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STUDENTS ELECT NEW SGA CABINET

CIDNIE SYDNEY-BREWINGTON | STAFF WRITER

Jesse Brewer shakes hands with those congratulating him for winning the election for SGA secretary. Brewer won the position with 62 percent of the vote.

Gaasch elected president, Denton elected vice president, Brewer elected secretary

By BRIAN BIGELOW
Assistant News Editor

Last week the student body made its voice heard by electing its Student Government Association representatives for the upcoming academic year.

There were 872 valid votes cast in the election held from Tuesday, March 22, through Thursday, March 24, though not all ballots contained votes for all positions.

Gaasch

Current SGA Chief Justice Trenton Gaasch was elected SGA president with 490 votes. He defeated runner-up Kelvin Rutledge who received 332 votes.

All SGA executive council positions and SGA senate positions, except for freshman and graduate senate seats, were decided in the election.

Both SGA executive branch officers and senate members elected during the spring semester will serve a term of "one calendar year" beginning one day after spring commencement, according to SGA constitution.

Catherine Denton, who ran unopposed, was elected SGA vice president with 97 percent of the vote.

Jesse Brewer was elected executive secretary with 62 percent of the vote. Both are currently serving terms as senators for the College of Arts and Letters.

Election results were announced by Associate Justice and acting Chief Justice Katherine White and ratified by three members of the SGA internal affairs committee on Friday, March 25. All election results were unanimously ratified.

"I hold a strong desire to provide a more effective way for students to express their questions, comments and concerns," Gaasch said.

The president is responsible for acting as the voice of the student body, as well as appointing members to research and senate committees. He also serves as a non-voting member of the senate.

One way Gaasch hopes to accomplish greater student involvement is to introduce a monthly "table of concern" in the Morgan University Center where a representative of SGA will be present to listen to students' questions and concerns.

"One great thing about the newly elected executive committee is that we have similar things that we would like to see happen this upcoming term," Denton said.

"I would like to see legislation that is written to reflect the wants and needs of the student body," Denton said.

Denton counts among her priorities "implementing more student forums, 'revamping' SGA sponsored events and taking different approaches to common situations."

The position of vice president entails assisting the president in administrative duties, taking over as president in the event a president can no longer fulfill his or her duties, leading senate meetings and acting as chairperson of the Greater Halloween Options for Safe Trick or Treating (G.H.O.S.T.) program.

Denton

"I have heard students do not know who represents them, when SGA meetings are held and what SGA does," said Brewer.

"I plan to personally work on advertising SGA among APSU students."

Brewer

"The current president, Kenny Kennedy, has done an excellent job," Gaasch said.

"And I plan on meeting with him ... to not only make a smooth transition into the position, but to accrue as much information about the position as possible."

"SGA is a large student organization and nothing we do is really a one man task," said Kennedy said.

"It's been my job this year to connect students' concerns to administration, faculty and staff," Kennedy said.

"I really hope that's my legacy, that during my time in office, students felt like SGA was listening and responding to what they were saying."

Kennedy is enthusiastic in his support of Gaasch as the president-elect.

"[As Chief justice, Gaasch] learned a great deal about being SGA president. He was able to see and learn from my mistakes and successes," Kennedy said. *TAS*

SGA SENATE ELECTION RESULTS

Sophomore Senator

Kelsie Penick - total votes 570 (winner)

Junior Senator

Roger "R.J." M. Taylor, Jr. - total votes 590 (winner)

Senior Senator

William Hoekstra - total votes 41 (winner, write-in)

College of Arts and Letters

Jonathan Jeans - total votes 450 (winner)

Thomas Paul Smith - total votes 405 (winner)

Jessica Weaver - total votes 36 (winner, write-in)

College of Behavioral and Health Sciences

James Cameron Bentley - total votes 426 (winner)

Carlos Moreno - total votes 418 (winner)

Sarah Simpson - total votes 15 (winner, write-in)

College of Business

Jane Stevens - total votes 60 (winner, write-in)

Jason Gerome Taylor - total votes 64 (winner, write-in)

Ashley E. White - total votes 529 (winner)

College of Education

Courtney Berg - total votes 6 (winner, write-in)

LlieAnna Traughber - total votes 61 (winner, write-in)

Katherine Worsham - total votes 22 (winner, write-in)

Freshman killed in crash

By BRIAN BIGELOW
Assistant News Editor

Taylor Webster, freshman business major, was killed Tuesday, March 22, in a head-on collision. The wreck occurred around noon near the intersection of state Highway 149 and Killebrew Lane in Palmyra.

Webster, 20, was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident, and declared dead at the scene.

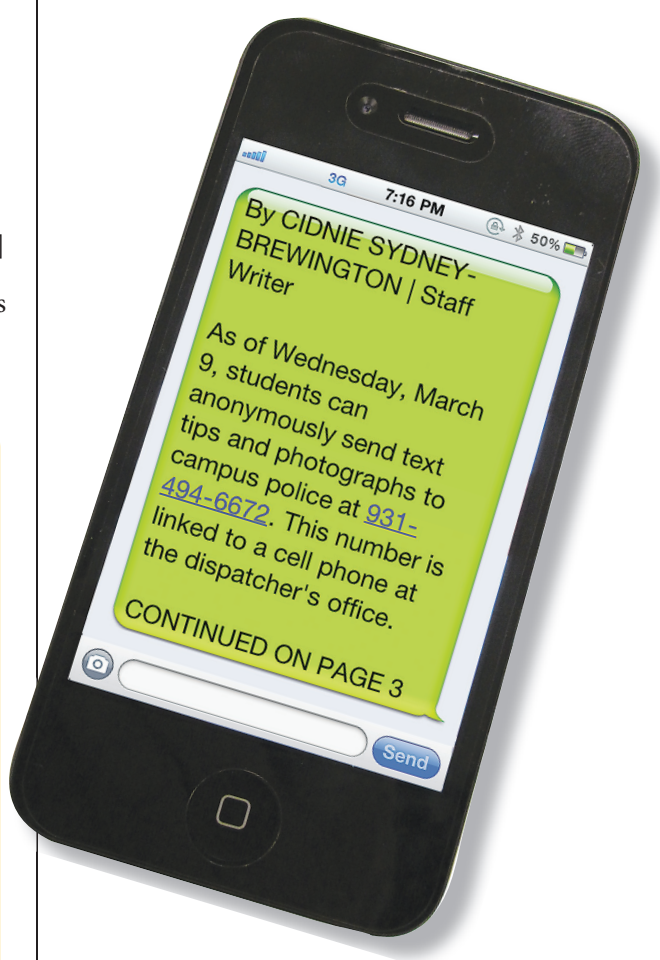
The driver of the other car, Terrence Jones, 44, was injured and transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center by AirEvac helicopter. Jones was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

Webster was driving westbound in a 1995 Volkswagen when he crossed into the eastbound lane and collided head-on with Jones' Ford F-150, according to the Tennessee Highway Patrol accident report.

According to the report, "witnesses say possibly drag racing or road rage may have been a factor." Alcohol and drugs were not listed as factors in the accident, though testing was requested for Webster.

No citations or criminal charges were issued as a result of the wreck. *TAS*

Anonymous text tips can now be sent to campus police



OTHER SERVICES OFFERED BY CAMPUS POLICE

Student Patrol:

The Public Safety Department operates a Security Escort Service every night from 6-11 p.m. for students who don't feel safe walking to their vehicles.

Motorist Assistance Program:

Public Safety will provide free 24 hour services to students who have car trouble such as a dead battery, empty gas tank or water for an overheated car, as well as towing and wrecker services.

Campus Alerts:

Public Safety will send out emails and update their website with safety and crime alerts that may affect students.

Campus Crime Statistics:

Public Safety keeps an updated campus crime log on their website.

