

## Financial aid scams cause trouble

By NICK OLINGER  
Staff Writer

Financial aid may breeze in as a beneficial idea, but more companies continue to swindle students into thinking they have to pay for it to get started. FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) has a key point included in its name that some students seem to overlook. “FAFSA.gov is a Web site where students can apply for free,” said Mary Cochran, associate director for the Financial Aid office at APSU.

She said the e-mail alert that was sent out to every student at APSU was an alert of the growing amount of companies that scam students into paying for financial aid assistance, a service that is offered for free.

“I don’t want my personal info sent out everywhere”

— Ray Moyer, sophomore criminal justice major

“There are companies out there who can assist you with doing the FAFSA, but they charge a \$30 to \$90 or more fee. Cochran added, however, there is staff at APSU who can assist students in filling out their application, such as arranging workshops at the University Center. Ray Moyer, sophomore criminal justice major, is aware of the growing scam. “I don’t want my personal info sent out everywhere,” said Moyer.

Cochran said the companies that assist in the application require your social security number and address, which could lead to identity theft. She pointed out that if a student seeks assistance from the school, that information would go directly to the Department of Education, where it is safe and secure.

Ashley Englund, freshmen special education major said she has heard of the scam and thinks it is important to be educated about what you are applying for. Daniel Navarro, freshman radiology major had

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## Inclement weather closings raise Facebook questions

By JENELLE GREWELL  
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“This has been an unusual winter,” Tristan Denley, provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs said. Since the beginning of the spring semester the campus has been closed four times.

Denley said in the end the decision to close school falls to him. “I need to get input from Lanz Biles and police officers to find out the conditions of on campus roads and sidewalks,” Denley said Biles is in touch with county police to find out the road conditions of the county roads.

“I ask can they get to campus safe, can they get home safe and is campus safe,” Denley said.

He said sometimes he closes the school for part of the day to get more information. “I try to make a decision to keep school open as much as I can, but I also try to make a decision that keeps everyone safe,” he said.

Facebook user Sandra Shirley said “consideration needs to be given to those with disabilities (sic).” Several Facebook users expressed concerns about who was considered when closing school, whether they were commuters or lived on campus.

Denley said when he makes the decision he thinks of everyone using campus. “I try to think of everyone involved, staff, faculty, students and those with disabilities.”

“When we try to keep school open we try to make all surfaces safe. There is a team on campus trying to clear and salt surfaces to make them safer,” he said.

Several Facebook users posted comments wondering why their professors do not utilize D2L better when campus is closed and wonder if APSU should create a plan for faculty to follow when campus is closed.

“We encourage faculty to use D2L when



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Students and alumni go sledding down the hill outside Emerald Hills apartment on Monday, Feb.15.

classes are cancelled.” Denley said the faculty will work to reorganize material to make sure all material is covered.

Several Facebook users expressed concerns about graduating on time. Denley said there will be no effect on graduation because of the snow.

Some Facebook users claim the decision to close or open campus is based more upon

money then safety. Denley said when closing campus, money does not come into play with making the decision.

He said, even when school is cancelled, there are a lot of people from the Physical Plant crew

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## Many study abroad programs offer opportunities for students

By BRIAN BIGELOW  
Guest Writer

Studying abroad is not just for students majoring in foreign languages. For instance, APSU offers a 12-day study abroad program in Russia where students can earn upper division credit in Biology, and a London summer program that can apply to classes in art, English, geography, psychology or theatre, to name a few.

There is an information session for the Quebec study abroad trip scheduled for Thursday Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. in the UC, room 305.

The Quebec trip, from July 4 to Aug. 7, is a French language immersion program.

“On the first day of the [Quebec] program, students sign an agreement to only speak in French for the duration of the five-week program,” said Karen Sorenson, professor of languages and literature.

“For some students, it jump-starts their speaking skills, transitioning them from the classroom to real life communication situations. For other students, studying abroad can be truly life-changing.”

The application deadline for the trip is April 1.

APSU offers annual summer study-abroad trips to Austria, Mexico, Quebec, Russia, Spain and a joint trip to multiple cities in Germany and France.

APSU also offers exchange programs during the spring and fall semesters in Austria, France, Korea, Sweden and Taiwan.

Trips to Greece and Japan are not being offered this year, said Brie Vogt, assistant coordinator of International Education. The Japan exchange program is offered every other year.

An information session is also scheduled for the Sweden exchange program, at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17 in MUC room 305, as well as 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18 in MUC room 312. The deadline for applications is April 15.

In addition, APSU is a member of the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA).

CCSA is a consortium of 24 American colleges and universities, headquartered at Belmont University in Nashville, which “offers study-abroad programs and internships in English-speaking regions,” according to the CCSA Web site, www.ccsa.cc

CCSA summer study-abroad destinations this year include Australia, Belize, Canada, Ghana, Jamaica, London and two separate trips each to Ireland and Scotland. CCSA also offers winter semester programs including Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters in London.

“Each program offers a unique set of courses and experiences particular to the sites visited, all involve focused course activities, field trips, and cultural enrichment activities under the guidance of faculty from

CCSA member institutions,” according to the CCSA Web site.

“They’re wonderful educational opportunities,” said Mickey Wadia, campus coordinator for CCSA. “You get opportunities that you wouldn’t get in the United States.”

The program helps to “foster global understanding” and “cooperation among cultures,” said Wadia, adding that the study-abroad experience helps to highlight both the similarities and differences of world cultures.

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## Homeless and financially burdened seek shelter in old firehouse

By LORI PERKINS  
Guest Writer

Local citizens and long-term visitors turn to the old firehouse station near Madison Street, now the Clarksville-Montgomery County’s Community Action Agency for help when they are financially burdened.

Mary Jo Lehman, programs assistant, the majority of visitors come from out of town with an invitation from a family member or friend. “Conflict causes them to become homeless,” Lemons said.

In Feb. 4, 2004, a group of 12 people formed the homeless coalition and welcomed men and women to apply for assistance whether they were homeless or had a household income that meets the poverty guidelines.

According to the federal government, a person is considered homeless if they do not have their own address, lives with friends or family or uses a motel as a place of residence.

The unemployment rate continues to increase and people are in need. July 1 through June 30, 2005, the agency helped an “unduplicated” 383 men, women and children by serving them day shelter, food, clothing, clean clothes and running water. From July 1 through Feb 4, 2010, the number has enormously increased to 1,424 “unduplicated” families.

The amount of homeless people who visit the shelter for support is high, but there are still a number of homeless people in Clarksville who are not on a “CSBG eligible



TRENTON THOMAS | SENIOR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The old firehouse station near Madison Street is now the Clarksville Montgomery County’s Community Action Agency for the homeless and the financially burdened.

entities annual client characteristics report.”

“Everyday we see five to seven new people, that’s just who comes here. We don’t even see all of the homeless people,” Lehman said.

The agency is in partnership with sponsors such as United Way, Urban Ministries and Loaves and Fishes.

“Every Thursday a church comes and

cooks breakfast...we get a lot of clothes, but it’s not always the right size...It’s not always enough but if we can’t help, we send them to partners,” Lehman said.

Some applicants are disabled veterans, who receive social security, and help with food purchases. According to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, there are

195,827 homeless veterans in the US.

