker pro temp; neither candidate received 2/3 vote from the senate and will resume election next week.

A Graduate class chairperson and parliamentarian will be elected next week. ♦

SOARE shows movie to teach conservation

By TANYA LUDLOW
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SOARE (Students Organized to Advance Renewable Energy) presented "Kilowatt Ours," a documentary that advocates renewable energy and conservation, at the United Methodist Church on Madison Street at 6 p.m., Oct. 14. "Kilowatt Ours" documents the odyssey of filmmaker Jeff Barrie as he journeys through the southeastern U.S. and chronicles the effects of coal energy usage and discovers solutions to America's energy related problems.

Barrie, who runs his nonprofit organization also called Kilowatt Ours from Nashville, focused on the Southeast because the region uses up to 30 percent more electricity than the national average, and mountaintop removal for coal mining is devastating the Appalachians.

According to the film, the average home in the Southeast burns approximately six tons of coal per year, air pollution contributes to 11,000 deaths per year in the Southeast alone and schools in America spend more on energy bills than they do on computers and text books combined.

Aside from relating the staggering social and environmental costs of coal usage, "Kilowatt Ours" provides viewers with cost effective ways to increase their energy efficiency.

An example would be to switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs which use 20 percent as much electricity as a 100 watt incandescent bulb and lasts years longer.

Recycling was also another issue that was emphasized in the film. Recycling one aluminum can save enough energy to power a TV for three hours.

After viewing the film, a panel consisting of Jessica Cameron, president of SOARE, Joe Schiller, associate

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FYI

♦ Career Fair today in the UC Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.