Contact:

Phone: 931-221-7786

Email: police@apsu.edu

Website: www.apsu.edu/police

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The APSU crime log includes arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within two business days of an incident and new information to an incident is available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

- 6:52 p.m.; March 23; Meacham Apartments; harassment
- 11:18 a.m.; March 23; *; theft of property
- 8:47 a.m.; March 23; Greek Village; theft of property
- 1:51 p.m.; March 21; Blount Hall; underage possession/consumption
- 4:28 p.m.; March 20; Dunn Center; theft of property
- 4:27 p.m.; March 20; Cross Hall; possession by minor unlawful
- 9:37 a.m.; March 17; Hand Village; vandalism
- 9:10 p.m.; March 15; Hand Village; simple possession/casual exchange
- 9:10 p.m.; March 15; Hand Village; unlawful drug paraphernalia
- 9:19 a.m.; March 13; Eighth Street/Farris Street Lot; vandalism
- 1:42 a.m.; March 10; Emerald Hills/Two Rivers; contempt of court
- 9:49 p.m.; March 8; Emerald Hills/Two Rivers; domestic assault
- 10:11 p.m.; March 7; Killebrew Hall; theft of property

** Campus police did not include the missing information in the campus crime log*

Wednesday, March 23

Action	Vote	What it means for you
Senate Resolution 9, regarding the rules for absences among senators at Senate meetings, was presented to the Senate by Senator Aubrey Harris.	None	If passed, this resolution will eliminate excused absences for members of the SGA Senate from senate meetings and limit allowable absences to three per term.
Senate Resolution 10, regarding updating SGA attendance rules for senators, was presented to the Senate by Senator Aubrey Harris.	None	If passed, this resolution will revise the existing SGA Senate attendance policy to remove outdated information and simplify the rules and policies.
Tribunal and Chief Justice applications are now available online.	None	Information and applications are online for prospective candidates to apply for a position on the SGA Tribunal.
The Homecoming theme for Fall 2011 will be "Jurassic Peay."	None	Students can look forward to a dinosaur theme for homecoming in Fall 2011.
R.J. Taylor interviewed for Tennesse Board of Regents Student Regent position over weekend.	None	Taylor is a candidate for the only voting student position on TBR.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 30, at 4 p.m. in MUC 307

NEW EDITIONS TO THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY

Lol: (1) an eldery woman (2) Originally and chiefly in the language of electronic communications: 'ha ha!'; used to draw attention to a joke or humorous statement, or to express amusement.

OMG: expressing astonishment, excitement, embarrassment, etc.

Muffin top: (1) The top of a muffin; spec. the part which rises above the rim of the tin or cup during baking (2) A roll of flesh which hangs visibly over a person's (esp. a woman's) tight-fitting waistband.

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Texting

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"The use of a cell phone allows our dispatchers to receive the information and immediately send it to the officers in the field. The capability of using it for any phone calls has been disabled," said Lieutenant Carl Little, police officer supervisor.

To keep texts anonymous, the sender's text is deleted from the cell phone after the dispatcher transcribes the message.

The Monday, Feb. 14, shooting at MTSU influenced the decision to provide students with this option. "APSU officers were on [the MTSU] campus during their shooting incident conducting training," Lt. Little said.

"We observed several students providing information to the police by texting their observations to the dispatchers."

The information students texted in provided the dispatchers with the suspect's clothing and location which led to the suspect's arrest.

Lt. Little finds the use of texting anonymous tips and photographs to police efficient for all intents and purposes. "Any means to contact the police with current and accurate information is helpful. There are people in our society who don't want to be seen talking to the police,"

"It is impossible for police officers to be everywhere a crime is being committed." Lt. Little said.

"We are constantly looking at using the advances in technology to provide better service to the campus community." *TAS*

LOCAL BRIEFS

APSU raises awareness of brain injuries in soldiers, with 2 campus events planned

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — As Army troops from Fort Campbell, Ky., return home from overseas combat, they are looking to re-establish a lifestyle they had before deployment or begin a civilian life – either of which could include going to back to college.

APSU is the school of choice for many returning veterans, as is reflected in enrollment figures showing that, on average, approximately 11 percent of APSU's students are veterans or active duty military. Faculty, staff and students who are interested in developing greater awareness about how to serve the University's military students are invited to attend two upcoming events.

At 2 p.m., Friday, April 1, Lt. Venecia Rhoden, a registered nurse with the Warrior Transition Battalion at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital at Fort Campbell, will present a session about post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI), forms of brain injuries that can impact student learning and campus interactions for some returning soldiers – from simple things such as where they sit in a classroom to their ability to interact with others in the classroom.

Her presentation – co-sponsored by the Title III Center for Teaching and Learning and the Military Education Task Force, both at APSU – will be held in the Morgan University Center, Room 303. There will be a question-and-answer session and discussion after her talk.

Fort Campbell's Warrior Transition Battalion provides six months of rehabilitative care and complex medical management.

In the battalion, Rhoden works as a nurse case manager, responsible for identifying, advocating, tracking and coordinating care for medically redeployed soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan.

During the presentation, participants will learn in greater detail the difference between the two forms of brain injury, the frequency of diagnosis in returning veterans, the impact both have on student learning and participation in classroom activities, and strategies to support students with PTSD or TBI in and outside the classroom.

For more information about Rhoden's talk, notify Carol Clark, executive assistant to the president and chair of the Military Education Task Force, by telephone at 931-221-7570 or by email at clarkc@apsu.edu.

Then at 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, the APSU Student Veterans Organization will have a screening of the HBO documentary, "Wartorn 1861-2010," which shares stories of military men and women who suffer from PTSD and the toll the condition has taken on their lives.

The film will be shown in the Morgan University Center, Room 308.

After the screening, a panel of student-veterans will share their stories, especially the challenges they faced while in transition from combat to classroom, and answer questions.

STATE BRIEFS

GOP, Dems clash over 3rd parties on Tennessee ballot

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Republicans are balking at a Democratic senator's proposal to make it easier for minor parties to be listed on the Tennessee ballot.

Democratic Senate Minority Leader Jim Kyle of Memphis wants to set a threshold of 10,000 signatures from eligible voters for a third party to be recognized in the state, down from a GOP proposal of about 40,000 signatures from registered voters.

"My goal is to allow people who believe they're in the Tea Party or the Green Party or the Liberation Party to get on the ballot," Kyle said. "Any organization that can get 10,000 signatures is as legitimate a political entity as any other.

"People should be able to stand up there and say I believe in these principles," he said. "I just think democracy works better when the rules are fair."

Republican House Majority Leader Gerald McCormick of Chattanooga said he's concerned about fracturing Tennessee's political landscape.

"I don't want to see us become like Italy and have a dozen different parties and all these splinter groups, and have to make coalitions with them," said the Chattanooga Republican. "So I think the standard ought to be high."

NATIONAL BRIEFS

US using low-flying gunships in Libya

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top military official says the U.S. was striking Libyan targets with low-flying Air Force AC-130 gunships and A-10 Thunderbolts over the weekend, bolstering speculation that the U.S. air missions have served to support rebels seeking to overthrow Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi (MOO'-ah-mar gah-DAH'-fee).

Vice Administrator William Gortney, staff director for the Joint Chiefs, insists that the U.S. is not coordinating attacks with the opposition forces or using airstrikes in direct support to help them gain ground. But U.S. strikes that pummeled Gadhafi forces over the past week clearly opened the door for the rebels to regroup and take back key cities.

The Thunderbolts and AC-130 gunships can fly lower over targets to provide close air support to ground troops. Previous U.S. fighter missions have been at much higher altitudes.