November through March, 17 churches provide space and allow 10-35 guests to sleep inside the building. The “room in the inn” is a winter shelter program where women and children, workers and disabled are served first.

“Michael,” a disabled veteran from Nashville, served in the US Army in ‘79-’81. His previous employment history was in construction, roofing, priming and building homes. His perception about the shelter is to receive the help he can, but not take advantage of it. “I’m not trying to run it into the ground...don’t want to wear them out.”

“The economy isn’t bad, several are working but minimum wage is not enough...there aren’t a lot of housing in Clarksville,” Lehman said. The economy is one reason for homelessness but “broken families, divorce, substance abuse, jail, alcohol, incarceration and mental illness” are a few others.

The agency doesn’t put too much focus on the bad choices the people have made, but try to make a difference in the community by “helping people changing lives.”

“We applaud them for every little thing they do to make themselves better...they all make some sort of success could be to get a job, receive alcohol and drug treatment. Even if they remain, we don’t measure success,” Lehman said.

Some of the applicants have completed

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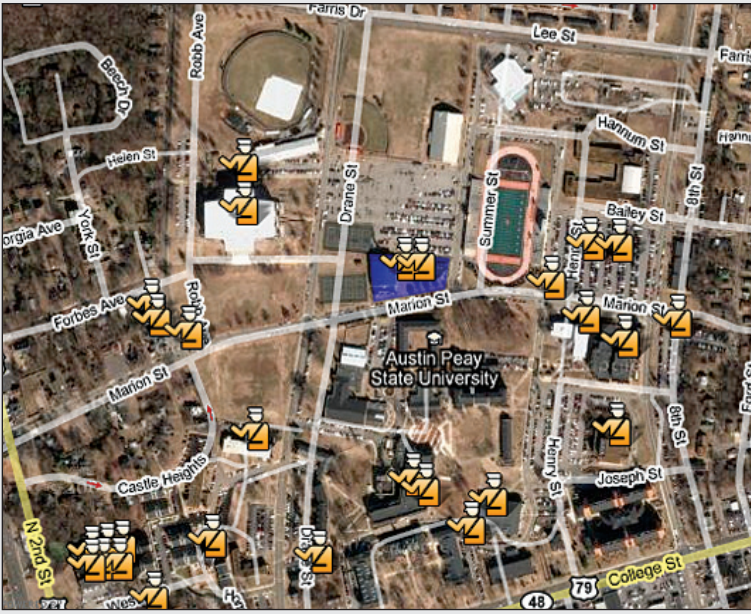


CAMPUS CRIME LOG

The APSU crime log includes arrests and dispatch call-ins. As mandated by Tennessee law, the crime log is updated within 48 hours of an incident and available for public inspection any time during normal business hours.

- 9:20 p.m., Feb. 3, Foy parking lot, theft of property
- 6:48 p.m., Feb. 2, Emerald Hills, theft of property
- 5:24 p.m., Feb. 1, Foy parking lot, theft of property
- 1:59 p.m., Jan. 27, Foy parking lot, theft of property
- 10:59 p.m., Jan. 24, Sevier, theft of property
- 5:14 p.m., Jan. 23, Henry Street driving on suspended license, arrested; Shaun I. Saunders, 3 Hidden Park Dr. Hunington, W. Va 25705
- 6:05 p.m., Jan. 21, Clement, theft of property
- 5:54 p.m., Jan. 21, Cross Hall, vandalism
- 2:19 p.m., Jan. 21, Foy parking lot, theft of property
- 8:26 p.m., Jan. 21, Robb Avenue, driving on suspended license, arrested; Tomaniesha

- Garrard, 122 E St. Clarksville, Tenn. 38069
- 2:24 p.m., Jan. 21, Harvill Bookstore, theft of property
  - 1:25 a.m., Jan. 18, West Avenue, driving on suspended license, arrested: Kareem Devon Ragland, 14998 Hwy 70 W Stanton, Tenn. 38069
  - 8:30 a.m., Jan. 17, Emerald Hills, vandalism
  - 2:22 p.m., Jan. 15, McCord, theft of property
  - 12:50 a.m., Jan. 15, Sevier parking lot, driving on suspended license, arrested: Anthony J. Robinson, 2080 Timewood Dr, Clarksville, Tenn. 37042
  - 3:22 p.m., Jan. 14, Foy parking lot, theft of property
  - 3:59 p.m., Jan. 12, Cross Hall, theft of property
  - 9:15 a.m., Jan. 11, Hand Village, theft of property
  - 9:02 p.m., Jan. 9, Meacham lot, vandalism
  - 5:36 a.m., Jan. 9, Hand Village parking lot, public intoxication, arrested: William F. Betts, 766 Princeton Cir. Clarksville, Tenn. 37042



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To view an interactive map of campus crime, visit [www.theallstate.org](http://www.theallstate.org).

Study abroad

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“I learned that Tennessee is just one tiny corner of a very large planet that I will never even see half of,” said Jackie Mosley, senior English major, about her trip to London with CCSA. “It was an experience I would never trade for anything.”

The application deadline for all 2010 CCSA summer study-abroad programs is Friday, Feb. 26.

Applications can be found on the CCSA Web site. For more information contact Wadia at [wadiam@apsu.edu](mailto:wadiam@apsu.edu).

The cost of the CCSA summer study-abroad trips and the APSU-sponsored trips varies

based on destination. Some CCSA destination give the option to arrange for one’s own airfare and costs can range from \$2,095 at the cheapest, to \$5,695 at the most expensive.

APSU-sponsored trips are divided into five price levels, level 1, the cheapest, is \$2,000 to \$3,000, and increases in \$1,000 increments until level 5, the most expensive at \$6,000 to \$7,000.

Prices are arranged in levels to account for potential fluctuation in airfare, tuition, fee rates and exchange rates.

Any of a student’s scholarships or financial aid, such as grants and loans that not already dedicated to school expenses can be applied to pay for the cost of the trips.

There are also local and national grants and scholarships available for study abroad programs.

These include, but are not

limited to: the Clarksville Sunrise Rotary Club International Scholarship, Global Learning Merit Scholarships and Travel Grants and Study-Abroad Ambassador Scholarships.

The application deadline for the scholarships listed above is March 4.

In addition, there are scholarships specific to certain study-abroad destinations including Spain, France and Korea.

Other upcoming application deadlines include the Korea fall semester exchange program (May 25), Russia study abroad (Saturday, Feb. 27), and the Taiwan fall semester exchange program (April 15).

Additional information about the study abroad programs, CCSA, and applicable financial aid is available at the APSU International Education Web site. ♦

School closings

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out working.

“It does not save us any money to open or close. It is probably about the same,” Denley said.

One of the most common posts on the Facebook page was students simply wondering when they would discover if campus was closed. Denley said closing school for APSU is a little different from the county school system.

Denley said the general pattern is to try to get as much information as possible. He said at 4 a.m. he gets in contact with police and Mitch Robinson to talk about the road conditions and make sure the decision is public by 5 a.m.

Denley said he encourages people to sign up for the texting alert and to check the APSU Facebook page and Web site.

“We are waiting to make the best decision possible. The weather is unpredictable, so I don’t want to make the wrong decision.” ♦

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high school or have received a GED.

Homeless people are often misunderstood. “They are not worthless people,” Lehman said.

“Marion,” a Clarksville native, needed help from the agency because of loss of wages. His employer cut his hours which made it harder for him to live. He doesn’t take for granted the basic necessities the shelter provides. “I come in, wash and iron my clothes.”

Enjoying conversations with each other, doing domestic chores, eating a meal or snack, recycling old cigarettes, reading and creating artwork are the activities the people do to pass time before they have to exit the building before it

closes for the night.

“Steve,” a recent applicant, came from Iowa is back to Dickson, Tenn. because he lost his job where he was a factory worker making car parts. Despite the change in his personal life, he is remaining positive while he searches for a job. “You gotta keep the faith.”

The expected amount of homeless people to come to the agency for 2010 is “well over 2,000, maybe 2,400 even...I see improvement in people’s lives. In the world they would be put down for being homeless. We try to fulfill all their needs. If they’re willing to help themselves we will help them as much as we can,” Lehman said. ♦

Scams

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the same idea, elaborating on the point not to just jump into something and to do the research.

Financial aid administrators have noticed some repeating mistakes students make when it comes to applying for financial aid. Cochran said she has noticed the mistake of students sending in the application too late. Cochran added the earlier

students send in the application, the more times it will be reviewed for other grants. She commented on the fact that the amount of these grants are growing in order to assist more students with financial aid, which is why scam awareness is so important. ♦



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## Tennesseans ask for better focus on education

**Megan Ryan**  
Guest Writer

This year, the state of Tennessee has decided that a greater emphasis be placed on education. Taking a look at last year's budget, the flaws are outlined all over.

Driver's education and after school programs were given generous amounts of money, but, none of the fiscal plan supported money being distributed to provide for new technology and updated learning tools.

The fact that the \$8.4 billion allotted for education is not going towards anything of true education value makes me wonder what the members of our state legislature are planning for their retirement years.

The impact of education is vital to a thriving community, which since, the Tennessee State budget calls for business and economic development as the second-largest category of the budget, one would think that members of the state legislature would realize that these two entities go hand in hand.

With all hope, this year's budget will put a greater emphasis on higher education. In the past, enrollment rates were key to receive government funding. The new budget for the year is calling for a shift for a greater emphasis placed on graduation rates.

APSU has a graduation rate of 42 percent. Yet, APSU had the third-highest government funding in the region in the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Although last year's

budget did call for a raise for education professionals across the board, in comparison to the national average, it just was not enough. In Tennessee, teachers are paid an average salary of \$42,000 a year, in comparison to the \$54,000 national salary average.

Because of the simple fact that teachers are not paid adequately, more and more teachers who are not necessarily the best fit for the classroom are allowed to receive tenure and keep it for the rest of their duration as teaching professionals.

This leaves plenty of room for so many to fall through the cracks, and thus students are not receiving the education that should be provided to them. An entry-level position, in most fields, is more than what a teacher will ever make in a year during their entire career. In my opinion, it is necessary the education field become a more competitive environment so our public schools be filled with the best possible instructors.

It is not fair to thousands of Tennessee high school seniors who are not well prepared for college because their four years of high school prepared them to take the ACT rather than write a research paper.

We have seen where rushed planning and leaving too much for error can hurt a community in the past, and now that Tennessee is planning on making changes to education, I can only wait and see what real changes will be made. ♦

### YOUR TAKE

## What do you think of the snow days?



“I'm not getting a whole lot out of class, I'm really just missing a lot of lecture.”

— **Julian Tucker, freshman business management major**



“It has been a positive effect on me because the two or three days that we had out I've had major tests on. That gave me an extra couple of days to study.”

— **Kyle Taylor, freshman chemistry major**



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— **Sarah Turner, senior music major**



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## This week in ridiculous: from Toyota recalls to Winter Olympics



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I hope these snow days aren't going to waste and everyone has a chance to catch up on homework and online discussion boards. I know that's what I would be doing if I were there. Well, let's be honest, I'd probably be hanging out in my room watching TiVo or sleeping.

But while APSU was closed, again, I made sure to catch up on my ridiculous news.

The top story of my week comes from a CBS/ New York Times poll about the “Don't Ask Don't Tell” policy. According to the Huffington Post, “Apparently, some 15 percent of Americans don't know that 'gay men and lesbians' are homosexuals.”

“It turns out that 42 percent of Americans oppose allowing 'homosexuals' to serve openly in the military, but only 28 percent oppose allowing 'gay men and lesbians' to serve openly,” according to Geoffrey R. Stone, the author of the story.

Either way, that's still the majority of people who agree to “allow” these citizens to serve in their nation's military if they choose. I guarantee a few more people would be

willing to sign up if they could be themselves.

Speaking of people, I hope your Toyota isn't on the recall list. Granted, even though I see Toyotas almost every day, their accelerators aren't sticking and killing people.

What's the deal with this massive recall? It's actually the largest recall in history. Really? I got that one from the AP. But this stuff happens. Sure, the tragic side of the recall isn't ideal, but cars are machines, and they aren't perfect.

Here's the best part. Toyota must not be selling many cars here lately because I just saw a story from Reuters. Toyota is offering up to \$2,000 in cash and rebates to buyers if they get a new car from them.

Talk about buying your way into the hearts of America. I just can't be persuaded with cash money when people are dying. Get with it, Toyota, and make your cars safer.

As far as I can tell, traveling doesn't sound so luxurious by car or plane these days, especially if you ask Kevin Smith, the famous director. According to a story from the Los Angeles Times, Smith was asked to deplane from his Southwest after he was already seated because he is too fat.

Smith admits he knows he is overweight but said, “I broke no regulation, offered no safety risk.”

According to the article, “Southwest is one of many airlines that require overweight customers to

purchase two seats if they cannot comfortably fit into one seat. The airline determines this in part based on a passenger's ability to lower both armrests while sitting on the plane. Smith insisted he could lower both armrests.”

But it gets better, since Smith was tweeting about his experience, Southwest made sure to apologize via Twitter, too. “Our apology to @ThatKevinSmith and more details regarding the events from last night ...”

The tweet was complete with a link to the airline's blog which was titled, “Not So Silent Bob.”

Really? I hope he got a letter and a substantial amount of flight vouchers for his troubles. But wait, he got a \$100 voucher and allegedly a phone call to accompany it.

Good job, Southwest. Way to alienate a few good people with this policy. I know we all joke about how large people should have to purchase a second seat, but this is ridiculous. And the fact that it's been in place for 25 years, even worse.

Aside from travels, cars and gay people, I have very few things that come close to their ridiculousness this week. One more time on the snow, and I hope this is the last time.

What is this now, four snow days (as of press time Monday, Feb. 15)? I have Facebook, like many students, and I have never seen such activity as I have the last few days. So many people questioning the

judgment of the university and safety of travels. Why?

Usually, on the first day of school, professors tell students about the attendance policy and one of those details involves inclement weather. If you can't drive to school because of bad weather when the school is open, they are usually more concerned with your safety than your attendance. Obviously this is usually followed by a “don't-abuse-this” speech.