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Royal red arrows aerobatic planes pass over the RAF (Royal Air Force) Akrotiri a British military base near southern port city of Limassol, Cyprus, Monday, March 21, 2011. The European Union's top foreign policy official brushed aside concerns Monday that the coalition supporting military action against Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi is already starting to fracture, saying the head of the Arab League was misquoted as criticizing the operation. Early Sunday, U.S. French and British planes began bombarding Libyan military targets with a barrage of Tomahawk cruise missiles and precision bombs. Late in the day, a cruise missile blasted Gadhafi's residential compound.

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Votes are in for campus green projects

Gregory Jones
Staff Writer

The voting for proposals submitted and reviewed at the last Sustainable Campus Fee Committee meeting closed Friday, March, 18. All proposals were voted on positively and soon these projects will enter the purchasing phase. Some of the key projects and their respective costs are as follows:

1. Solar Parking Canopy: $34,999 addition to the existing $65,000 project, with the new limit reaching $99,999.
2. Rain Water Reclamation System: $6,600.
3. Nutrient Management Manure Spreader: $11,000.
4. Green Power Purchase: $18,000.
5. Electric Vehicle Request: $16,000.
6. Hybrid Vehicle Request: Up to $15,000 to cover the cost difference between a hybrid and non-hybrid vehicle.

These sustainable projects will greatly improve the quality of conservation currently practiced. I think examining any one of these projects will reveal the benefits of implementation. For example, the rain water reclaimed at the APSU Farm will directly and immediately reduce the amount of water required for livestock.

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the university spent $236,477.31 on water, the cost of the reclamation project is only 2.8 percent of last year's total water expense. While the exact amount of water used at the farm is not known, this project will lower the annual water bill, considering that cattle consume approximately 38 gallons of water per day.

Multiply by 100 head of cattle to figure how much water consumption takes place at the APSU farm. The water reclamation project will help make the most of rainfall to avoid expensive city water and poor quality pond water. More importantly, this is a one-time purchase. That is, the benefits of this project will be enjoyed in subsequent years.

The newly-approved manure spreader will also improve conservation and stainability by significantly reducing the use and expense of non-local soil fertilizer and by recycling the farm's own nutrients. According to Donald Sudbrink, associate professor of agriculture, the cost of fertilizing all of the pastures is usually thousands of dollars annually and the nutrient management project will play an important role in abandoning a traditionally cost-ineffective and unsustainable practice.

Sustainable nutrient management will also provide educational benefits for students enrolling in courses like Animal Nutrition and Feeding, Animal Management Practices, Soil and Water Conservation, Land Use and Farm Planning and Management.

These projects mark only a small selection of current and future projects which will help shape APSU as a sustainable university.

The solar parking canopy should be the first of many projects to generate electricity on campus. Hybrid and electric vehicles will phase out old, dirty combustion power. The Green Power Purchase (which should be proposed annually) will speak to TVA about our investment in renewable energy. I believe these projects are only the beginning of APSU's long-term commitment to clean energy.

Whether as an interest in being a forerunner in the state's clean energy plan or as a tool to recruit students to one of the premier green campus in the region, APSU will be home to many other sustainable projects.

I have only begun to explain the significance of these new sustainable projects, which I am certain express only the early stages of APSU's continuing effort to become a more green, sustainable university. *TAS*

Palin source of undeserved ridicule, criticism

Kaila Sewell
Staff Writer

Many people are under the illusion that Sarah Palin actually said she can see Russia from her house; she didn't. That was Tina Fey on "Saturday Night Live." From what I've seen, I have found people have built up an arbitrary hate for this former vice presidential candidate, and I don't understand it.

Palin is only trying to do what some of us wish a presidential candidate would do, and that is run the country with a down to earth approach. Unfortunately, this is clearly a reason for mockery.

Over the last several months, the former Alaskan governor has constantly been the center of ridicule. Is being a down-to-earth person behind a microphone while running for political office something to be made fun of? Or is it because she called herself a "hockey mom?"

She just wants to be a regular person and I think she's succeeding, despite the many low blows from society.

According to a previous article from *The All State*, it has been said Palin is in no way fit for a position in government. She has been criticized because of some decisions her daughter has made, including choosing to fill a position on "Dancing with the Stars." She has been insulted by alleged infidelities committed by her husband and has been blamed for the shooting in Tucson, Ariz. which left house representative Gabrielle Giffords with a gun shot wound to the head.

I can acknowledge the accusation of Palin's involvement in that heinous crime is complete balderdash. However, it doesn't change the fact people just don't like her and there truly is no reason for it. What's more, according to an article from Time Magazine, it is mostly women who hate Palin and has nothing to do with it.

They hate her because she is a pretty, intelligent and confident woman. Why did I support Palin? How is she any different from Danika Patrick? Palin, in reading her autobiography and in watching her numerous escapades into the public eye, has never once stopped acting like a person you could meet in every day life.

She has never once stopped supporting her children and has never once acted with a holier-than-thou attitude. For all of that, she has been mocked, accused and I am sure her feelings have been hurt. It is totally unacceptable.

I am all for Palin. She hunts, fishes and actually takes care of her own children. She is an example, and may in fact actually be capable of running the country, if someone would give her a chance. Stop hating her because she's attractive and because she has the guts to go for it.

JOHN PEREZ | PERSPECTIVES EDITOR

I'm sorry many of you don't, but she's not stopping you, so there's no reason to take it out on her. All I'm asking is you give her a fair chance, just like you did President Obama. *TAS*

Smoking cause of serious health problems in newborns

Kristin Kittell
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From the time of birth, we're constantly receiving instruction. Brush your teeth after each meal and floss daily. Visit your doctor for regular check-ups and wash your hands before leaving the bathroom.

By the time you're old enough to take care of yourself, these things are second nature. Some things we take up mistakenly and must rectify along the way. Lay off the high-fructose corn syrup — turns out it's bad for you. There's an ozone layer surrounding the Earth and aerosol cans are destroying it.

Other lessons are harder to learn. No matter how high the evidence is stacked — no matter the consequences — people continue in their habits, ignoring the damage it may cause. Don't smoke while you're pregnant, it hurts your child.

> "The CDC notes 438,000 Americans die each year due to either first hand or second hand smoke."

Women go to incredible lengths to protect their children while in the womb. We note the dangers of over the counter drugs, discontinuing even minimal use of aspirin. We abstain from luxuries like saunas and warm baths for fear of hypothermia. Somehow we muster up the self-control to manage our diets, limit our workloads and change our sleeping habits.

I've seen women rearrange their lives for the sake of their unborn loved ones, yet somehow selectively overlook the one thing which could potentially hurt them the most.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, a mere 18 to 25 percent of women actually quit smoking once they become pregnant. If you manage to conceive despite the significant loss of fertility — smoking inhibits the movement of the egg — smoking while pregnant is one of the most appalling things you can do to your unborn child.

The CDC website lists several of the risks you take on by doing this: Statistically, smoking causes babies to be born with significantly lower birth weight. This is because smoking prevents the production of the enzyme eNOS, which regulates the blood flow to the fetus. The more a woman smokes, the lower the level of eNOS is and the more the fetus suffers because of it.

Not only is low birth weight one of the leading causes of infant deaths, but it may also continue to affect the child as it grows into adulthood. The USDA reports low birth rate has a direct connection to the development of heart disease and loss of liver function later in life.

The maladies associated with exposure to smoke while in the womb are numerous. Babies may develop asthma, bronchitis and may suffer from underdeveloped lungs and heart. But should the baby be born without defect, it could still be in danger. The CDC reports infants born to smokers are at three to four times at greater risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome,.

Though the causes of this occurrence are unknown, the increase in incidences in children born to smokers is impossible to ignore. The CDC notes 438,000 Americans die each year due to either first hand or second hand smoke. For each of these, 20 more are living with smoking related illnesses.

Ignoring these statistics as a personal choice is excusable. Subjecting your child to these risks when they rely on you as a lifeline is both atrocious and negligent. The world will do its own damage over time. Protect your baby while you have the choice. *TAS*

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Republican lawmakers push to change college student, minority voting

Catherine Weiss
Staff Writer

After I turned 18, I was floored by the fact I would soon be able to vote in a presidential election. As I sat in the Harvill lobby, eyes glued to CNN, I felt an overwhelming sense of American pride.

I had voted in my very first presidential election and when Obama won, I felt my voice was heard for the very first time.

My level of political involvement since that moment has only escalated and the feeling attributed to me that night was never forgotten.

> "As we speak, lawmakers are pushing a bill that disenfranchises voters from what is considered the 'minority' of our population."

For college students, hitting the big 1-8 and finally voting in an election might seem like less of a priority than buying porn or cigarettes legally, but what if you didn't have the option to vote at 18 at all?

New Hampshire House Speaker Bill O'Brien (R) recently told a group of Tea Partiers that college students have a tendency to vote their feelings rather than thoroughly research each candidate and think long term (www.theweek.com).

This essentially suggests the hours I spent watching political debates, looking up health care reform and scouring through information on each political platform was wasted because I voted based on emotion.

As we speak, lawmakers are pushing a bill that disenfranchises voters from what is considered the "minority" of our population (www.thinkprogress.org). These voters include Hispanics, the elderly, citizens of rural towns and college students.

Essentially, this means your grandmother, all the people from Lake County, and every APSU student wouldn't be able to vote. Not only is this a scary idea, but it also impedes on our American rights.

As college students, we need to shake the idea we vote based on our feelings and take on the idea we vote based on the facts. As another election year rolls around, it is imperative students across the country begin their research on presidential candidates and really read down to the fine print of what each platform is about.

After all, whoever you vote for will run this country; don't you think it's a good idea to at least know who and what their agendas are? *TAS*

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Two students attempt to move a tree the Alternate Spring Break group planted last year. To continue the previous groups progress, students checked on the trees, measured them and removed a barb wire fence.

SERVICE IN THE SUN

STUDENTS ENGAGE IN ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK TRIP

By ALEXANDRA WHITE
Staff Writer

APSU students participating in the Alternative Spring Break departed on Friday, March 4, with 10 students and two staff for a 10 day service trip to Florida. After a nine hour drive, the group stopped for the night at Stephen Foster Cultural State Park in White Springs, Fla.

The Alternative Spring Break trip visited the state park last year and worked in the restoration area planting 2,000 native pine trees.

This year, students traveled back to check on their trees, note any growth that occurred and remove a half mile barbed wire fence within the area.

The restoration area is sponsored by a grant from Odwalla Juice Company. The students that went were able to make their way down to the bottom of Florida and spent two nights in the Everglades National Park.

Their service was shared by volunteer park rangers who educated and helped monitor students' progress. Services the students provided while in the Everglades included making the park more accessible for visitors and birders to enjoy the park's wildlife. Park rangers helped students to strategically remove tress blocking the view of bird habitats.

During the time the students were working, they were surprised by National Geographic photographers who stopped to take pictures and interview some students on their work in progress.

Students were also busy removing cattails from Mrazerk pond blocking the view for birders. Cattails are native to the Everglades, but grow in abundance and can take over the area if provided the opportunity.

Students also worked on the Nike Missile Base which is currently seeking historic register status. The missile base was the last line of defense for the USA during the Cuban Missile Crisis in the early '60s. The missiles stored in this facility were two times larger than those used to bomb Hiroshima.

The students removed brush and plants from around the facility for tours to open to the public. They were then able to take tours of the missile hangers and bunkers where the soldiers guarded these deadly weapons.

After days of service, students were able to enjoy an adventure day that allowed them to travel to Key Largo where they could observe a different type of ecosystem. Students took a glass bottom boat tour to a coral reef and then visited John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and went snorkeling.

While snorkeling, students were visited by two manatees and interacted with these large "elephants of the sea." Biscayne National Park also hosted the students for two days while the students helped remove marine debris from the nesting ground of sea turtles.

The students also took a 45 minute boat ride to Elliot Key where they cleared an entire beach full of debris that deterred sea turtles from nesting and killed other marine wildlife.

Along with the 18 bags of trash collected, students also collected larger items such as chairs, shoes and several items from Asia. The students present on this trip worked alongside students from other colleges and universities across the country.

TO SEE MORE PHOTOS FROM THE ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK TRIP AND "BALLS TO THE WALLS," VISIT WWW.THEALLSTATE.ORG

Those other universities included Florida State University, Xavier University, Michigan Technological University, Vanderbilt University and the University of Pennsylvania.

One of the students that participated in this event was sophomore HHP major Kelly Milam. According to Milam, she found out about the Alternative Spring Break through "The Gov Says" and later attended an informational meeting, applied for a spot and hoped for the best.

The hoping paid off and Milam was selected as one of the 10 students that went.

While it was Milam's first time going on the service project, it proved to be a wonderful experience. "The experience was amazing. I never thought I would get to see the things I saw. We managed to sight 11 manatees on our trip in the ocean and saw beautiful sites. It is also rewarding to know that we were able to help out in Florida," Milam said.

The trip in the end was a very rewarding experience for students who were selected to go and provided a new outlook to students on the gratification of service.

Milam said, "The trip was amazing in so many ways. Where else can you experience meeting new people, seeing new places and experiencing new things for only $60? It was well worth it." *TAS*

Balls to the Walls raises money for good cause

By RAVEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

Women of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority held a dodgeball tournament on Thursday, March 24, that inspired not only a fun time, but also helped to raise money for a good cause. Proceeds from the "Balls to the Walls" dodgeball tournament will benefit the sorority's philanthropies.

According to apsu.edu/greeklife, Alpha Sigma Alpha was installed at APSU on February 24, 2001 and has two national philanthropies: The Special Olympics and The S. June Smith Center.

"We raise money throughout the year to help both of those causes," said Elana Stubbs, public relations chair of Alpha Sigma Alpha. "We wanted an event that we would be able to do every year to raise money."

The dodgeball tournament had 16 teams who participated in the event. Plaques were given to co-ed, men's and women's teams and the Special Olympians were awarded ribbons and certificates. The hard work and long hours put in by the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha also made this event possible and contributed to its success.

"All of the sisters put in a ton of time and hard work to make this event a success, and I am proud to be able to call them my sisters," said Ashleigh Kelb, philanthropic chair of Alpha Sigma Alpha. "The event wouldn't have been possible without the help of donations of plaques and hard work getting stuff together," Stubbs said.

The sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha, as well as the Olympians and participants, shared and created memories during the event. Kelb had many memorable moments during the dodgeball tournament.

"If I had to pick just one moment, I would pick when the Special Olympians asked if they could go out and play a second game. Everyone was having so much fun that no one wanted to stop playing," Kelb said.