If you can't drive to school because your neighborhood isn't plowed, then don't. But don't take it out on the university. Write a letter to the editor or even better, contact the City of Clarksville about getting their act together to clear the roads.

It's no one's fault the snow is on the ground. And if you want to go to school that badly, but the roads aren't clear, get some snow tires.

I'll close with everyone's favorite topic, the Vancouver Olympic Games. I just know everyone has been glued to their TVs since the opening ceremonies. In case you couldn't tell, that was my cynicism coming out.

I know Michael Phelps isn't in this one, but these are the best athletes in our country.

Sure, Alpine skiing isn't so popular in Clarksville, but let's try to stick with these great athletes for the two weeks or so of the games. You never know, one day you might meet one of them and they will end up your hero. ♦



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“It has been messing up my schedule and I have classes. I just can't keep it all on track.”

— **Josh Owens, freshman biology major**



“The main thing that the snow days affect is just throwing off your time schedule.”

— **Anthony Coffee, freshman computer science major**



“The snow has affected my classes because now we're behind and all my tests are going to be around the same week.”

— **Jordan Farmer, freshman nursing major**



“The snow has affected my classes by pushing everything behind and all my tests are going to be right before spring break making it very difficult.”

— **Rebekah Pippin, freshman communication major**



## Droid is taking over ►

The Motorola Droid is dubbed the “pint-sized” power plant with its multitasking capabilities and ability to switch between up to six apps at a time.

The Droid features the world’s thinnest QWERTY sliding keyboard, but why type when you can talk? The Droid also has voice-recognizing capabilities, powered by Google Search by Voice, allowing you to search the Web without hands.

\$199.99, with \$100 online discount. Requires a two-year contract and data plan of \$29.99/mo. or higher. Source: Verizon Wireless ([www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com))



## ◀ Blackberry Tour takes you places

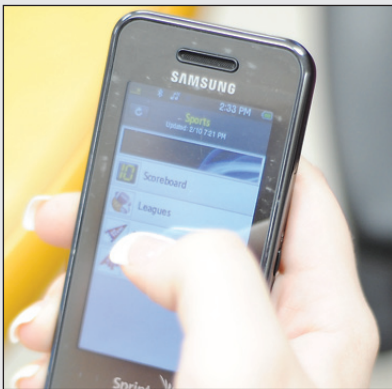
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## SMARTPHONE V. DUMBPHONE



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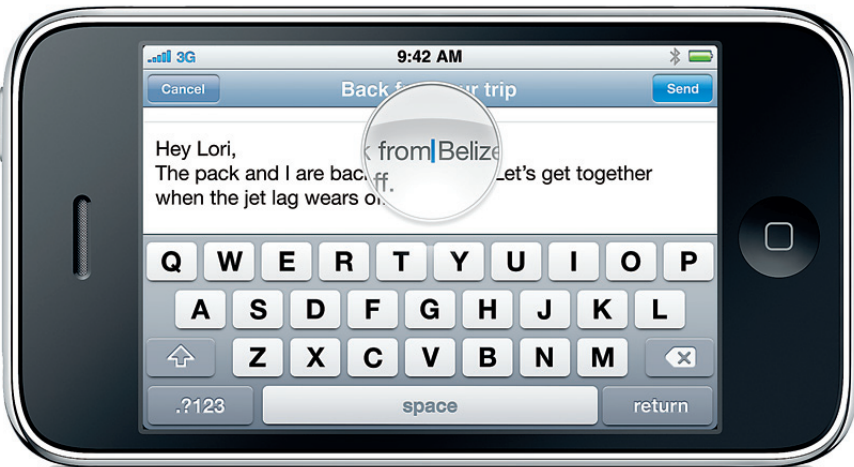
You’re probably more familiar with a standard mobile phone, now dubbed the “dumbphone” since the existence of its new counterpart. These phones allow for phone calls, text and picture messaging and limited Internet access.

Smartphones, unlike their “dumber” cousins, are a combination of both the mobile phone and the PDA and can be used like a mobile phone but with the ability to download apps, GPS, touch-screen navigation and improved Internet and Web browsing access among other capabilities.

## ◀ iPhone 3G brings new capabilities

The iPhone now allows you to cut and paste documents, access to the App Store and switches between EDGE, 3G and Wi-Fi Internet for the fastest connection.

\$99, for the 3G 8GB, with required minimum \$30/mo. data service and two-year contract and new activation. Sources: AT&T ([www.att.com](http://www.att.com)), Apple ([www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com))



Images courtesy of Apple, Motorola and Blackberry.

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You can touch them, you can fold them. You can surf the Web seamlessly and check e-mail (or Facebook) with relative ease. You can listen to jams and share party photos all while calling your mom.

They do everything at your every command with just the touch of a finger. But should you get one?

Smartphones, the more intelligent upgrade to the cell phone, has become the biggest crave since...well, the cell phone itself as these new

prototypes are becoming just as common as their predecessors.

But does that mean you should pocket one of these bite-sized computers?

If cost and practicality matter to you, a smartphone may not be the best choice, especially if all you plan to use the phone for is to make calls, text message and use very limited Internet.

However, if communication is your business, perhaps in a corporate setting, and you need unrestricted access to

important files, documents and information quickly, making an investment would probably make more sense. And of course, if money is no object, a smartphone can be a very fun toy.

### What is a smartphone?

But what makes a smartphone so “smart?” A smartphone, according to Greg Mombert’s article on Digital Trends ([www.digitaltrends.com](http://www.digitaltrends.com)), is like a “supercharged PDA” that allows one to surf the Web as one would on a

regular computer, send and receive e-mails, purchase “apps”—third-party program applications—and receive up-to-the-minute news and stock updates, serving as a laptop or desktop replacement.

The difference between a smartphone and a regular mobile phone—now dubbed the “dumbphone”—is the smartphone is a combination of both the mobile phone and the traditional PDA, according to Internet.com ([www.webopedia.com](http://www.webopedia.com)). Mobile phones provide

voice calls, short message service (SMS), multimedia messaging (MMS) and limited Internet capabilities like Web browsing, instant messaging and e-mail. Most mobile phones don’t have the ability to use 3G speed Internet, GPS navigation or create and download files and applications to the capacity of these “smarter” prototypes.

### Costs of technology

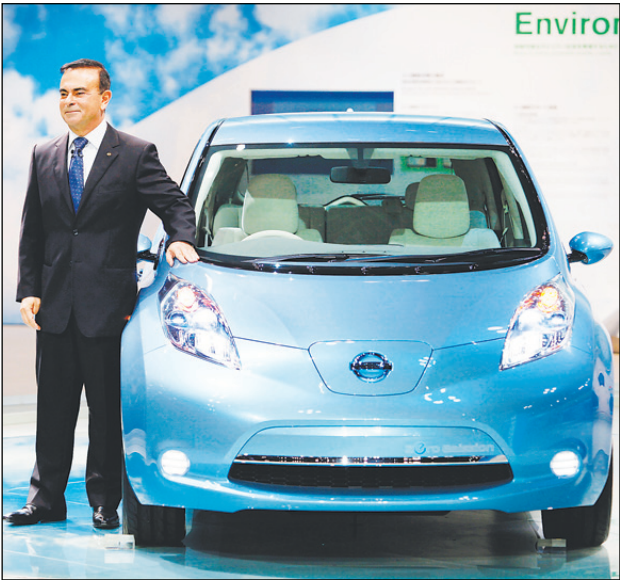
Smartphones are popping up in droves at nearly every cell phone carrier store and can range in price from

\$99 for an iPhone 3G 8GB (AT&T) to \$599.99 for the HTC Touch Pro2 (Sprint). Of course, cell phone carriers have instant savings, online specials and mail-in rebates to defer these price tags.

Thinking about activating a smartphone? Don’t think you can simply buy a smartphone and not have to pay to use it.

Some carriers require monthly data packages in addition to a new two-year service contract or contract renewal and activation fees in order to turn your smartphone on. ♦

## Nissan to debut all-electric car price in April



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nissan Motor Co. CEO Carlos Ghosn poses with the automaker’s “Leaf” zero-emission electric vehicle at the 41st Tokyo Motor Show at Makuhari Messe in Makuhari, near Tokyo, Japan.

Associated Press

Nissan says the Leaf will be able to travel 100 miles on a single electric charge. It takes up to eight hours to charge on a 220-volt charging station.

Pricing will be announced in April, but a spokesman says it will be similar to a base-level Toyota Prius, which starts at \$22,800.

Nissan will start taking reservations in April from a pool of 50,000 people who have expressed interest so far. Deliveries will start in December. ♦

## Is your phone “green?”

The new Motorola W233 Renew keeps going green in mind. According to Motorola, the phone the first Carbonfree cell phone on the market.

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# Student finds blood donation gratifying

**By CHASITY WEBB**  
*Features Writer*

With a deathly fear of needles I have avoided giving blood ever since I turned 17. However, when I checked my e-mail last Monday, Feb. 8, and read that the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center was teaming up with the Red Cross that day to do a blood drive, something told me I had to give blood. So, although I tried to bail out a couple of times, I walked into the Morgan University Center Ballroom C and signed up.

The process was quite simple. In fact, The Red Cross' Web site ([www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)) breaks it down into four categories:

Step one: "Our staff and volunteers will sign you in and go over basic eligibility and donation information. You will read information about donating blood, and will be asked to show a donor card, driver's license, or other form(s) of ID."

First, my signature went on a sign in sheet and you enter the room and take a seat. After waiting for a good little

bit, drinking a bottle of water, and being passed by an over anxious person, I was called into a cardboard cubicle.

Step two: "You will answer some questions during a

“I did enjoy the experience despite the anxiety and sick feeling. It absolutely made me feel amazing to help a good cause and I definitely understood the blood drives slogan ‘The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.’”

private and confidential interview about your health history and places you have traveled. We will check your temperature, pulse, blood pressure and hemoglobin level present in a sample of blood.”

Next, I underwent a series of medical examinations. They took my blood pressure and my temperature, pricked my finger and asked me a series of questions including my weight, my age and my address. Next, my “nurse” left the cubicle and left me on the computer to answer questions about my travel history and my sexual history.

Once I finished answering the questions, my nurse came back in and made sure that with all my answers, I was still eligible.

Step three: “The actual donation takes about 8-10 minutes, during which you will be seated comfortably. The process is safe and sterile. Red Cross staff and volunteers will be available if you have any questions. Certain donation types, such as platelets, red cells or plasma, can take up to two hours.”

When everything cleared I was brought back into the main room and told to sit in a chair that could lie back when necessary.

Then, my nurse gathered the materials and sterilizes my arm. She told me when she was going to stick the needle in my arm and that I could

look away. Yes, it stings.

The nurse walked away and left my body to do its thing. Obviously, I started to look sick because several of the Red Cross workers kept asking me if I was OK. I obviously wasn't doing too badly because another student donating next to me asked if it was my first time and when I responded yes, she said, “You are doing really good. I cried my first time.”

Of course when they asked I was perfectly fine but when they turned away and left me alone long enough I went through a plethora of feelings. I started feeling nauseous and then when that passed I began to feel like I was going to pass out. I was sweating profusely.

Soon the feeling passed but I guess the strange coloring hadn't left yet because they began asking me again if I was all right. By that point, I was. A few minutes later, another nurse came to me and said I was finished.

She took the needle out, bandaged my arm and made me hold it over my head for a few minutes, and gave me a

paper to read about what to do afterwards if I had certain symptoms.

Step four: “After donating, you should have a snack and something to drink in the refreshments area. You can leave the site after 10-15 minutes and continue with your normal daily activities. Enjoy the feeling of accomplishment knowing that you have helped save lives.”

When I was steady enough to get up, I was welcomed to the snack table and I filled out a survey about my experience.

Needless to say, I did enjoy the experience despite the anxiety and sick feeling. It absolutely made me feel amazing to help a good cause and I definitely understood the blood drives slogan “The Need is Constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.” ♦

**Additional information on giving blood**

Numerous APSU student organizations hold blood drives on campus periodically. To donate, you must weigh 110 pounds, be 17 or older and must have not given blood in the last 56 days. Before donation, the Red Cross Web site suggests you:

- Maintain a healthy iron level by eating iron-rich foods such as spinach, meat, fish, poultry, beans, cereals and raisins.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Drink an extra 16 oz. of water and fluids.
- Eat a healthy meal.
- Remember to bring your donor card, driver's license or two other forms of ID.

**To find a local blood drive, or for more information, visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.**

# ‘Valentine’s Day’ tops box offices sales at \$52.4 million

*Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The star-studded romance “Valentine’s Day” wooed audiences with a \$52.4 million opening weekend, easily grabbing the No. 1 spot over the holiday that shares its name, according to studio estimates Sunday, Feb. 14.

“To have a movie titled ‘Valentine’s Day’ on Valentine’s weekend was a no-brainer that absolutely worked,” said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com.

Directed by Garry Marshall (“Pretty Woman”), “Valentine’s Day” was a celebrity bonanza. The cast includes Ashton Kutcher, Jessica Alba, Jennifer Garner, Anne Hathaway, Julia Roberts, Jamie Foxx, Queen Latifah, Jessica Biel, Shirley MacLaine, Taylor Swift and Taylor Lautner.

“Valentine’s Day” distributor Warner Bros. estimated its love story will be in the \$60 million range after Presidents Day on Monday.

That would break the Presidents Day weekend record of \$52 million set by “Ghost Rider” over the four-day holiday weekend in 2007.

Opening in a tight race for No. 2 were 20th Century Fox’s action fantasy “Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief” with \$31.1 million over three days and Universal’s werewolf tale “The Wolfman” with \$30.6 million.

Adapted from the opening book in Rick Riordan’s fantasy series, “Percy Jackson” follows the adventures of a teen who learns he’s descended from the ancient Greek gods. The cast includes Uma Thurman, Pierce

Brosnan, Catherine Keener and Rosario Dawson.

“The Wolfman” stars Benicio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins and Emily Blunt in an update of the 1941 Lon Chaney Jr. horror classic about an aristocrat who returns to his ancestral home and is bitten by a werewolf.

Coming in fourth for the weekend was 20th Century Fox’s sci-fi sensation “Avatar” with \$22 million, adding to a fortune that already has made it Hollywood’s biggest modern blockbuster. “Avatar” raised its domestic total to \$659.6 million and its worldwide haul to \$2.35 billion.