For more information on Alpha Sigma Alpha contact Fraternity and Sorority Affairs located in MUC, Room 208 or call (931) 221-6570. *TAS*

NICOLA TIPPY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority held a competitive dodgeball tournament on Thursday, March 24, to benefit their national philanthropies, The Special Olympics and The S. June Smith Center.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 30

- 10 a.m.; **Internship and Career Recruitment Event**; AACC
- 4:30 p.m.; **IM Softball**; Intramural Field
- 6 p.m.; **IM Indoor Soccer**; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center Gym 136B
- 6 p.m.; **Austin Peay Baseball vs. Middle Tennessee**; Clarksville
- 7 p.m.; **The Vagina Monologues (Student Cast)**; Clement Auditorium

Thursday, March 31

- 2 p.m.; **Austin Peay Men's Tennis vs. Tennessee Tech**; Clarksville
- 5 p.m.; **Austin Peay Soft Ball vs. Tennessee State**; Clarksville
- 7 p.m.; **The Vagina Monologues (Alumni Cast)**; Clement Auditorium
- 7:30 p.m.; **Percussion Ensemble**; MMC Concert Hall
- 8 p.m.; **Movie: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows Pt. 1**; Library Bowl

Friday, April 1

- 2 p.m.; **Austin Peay Women's Tennis vs. UT Martin**; Clarksville
- 7:30 p.m.; **Cliffton Ware Recital**; MMC Concert Hall

Saturday, April 2

- 8 a.m.; **HSUB Scholar's Bowl Practice**; Claxton 118
- 10 a.m.; **Opera Workshop**; Center for Creative Arts
- 1 p.m.; **Austin Peay Baseball vs. Eastern Illinois**; Clarksville
- 1 p.m.; **Austin Peay Men's Tennis vs. Eastern Illinois**; Clarksville
- 1 p.m.; **Austin Peay Women's Tennis vs. Eastern Illinois**; Clarksville
- 5:30 p.m.; **R. Rosales Senior Recital**; MMC Concert Hall

Sunday, April 3

- 2 p.m.; **Glam It Up with BeautiControl**; MUC 308
- 4:30 p.m.; **IM Softball**; Intramural Field
- 4:30 p.m.; **IM Indoor Soccer**; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center Gym 136B
- 7:30 p.m.; **Governors Singers**; MMC Concert Hall

Monday, April 4

- 4:30 p.m.; **IM Softball**; Intramural Field
- 4:30 p.m.; **IM Indoor Soccer**; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center Gym 136B
- 6 p.m.; **WRAPS**; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center 215
- 7:30 p.m.; **Gateway Ensemble**; MMC Concert Hall

Tuesday, April 5

- 10 a.m.; **Preschool Fitness Program**; Foy Fitness and Recreation Center
- 11:30 a.m.; **Sex Crimes under the Whermacht**; MUC 308
- 6 p.m.; **Austin Peay Baseball vs. Evansville**; Clarksville
- 6 p.m.; **Greek Week Speaker**; Clement Auditorium
- 7 p.m.; **Reading by Essayist Lia Purpura**; UC 303
- 7:30 p.m.; **Caleb Wise Grad Recital**; MMC Concert Hall

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Wendy Williams hopes 'DWTS' advances her career

Associated Press

When Wendy Williams started rehearsals for ABC's "Dancing With the Stars," her dance partner, Tony Dovolani, expected the talk-show personality to translate her animated bravado onto the dance floor.

But Dovolani didn't get what he envisioned from Williams.

He was surprised to see the typically bold Williams nervous about her inept dancing ability during practice, feeling insecure about her voluptuous frame while standing nearly 6-feet tall.

"I'm not a dancer. I have two left feet and a hoof," says Williams, bursting into laughter recently while on the set of Lifetime's "Drop Dead Diva," where she was filming an episode in which she plays a judge.

On the premiere of "DWTS" last week, Williams finished near the bottom of the scoreboard, scoring 14 out of 30 points.

The 46-year-old says the tough workout regimen trying to learn the cha-cha has left her in the best shape of her life, training about five hours a day for the past two weeks.

Whether Williams is eliminated early or not, the extra exposure on the hit dance show should boost her celebrity and increase appeal of her weekday syndicated program, "The Wendy Williams Show."

The success of her talk show has generated other opportunities for Williams. Along with "Dancing With the Stars" and "Drop Dead Diva," she'll appear on the soap opera "One Life to Live" and host a new dating show "Love Triangle" on the Game Show Network next month.

ASSOCIATED PRESS
TV personality Wendy Williams performs with her partner Tony Dovolani on "Dancing with the Stars," Monday, March 21.

Everything is starting to take form for Williams, who said she wanted to expand beyond her burgeoning talk show this year. She says it's been a tough road to her dynamic rise.

"It had to be this hard," she says. "As a woman, you always have the option of laying flat on your back and getting things easier. But there's always going to be a girl like me that'll laugh at women like that."

Williams spent more than 20 years as a radio DJ, building an explosive reputation for her audacious personality, someone who talked about celebrities and dared to ask them about their dirty laundry — consequences be damned. That led to high ratings, but also one firing and notorious clashes with celebrities (her combative interview with a profanity-spewing Whitney Houston in 2003 may be her most famous). Still, stars came to her to talk, and she had grudging respect within the industry.

Through all the drama, her radio show, "The Wendy Williams Experience," garnered 12 million listeners and she eventually was offered a chance to host her own television show.

For Williams, she knew she had to trade in her brash shock-jock shtick to show a more sensitive side — while having the same backbone. It was a tough transition for Williams to differentiate her radio and TV persona, until she left radio in 2009.

In the past few years, Williams said she's been able to mature as a host through her lifestyle of being a mother to her 10-year-old son and as a wife.

"With growth and age, there comes maturity and how you conduct yourself," Williams says. "For most people, if you put a microphone in front of their face for five hours a day, six days a week for 23 years, they're bound to ... someone off." *TAS*

'Grey's' musical episode is not to contain dancing

Associated Press

"Grey's Anatomy" is being billed as a musical episode this week, but you won't see Patrick Dempsey and Sandra Oh doing a kick line.

"The word 'musical' tends to mislead people," said cast member Sara Ramirez, who plays Callie Torres. "Understandably so. The word 'musical' implies that there's dancing, a lot of jazz hands and some kicks and some turns."

"Grey's Anatomy: The Musical Event" will pick up where last week's show left off with Ramirez's character injured in a car accident. The episode will be told from her point of view.

Music has always been a big part of the ABC medical drama. Since it premiered in 2005, three soundtracks featuring music by such artists as Tegan and Sara, Ingrid Michaelson and KT Tunstall have been released.

On Thursday, longtime viewers of the show might recognize songs from early episodes, such as "Chasing Cars" by Snow Patrol and "How to Save a Life" by The Fray — but this time, the cast will perform them.

Singing is nothing new for Ramirez. She won a Tony Award for best featured actress in a musical for her role in "Spamalot" in 2005.

Still, she admitted the experience was a challenging one.

"I wasn't walking into this like, 'Oh, I've got this. I've done this before,'" she said. "I learned a lot."

Ramirez is using the experience as a platform to launch a career as a music artist.

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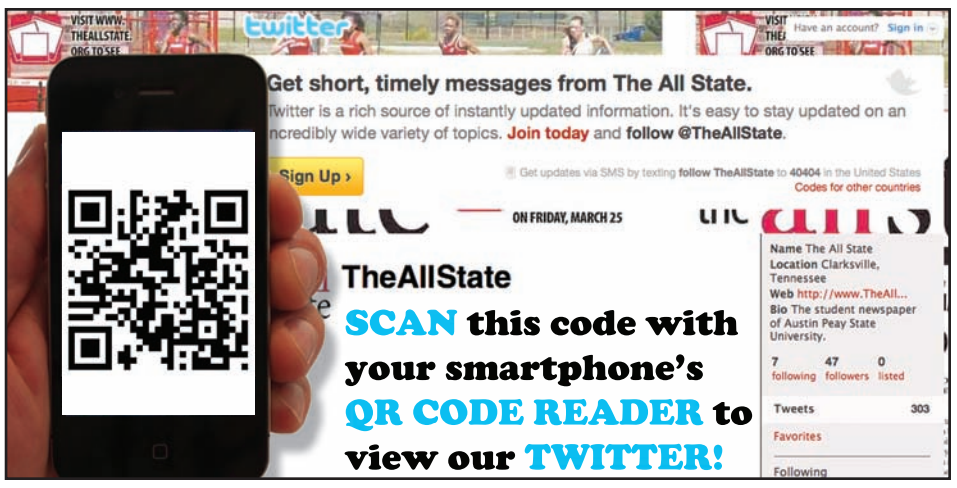
On Sunday, March 27, actress Sara Ramirez arrives for the opening night performance of the Broadway musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" in New York.

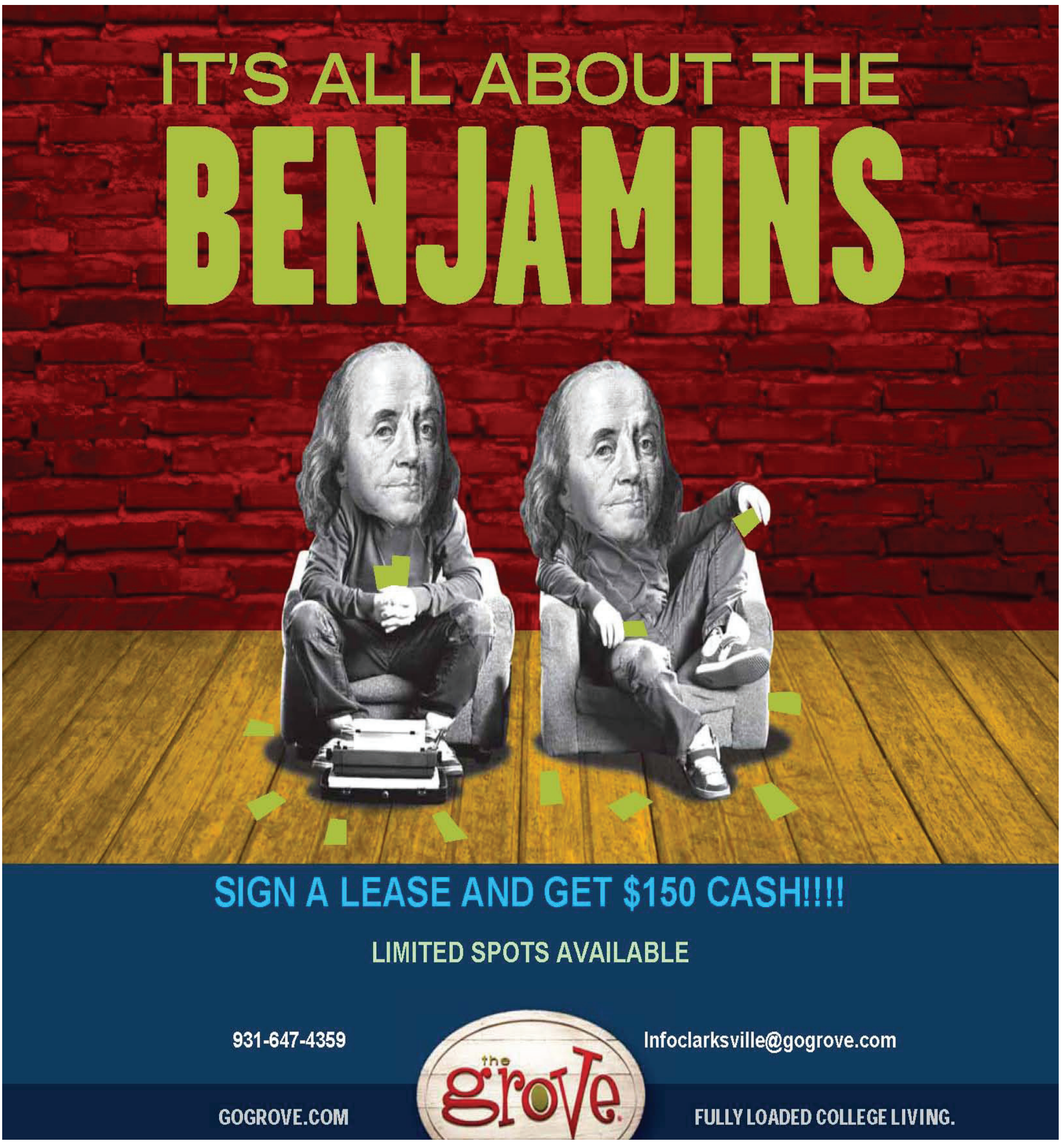
She's released an EP on iTunes where she co-wrote three of the four songs. She performs one of them, "The Story," on "Grey's Anatomy."

Of the cast members who sing in the episode, Ramirez said Chyler Leigh, who plays Lexie Grey, stood out.

"She just blew everybody away, and I think we're all really excited for her. ... She has this amazing instrument and she's never sung publicly before, which I thought was really interesting and courageous. She just jumped right in and did an amazing job."

The episode airs at 9 p.m. Eastern. *TAS*





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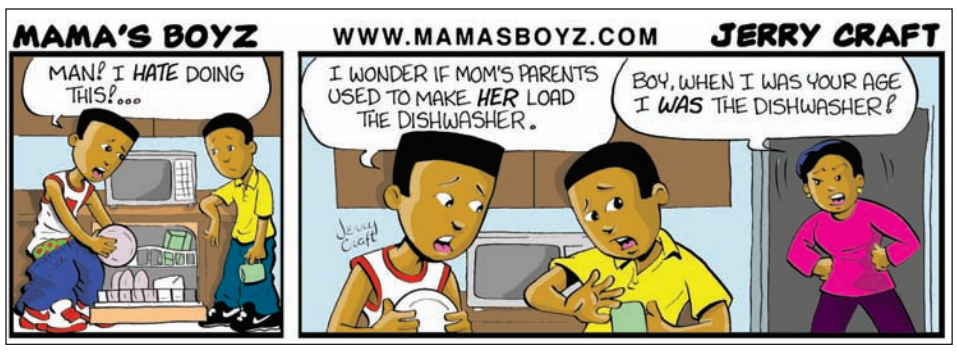

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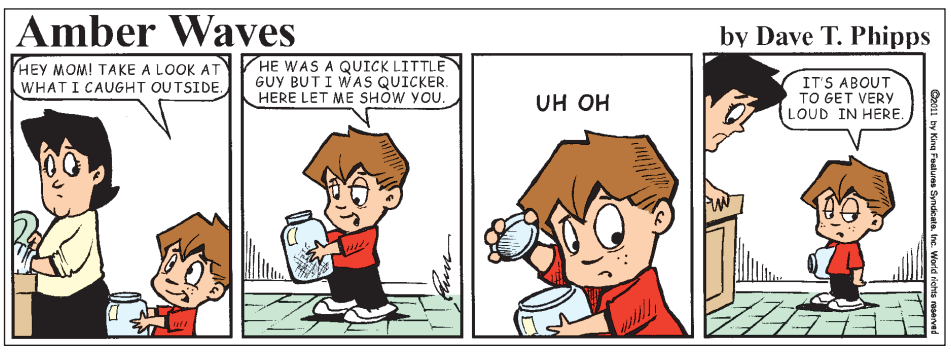

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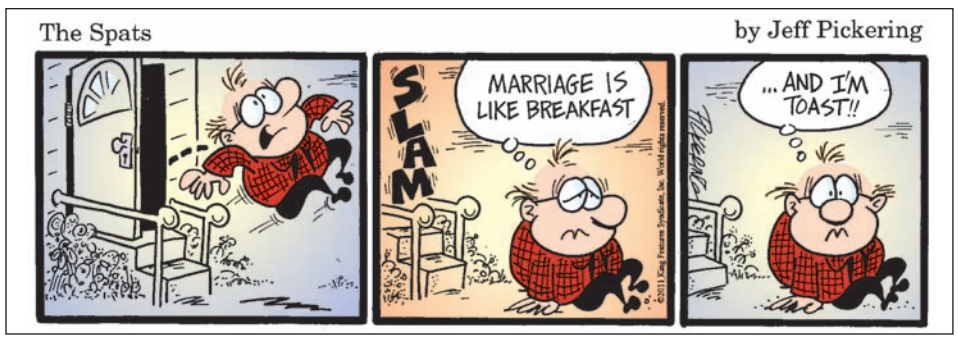