The previous weekend’s No. 1 movie, Sony Screen Gems’ romantic drama “Dear John,” fell to fifth place with \$15.3 million, lifting its 10-day total to \$53.2 million.

Like “Dear John,” “Valentine’s Day” drew

mainly women, with the female crowd making up 68 percent of the audience, said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros.

Playing in 3,665 theaters, “Valentine’s Day” had a strong average of \$14,300 a cinema. That compared with a \$9,267 average in 3,356 theaters for “Percy Jackson” and \$9,506 in 3,222 cinemas for “The Wolfman.”

Newcomers and holdovers offered something for everyone, with “Valentine’s Day” and “Dear John” catering to the date crowd, “Percy Jackson” filling the family niche and the R-rated “The Wolfman” pulling in horror fans.

The breadth of movies in the market lifted Hollywood to a record Presidents Day weekend, with Hollywood.com estimating the overall three-day haul at \$193 million. ♦

# The Tournées Festival

**Azur et Asmar**  
6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 4  
Clement Auditorium

Director: Michel Ocelot  
Awards: Kids Audience Award, Munich Film Festival (2007)  
Genre: Animated/Family  
Running time: 90 minutes



**La faute a Fidel**  
6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9  
Clement Auditorium

Director: Julie Gavras  
Genre: Drama  
Running time: 99 minutes



**Le fils de l'épicier**  
6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18  
Clement Auditorium

Director: Eric Guirado  
Genre: Drama  
Running time: 96 minutes  
Rating: Not rated, contains adult content including nudity.



**Le scaphandre et le papillon**  
6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23  
Clement Auditorium

Director: Julian Schnabel  
Awards : Best Director, Technical Grand Prize, Cannes Film Festival (2007). Best Director, Independent Spirit Awards (2008).  
Genre: Drama  
Running time: 112 minutes  
Rated: PG-13



**Ne le dis à personne**  
6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25  
Clement Auditorium

Director: Guillaume Canet  
Awards: Best Director, Best Actor (François Cluzet), Best Editing, Best Music (Matthieu Chedid), César Awards (2007) Best Film and World Audience Award, Lumière Awards (2007).  
Genre: Thriller  
Running time: 125 minutes  
Rating: Not rated, contains adult content including nudity.



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13 Loudly, to List  
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26 Aquarium fish  
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29 Baby boogie  
31 Noun suffix  
32 Objective  
35 Lose luster  
38 One of the Sopranos  
41 Embarrassed late-night host?  
48 Humble abode  
49 Hawke of "Training Day"  
50 Start to cry?  
51 Pageant prop  
54 Jack of "Rio Lobo"  
56 Dicta  
59 Seek change?  
62 Coasted  
63 Cook and bull  
65 Sup in style  
66 "Rule Britannia" composer  
68 Call — day  
69 Fill in  
71 — Scotia  
73 Sculptor Bernini  
74 Snead or Spiegel  
75 Tarzan the Studious?  
80 Ingot  
82 Airhead  
83 Fruit-tree spray  
84 Biol. or chem.  
85 — Dhabi  
86 Art deco designer  
87 Sicilian volcano  
89 Humble abode  
92 Gershwin heroine  
95 Wordless greeting  
96 "Every — You Take" ('83 hit)  
98 Cheer competitor  
99 Singer John  
101 Organ of equilibrium  
103 Maguire of "Spider-Man"  
106 Singer Sissy  
107 Undecided activists?  
113 Roman writer  
114 Hit hard  
115 Reverence  
116 It may be fake  
117 Author Umberto  
119 Adjusted an Amal  
123 Lhasa —  
127 Come in good  
130 Source of minerals?  
135 Cold sound  
136 "Ritorna vincitori!"  
137 Pistol  
141 New Hampshire campus  
142 Hog heaven?  
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2 Auel heroine  
3 Forest beauty  
4 Request  
5 "Quiet!"  
6 Dove sounds  
7 In — (bored)  
8 Cuban currency  
9 Evergreen tree  
10 Exist  
11 Speech problem  
12 Take for granted  
13 Too big for one's breeches?  
14 Doolittle's digs  
15 Type of philosophy  
16 Hurl  
17 Panache  
20 Dutch pottery  
24 Sitka's st.  
25 Work in Vegas  
30 By means of  
33 Cover the cake  
34 Wrestling surface  
36 Labor leader Eugene  
37 WWII area  
39 City, successor  
40 Enos's site  
41 '54 James Arness film  
42 A shake in the grass?  
43 List ender  
44 Pi follower  
45 Cooking fat  
46 Close  
47 Trinidad's neighbor  
52 Moreno or Hayworth  
53 Inspector Daiglesh  
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57 — "Gay"  
58 Party  
60 Palladino of "EP"  
61 Behaves like a beaver  
64 Kid stuff?  
67 Melchior's dad  
70 Borg or Ulvaeus  
72 Subside  
75 Reliable  
76 As many as  
77 Essential  
78 Elaborate  
79 Brilliant display  
80 Movie piglet  
81 Explorer Tasman  
88 Energy source  
90 Offensive  
91 Churchill's successor  
92 Time to give up  
94 Head for the clouds  
96 La — Tar  
97 "Six Feet Under" network  
100 Pro-gun grp.  
102 PD alert  
104 — Marie Saint  
105 Evergreen tree  
108 Expert  
109 The gods guzzie it  
110 — Spumante  
111 Newscaster Connie  
112 Nut part  
113 Feeling  
116 Dread  
118 Phil Donahue's birthplace  
120 Neighbor of Mont.  
121 Gaelic  
122 Luke, Bo, or Daisy  
124 Prepares cherries  
125 Glasgow guy  
126 Hunkey-dory  
128 Accounting abbr.  
129 Singer Tommy  
131 Maestro de Waart  
132 Hat for  
135 Down  
133 Game pieces  
134 Canonized Mile.

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## Super Crossword

2-10-10 Answers

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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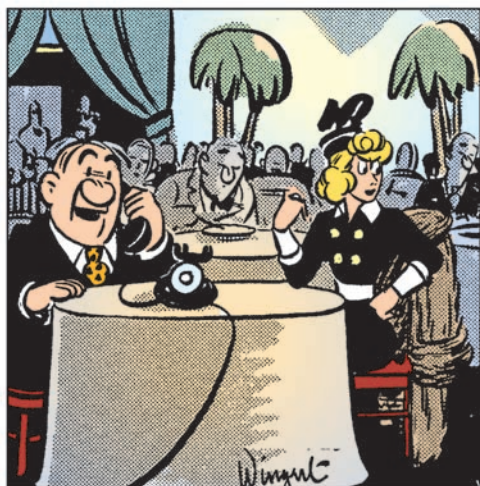
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
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HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"Hello? Manager? I'd like to speak to one of your waiters."

## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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## Notice of Public Announcement

The public comment period for the Draft MTP and Draft Conformity Determination Document will run from February 19th, 2010 until March 4th, 2010. The MTP and Conformity Determination Document will be available at the website: <http://www.cuampro.com/specialPrograms.html> and hard copies will be located at the Regional Planning Commission Office, the Clarksville and Fort Campbell Public Library, Oak Grove City Hall and all Community Centers. The MTP will serve as a blueprint for transportation investments on streets and highways, public transportation, sidewalks and bike paths, as well as for airports, railroads, and waterways in the Clarksville region.

The Clarksville Urbanized Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CUAMPO) Executive Board will be meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Said meeting will be at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Regional Planning Commission Chambers (RPC) – lower level 329 Main St., Clarksville, TN. Business includes: to adopt the Clarksville FY2008-FY2035 Final Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Final Conformity Determination; to amend the TIP for the federal rescission of L-STP funds and CMAQ funds to show fiscal

constraint, for resurfacing projects and/or lighting projects in the County and in the City, for the addition of the RJ Corman Bridge Enhancement Grant, for the addition of L-STP funds to Spurline Trail Enhancement Grant and the addition of Jobs for Main Street Act (JMSA) funding into resurfacing buckets and bridge replacement buckets.

The discussion of air quality and other routine business may be conducted. Anyone having questions or comments concerning these items should contact Stan Williams or Jill Hall at 931-645-7448 or email: [stanwilliams@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:stanwilliams@cityofclarksville.com) or [jhall@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:jhall@cityofclarksville.com) and/or attend this meeting. In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", if you have a disability, for which the MPO needs to provide accommodations, please notify us of your requirements by March 4, 2009. This request does not have to be in writing. It is the policy of the MPO to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFP part26; No person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal funds on the grounds of Race, Color, Sex or National Origin.

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# Govs extend two-game losing streak

By **ANTHONY SHINGLER**  
*Assistant Sports Editor*

After a poor second-half shooting performance, the APSU Govs could not fend off a Tennessee State second half rally, 76-67 in Ohio Valley Conference action, Saturday, Feb 13, at the Gentry Center.

APSU dropped their second straight game, moving them to 14-12 overall, 8-6 in the conference standings. TSU, meanwhile, improves to 6-20 overall and 3-11 OVC.

The Govs opened the second half on a 14-5 blitz, to take a 49-34 lead with 13:34 left in the second half after a layup by forward Anthony Campbell.

Over the next four minutes TSU's hot shooting from the three-point stripe came alive, hitting four three's to cut the Govs lead to 52-50 with 9:25 remaining.

The Govs would extend their lead to 57-50 on a three-point play by guard Wesley Channels. After the

play Channels left the game with leg cramps.

From that point on the Govs could not find an answer to TSU's guard Jeremiah Crutcher.

Crutcher dished out two assists and nailed three 3-pointers to lead the come back to tie the score 57—all after forward Robert Covington's two free throws.

From there, APSU was outscored 26-10 down the stretch by the Tigers.

The Govs opened the first half, jumping out to a 20-14 lead with 9:14 remaining after point guard Caleb Brown drained two free throws.

TSU would then tie the score up at 25-all on a jumper from Robert Covington with 4:11 left.

The Govs went on a 9-0 run capped off by a Anthony Campbell lay-up to lead 34-25 with 2:17 left in the first half.

APSU shot 12-of-26 (46.2 percent) from the field, 4-of-11 from three-point range in

the first half, while TSU shot comparability the same stats in the first half, 11-of-25 (44 percent) from the field, 3-of-13 (23.1 percent) from three point range.

The second half was like night and day.

The Govs shot a stale 22-of-57 from the field for the game (38.6 percent), while going 6-of-24 (25 percent) from three point range. APSU also finished 17-of-29 (58.6 percent) from the free throw line.

TSU finished 23-of-52 (44.2 percent) from the field, while going 10-of-26 (38.5 percent) from three point range and 20-of-27 (74.1 percent) from the free throw line.

The Govs were led by Channels 20 points, while Campbell had 17 points and eight rebounds.

Center John Fraley contributed 15 points and 18 rebounds for the double-double efforts.

TSU was led by Crutcher coming off the bench scoring



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Senior guard Wesley Channels led all scorers with 20 points Saturday, Feb. 13 against TSU.

22 points in 32 minutes of action. Covington had 17, while guards, Jacquan Nobles and Wil Peters, had 15 points and 12 points respectively.

The Govs return to the action at the Dunn Center, Thursday, Feb. 18, to take on Tennessee Tech. Then, on Saturday, Feb.

18, to take on Oral Roberts in the ESPN Bracketbuster series. Tip-off for both games will be at 7:30 p.m.. ♦

# Slow start dooms Lady Govs, drop to 8-6 in OVC

By **MARLON SCOTT**  
*Senior Staff Writer*

Heat or fire is usually associated with the color red, but on Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Gentry Center, the opposite was true.

The Lady Govs were so cold shooting against TSU, icicles were forming on their red road jerseys. In a 68-57 loss, the Lady Govs shot only 26 percent (14-of-53) from the field, their second worst shooting performance of the season.

Junior guard Ashley Herring led the team with 14 points. Senior forward Nicole Jamen and junior guard Brooke Faulkner both scored 10 points.

TSU junior guard Meredith Stafford led all scorers with 25 points.

Neither team hit the floor shooting the lights out.

Herring made the first layup of the game at the 15:49 mark. Faulkner followed suit to give the Lady Govs a 4-0 lead as the clock struck 15:02.

That was the last lead the Lady Govs would have all game.

At the 6:50 mark in the first half, the Lady Govs were behind by only four points, 20-16. But the struggling offense vanished altogether until the final 10 seconds of the half. TSU closed out the half with a 12-2 run and led at halftime 32-18.

The Lady Govs made only 6-of-29 (21 percent) in the first half, including 0-8 from three-point range.

Their only bright spot came from the free throw line where they hit 6-of-9 (67 percent).

TSU maintained control to build a 22-point lead,

52-30 with 13 minutes remaining in the game. But then, Faulkner hit her second 3-pointer of the game that initiated a Lady Gov 17-4 run.

The run brought the Lady Govs within nine points, 47-56. But they would not close the gap.

The Lady Govs incrementally improved their shooting from the field in the second half.

They shot 33 percent (8-of-24) from the field. They actually outscored TSU 39-36 in the second half. Like the first half, free throws kept them in the game.

Three different Lady Govs were perfect from the foul line. Sophomore center Jasmine Rayner made 6-of-6 free throws. Herring missed only one, 8-of-9, and Jamen was equally impressive

making 6-of-7.

The loss made the Lady Govs (9-16, 8-6 OVC) road record 3-9. They are currently ranked third in the OVC, only one game ahead of Eastern Kentucky.

Only four games remain for the Lady Govs regular season.

The next two will be home games. First they will face Jacksonville State Thursday, Feb. 18. Jacksonville is one of the few teams the Lady Govs beat on the road.

Then, the last regular season home game will follow against Tennessee Tech Saturday, Feb. 20.

The last two games of the season will be on the road against Eastern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

The Lady Govs beat both teams at home in the Dunn Center in December. ♦



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Junior guard Ashley Herring scored 14 points Saturday, Feb. 13, against the TSU tigers.

# NBA best stage for All-stars to showcase talent, athleticism



**Marlon Scott**  
Senior Staff Writer

Every professional team sport has some kind of All-Star game. Theoretically, this game showcases the best players of the sport hand picked by a combination of “experts” and fans.