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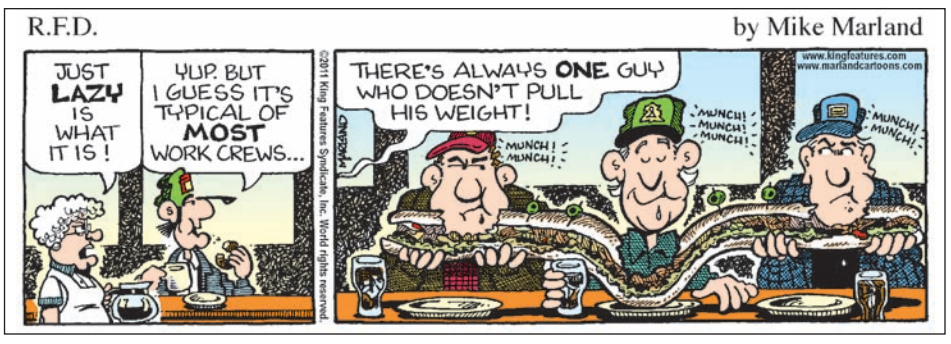

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THE FINAL FOUR

CONNECTICUT VS KENTUCKY

Jeremy Lamb

Points per game - 20.8
Field Goal % - .59
Free Throw % - .80

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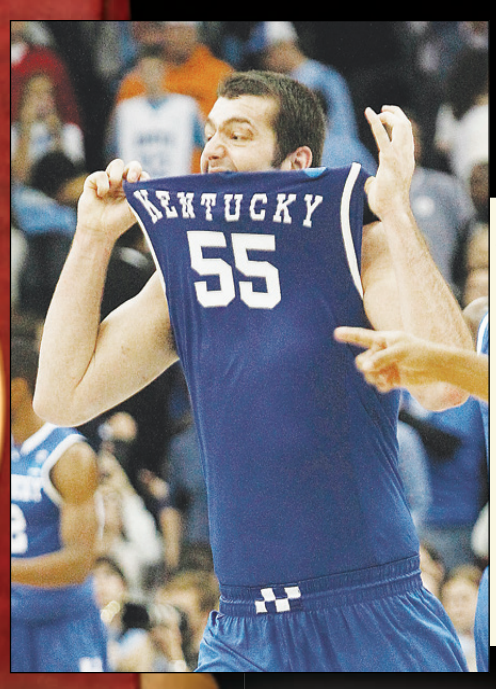


Josh Harrellson

Points per game - 14.8
Field Goal % - .78
Free Throw % - .47

GRAPHIC BY DAVID HOERNLEN

Editor's Take

Here is my pick, ladies and gentlemen. The Huskies are on a different level than all the other teams and the sole reason for this goes by the moniker of Kemba. He has single-handedly carried UConn through two tournaments and does not look as though he is stopping any time soon. The only thing that worries me is the press and tenacious defense of VCU. Here's hoping Butler knocks them off before my Huskies have to face them.

Tournament Stats:

Points per game - 74.2
Points allowed per game - 60.0
Field Goal % - .451
Assists per game - 13.3
Rebounds per game - 37.5
Free Throw % - .813

Tournament Stats:

Points per game - 67
Points allowed per game- 62.3
Field Goal % - .483
Assists per Game - 12.74
Rebounds per game - 31.5
Free Throw % - .69

Editor's Take

Kentucky is hitting their stride at the right time of year. Their young guns are firing on all cylinders and they have proven to be a giant killer this year. John Calipari's club might not have the experience of a Butler, but look for their talented freshman to grow up before our eyes and lead the Wildcats to the promised land.

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH VS BUTLER

Brandon Rozzell

Points per game - 14.2
Field Goal % - .487
Free Throw % - 100

Shelvin Mack

Points per game - 21.3
Field Goal % - .35
Free Throw % - .71

Editor's Take

VCU is potent, don't get me wrong. However, their energy is a great strength and weakness. If VCU is able to keep up the energy level through the second half they will win, if they don't and they allow Butler to stay close at halftime then look for the Bulldogs to pull off the victory.

Tournament Stats:

Points per game - 74
Points allowed per game - 64
Field Goal % - 43.3
Assists per game - 16.6
Rebounds per game - 34.4
Free Throw % - 71.3

Tournament Stats:

Points per game - 65
Points allowed per game - 63.2
Field Goal % - 41
Assists - 8.8
Rebounds per game - 30.5
Free Throw % - 72.2

Editor's Take

Butler should not be here, but are once again proving all the so called "experts" wrong. They aren't an overly talented bunch, but they have the confidence to overcome any obstacle. Look for Matt Howard to come up with some big plays, and if he is able to hit his threes then Butler has another shot at a title.

Lady Govs end losing streak with 5-4 win

By MARLON SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

After jumping out to a 3-1 lead, the Lady Govs were able to hold off the Eastern Michigan Eagles to end a three-game losing streak with a 5-4 victory.

It was the end of a three-game series with the Eagles that had been delayed by inclement weather. It was only the Lady Govs' sixth win of the season (6-22, 1-7 OVC) and the third of six games they are playing at home to end March.

Sophomore pitcher Morgan Brewer (4-8) earned the win in relief of Lady Govs' freshman starter Taylor Mills.

In six innings of work, Brewer struck out three, walked one and allowed two earned runs on three hits.

The Lady Govs' bats were much warmer than the weather. They cranked out nine hits on three different Eagles pitchers and produced five runs.

The Lady Govs plated three of the five runs in the first inning. Junior Centerfielder Catie Cozart started things off by hitting a single to the Eagles' shortstop.

Senior Third Baseman Tiffany Smith was walked. This set up the Lady Govs with only one out and the bases loaded.

Freshman Kayla Davidson took full advantage of the situation. She cleared the bases with a line-drive triple that got past the Eagles' right fielder and gave the Lady Govs a 3-1 lead.

Eagles freshman Katie Kostich made the score 3-2 when she hit a home run to open the second inning. However, the Eagles were held scoreless in the third and fourth innings while the Lady Govs added a run in each inning.

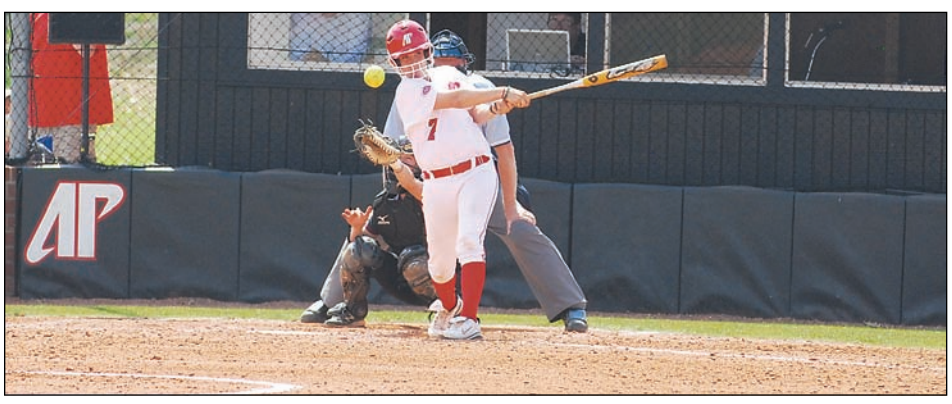
In the sixth, Eagles senior shortstop Stacie Sodinski smacked a two-run shot over the left field wall to cut the Lady Govs' lead to 5-4.

They retired the Eagles' batters: three-up, three-down, to seal the win.

Mills led the Lady Govs offenses going 3-for-3 with an RBI and scoring two runs. Cozart went 2-for-4 and scored two runs.

The Lady Govs will play six games over six days, five of which will be conference games.

They finish their six-game homestead against Tennessee State Thursday, March 31. Then they will travel to Cape Girardeau, Mo. to play Southeast Missouri Saturday, April 2. *TAS*



MATEEN SIDIQ | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Amy Mills drives a ball into the outfield in the Lady Govs' victory against Eastern Michigan.

MATEEN SIDIQ | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior pitcher Ryne Harper delivers a pitch against Murray. Harper earned his second save of the season and recorded two strikeouts.

Bat Govs split series 1-1 with Murray

By ANTHONY SHINGLER
Senior Staff Writer

The Govs baseball team opened the 2011 Ohio Valley Conference season with a doubleheader Sunday, March 27, at Murray State.

The Govs opened both games strong, offensively jumping out to early leads. However, they were only able to hold the Thoroughbreds and finish 5-2.

After establishing a 1-0 lead in the second game, the Govs allowed the Racers to plate three runs in the third and failed to rally back. They dropped the nightcap 3-2.

Game One, Govs win 5-2
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Murray St 002 000 0-2

Govs junior designated hitter Tyler Childress led the inning off with a double.

Freshman catcher Matt Wollenzin singled up the middle and brought home Childress for the 1-0 lead.

Junior left fielder Jon Clinard's RBI single up the middle with one out brought home Wollenzin for the 2-0 advantage.

Murray State tied the score 2-2 in the third.

The Govs responded by adding three more runs to take a 5-2 lead. Freshman right fielder Rolando Gautier reached first base after a fielding error and proceeded to steal second base.

Junior third baseman Greg Bachman hit an RBI single into right center that brought home Gautier. Then Childress blasted a two-run shot over the left-field fence. Solid pitching by the Govs kept the Thoroughbreds from scoring again. Junior left-handed starter Jeremy Dobbs (5-0) pitched 5.1 innings.

He struck out three, walked one and allowed two runs on seven hits. Senior pitcher Ryne Harper earned his second save of the season.

Gautier's hit streak ended at 18 games. He went 0-for-3, drew one walk and reached on a fielder's error.

Childress led the Govs with 2-for-3 efforts from the plate, including a two-run homer in the fourth.

Game Two, Govs lose 3-2
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The Govs struck first in the second inning when junior centerfielder Michael Blanchard's RBI sacrifice fly brought home Gautier. Gautier started the inning off with a single.

Then Childress singled, allowing Gautier to advance to second base.

In the third inning, the Thoroughbreds lit up Govs' senior lefty Jack Snodgrass (0-3).

He allowed three runs on five hits in the inning and the Thoroughbreds took a 3-1 lead.

The Govs added one more run in the fifth inning when sophomore first baseman John Hogan's sacrifice fly brought home sophomore shortstop Reed Harper.

Harper started the inning off with a double into left center.

Snodgrass pitched 3.2 innings and struck out two while giving up three runs on eight hits.

Chuck Edlin pitched in relief for 2.1 innings.

He struck out one and did not give up any runs or hits. Jon Clinard led the Govs offensively, going 2-for-4 at the plate.

The Govs return to action for a six-game home stand starting with Middle Tennessee State University on Monday, March 28. *TAS*

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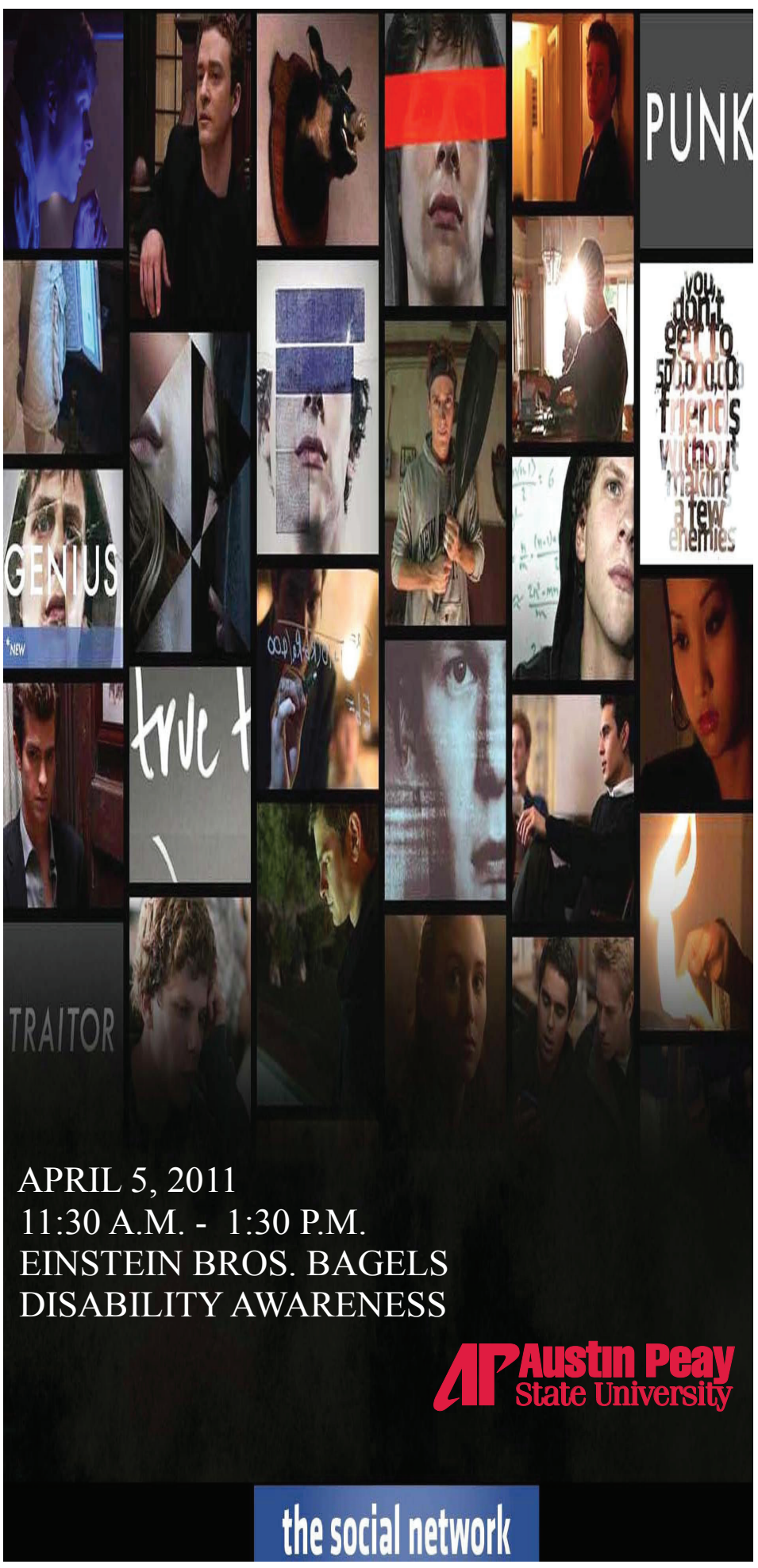
EINSTEIN BROS. BAGELS

THE STAR ACCESS CENTER MOBILE UNIT WILL VISIT CAMPUS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011, 9 A.M.–2 P.M. IN THE MUC PLAZA .



Global Govs Visit Argentina:

Dinner and a Performance

featuring:

Argentine Fever

Thursday, April 7
MUC Ballroom

Doors open at 6 p.m.
Free to all APSU students and one guest

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