A game featuring the best a sport has to offer should be a fan favorite.

However, if you ask most sports fans, most sports fail to produce an All-Star game worth watching. Ironically, the smaller, least popular sports do the best for reasons I will explain later.

First, I want to give credit to the sport that puts on the best All-Star experience, the NBA.

Without question, the NBA's All-Star weekend is the best example of a sport's best players showing their prowess and promoting their sport to fans.

Where does the NBA succeed and other sports fail?

One major advantage for the NBA is the number of All-Stars it has to choose. Both football and baseball have huge team rosters from which only dedicated followers of the sport can actually name more than one person for each position.

The basketball All-Star team consists of two, 12 men rosters. Only five on each team are starters and each position is interchangeable.

Every year some fan favorite gets left out of an All-Star game. It's a flaw of the system that gives everyone something to talk about. The only exception is sports with only a few stars fans want to see. Smaller market sports don't have any problem making sure the few players their fans want to see make the All-Star game.

However, the NBA compensates by featuring multiple events for more players to participate in. A celebrity game, dunk contest, three-point shootout and skills challenge are just some of the events besides the All-Star game fans can watch their favorite players participate in during NBA All-Star weekend.

Some argue the other games are not entertaining. I would watch the dunk contest over a home run derby or a kickers challenge every time.

Finally and most importantly, the NBA All-Star game features the best of what people want to see in a basketball game.

In baseball, favorite pitchers have to watch their pitch count and batters may be tired from the home run derby. Remember when the baseball All-Star game ended in a tie?

The football Pro Bowl is great for quarterbacks and wide receivers. Linemen are playing patty cake and the defense has a gentlemen's agreement not to hit too hard. You will never see a Pro Bowl in which Ray Lewis and Troy Polumalu turn Dallas Clark into a tight end sandwich coming across the middle at the same time Jared Allen body slams Phillip Rivers just as he releases a pass.

Conversely, in the NBA All-Star Game Sunday, Feb. 14, I watched Jason Kidd and Steve Nash on the same team running full speed while dribbling behind there back with both hands and then make a no-look pass to Dirk Nowitski who drained a 3-pointer from five feet behind the 3-point arc.

In response, Derrick Rose weaved through four players and tossed a 30 foot alley oop to LaBron James who threw down a two-handed reverse jam that shook the seats of over 100, 000 people in attendance. The final score was 141-139.

Instead of wondering when your favorite football players are going to play football at half speed or if the guy who won the Home Run Derby is going to announce he was on steroids five years from now, watch an All-Star game where players are having fun.

The NBA has a winning formula and they are improving it every year. ♦

# Multi-talented basketball player doubles as hip-hop artist

By **ANTHONY SHINGLER**  
*Assistant Sports Editor*

Some might know the senior forward Ernest Fields from the basketball court, but few know him as Stylistic, the hip-hop artist that is currently working on his first album, “So Fly.”

Fields has rapped and produced his own mix tapes, “Eat Da Mic,” and “The Leak” the last two years, with good friend Brian Smith.

The Memphis native began writing music at the age of 12 about occurrences going in his life. His drive and talent for music has helped him mature into an artist that aspires to be great one day. But his music does come at a cost.

Fields, unlike most hip-hop artists, has other priorities besides his music, and that is being a college student and a key member of the Govs basketball team.

“I obviously am very busy person, but I am making it work,” said Fields.

“School and basketball comes first, but all of them are important to me.”

Fields has recently worked with producer Jerel Allen, formerly of So So Def

Records, to help work on his first album “So Fly.”

While he's trying to make a name for himself, he has had a chance to share the stage with some big name artists recently.

He performed with artist Lil Wil last spring, and with The G.S Boyz, famous for the hit “Stanky Leg.”

“It has helped me out tremendously because both Lil Wil and the G.S Boyz had the two hottest songs in the country at the time and

“...as if I belonged on the stage with the best of them.”

— **Ernest Fields, Senior Govs Forward**

I shared the stage with them both on the same day,” said Fields.

“Many people who attended the concert said that I looked comfortable and as if I belonged on stage with the best of them.”

With the popular Web site YouTube streaming on the Internet, Fields has his own station where he has songs he has recorded with Brian

Smith, Sam Freeze and J. Sabin.

His channel “Stylistcent” currently has 77 videos of songs that he has produced.

“YouTube is now actually one of the main sources that I use to promote my music as well as MySpace and many other Web sites that I share my YouTube links on,” said Fields.

“I also e-mail them out to over 5,000 people every time I release a song to help support my YouTube plays.”

However, his album, “So Fly” which was planned on being released on iTunes in the spring, has been put on hold.

“I am holding off on releasing the official album to save it for whenever the right deal comes along,” said Fields.

With the brakes put on his album, his next mixtape “The Leak Vol. 2” will be released free of charge to everyone who is a member of his Facebook group “The Stylistic Facebook Team” on March 30.

Visit [www.theallstate.org](http://www.theallstate.org) to hear Ernest “Stylistic” Fields singing accapella a verse from his song “Dear DJ.” ♦



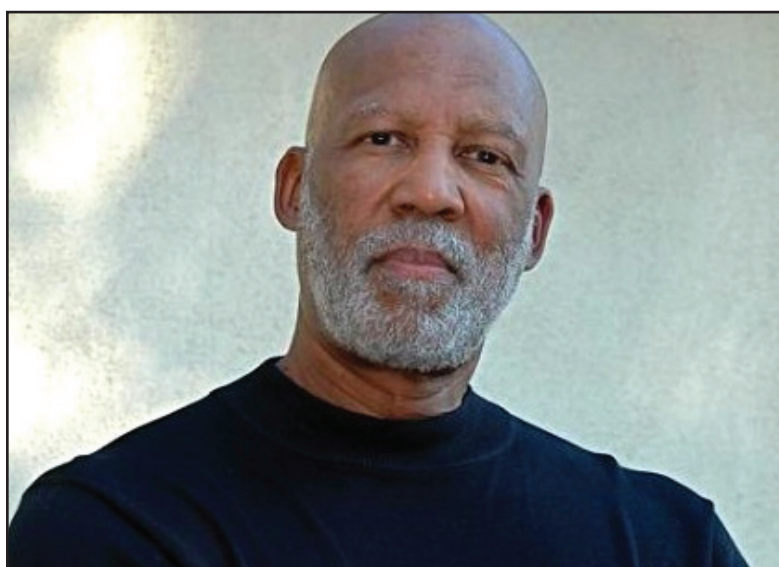
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**All the seats at the hamburger joint were reserved for white patrons, so 13 year old Terrence Roberts ordered food to go. While waiting, he impulsively sat down at the counter and then realized a hush had fallen over the place. Suddenly everyone seemed to be looking at him threateningly. He canceled his order and left. As he walked home, Roberts remembers wondering what it would take for him to be treated like a real human being.**

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## **Dr. Terrence Roberts**



# **LESSONS from LITTLE ROCK**

Dr. Terrence Roberts is one of the "Little Rock 9" who desegregated Central High School in Arkansas in 1957. His recent book, "Lessons from Little Rock," poignantly recounts the dramatic events of the fall of 1957, when President Eisenhower ordered federal troops to

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