

## Drew reelected in largest voter turnout in history

By **TINEA PAYNE and JAMILA WEAVER**  
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A total of 999 votes, 969 valid, were tabulated, which constitutes for the largest voter turnout in SGA history, according to Chief Justice Will Moore.

This year's voter turnout was an 18.65 percent increase from the voter turnout in the 2008-2009 SGA election, according to election results announced Thursday, April 2.

Incumbent Chris Drew received 597 votes, defeating Sen. Kevin A. Criswell by 291 votes to reclaim the SGA presidency. Sen. Kenny Kennedy received

430 votes for vice president, defeating Secretary Hykeem Craft with 208 votes and Sen. Jordan Reid with 254 votes.

Justice Sara Seesholtz received 468 votes for secretary, beating Sen. Trenton Gaasch by 98 votes.

Brianna Velazquez received 486 votes, defeating Jacob Vaughn by 147 votes for sophomore class senator.

Craig Amabile, who ran unopposed, was elected as junior class senator with 744 votes.

Rachel Groves received 372 votes, defeating Cody Fisher-Schmitz with 333 votes and Graham Stewart with 116 votes for senior class senator.

Yousef Behbahani, Erin Bloom and Travis Holleman were elected senators of the College of Math and Science.

Alex Broady and Elle Smith were elected to the College of Pre-Professional Programs.

Chris Brinkman and Katie Weiss vied for the final pre-professional Senate seat in a run-off election Monday, April 6. Run-off results will be announced at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9.

Jody Doris, Katherine Worsham and Issac Ziblkowski were elected senators of the College of Education.

Luke Collier, Anthony Tony McKay and Seth Stinson were

elected senators of the College of Business.

Walter Riley Braem, Erin Coker and Cady Denton were elected senators of the College of Arts and Letters.

Students decided on their best candidates to elect into the offices of SGA, thinking of which candidates will bring about the most change for the future of APSU.

Many students had already made their candidate choices. Others followed campaigns before they made their final choices. Students discussed



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Chris Drew, left, and Kenny Kennedy, right, hear election results.

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## Water scarcity becomes concern

By **JENELLE GREWELL**  
*Staff Writer*

Staff Sergeant Edward Chamberlin, a member of the U.S. Army 5th Group Special Forces is currently deployed in Iraq. He is traveling around the country, helping villages. He said the main problem in these villages is a lack of clean drinking water.

Chamberlin said being stationed in places with unsafe drinking water changes the way he drinks water. He said he and his team tries to stick to bottled water until they have made improvements.

Chamberlin said he has been deployed to Africa and Iraq several times. He said in his experience most people get their water from a surface well, or a hole dug deep enough to have standing water in it. He said in Iraq this hole is anywhere from four to eight feet and in Africa, in can be 12-15 feet deep.

"The problem is that the locals do not protect the water source," he said.

Animals, people and insects will drink from the well, Chamberlin said. He said the next problem is they do not filter the water they drink and they will let it sit and settle, and decant the top layer for drinking. This does not kill microbes in the water and it does not solve the problem of heavy metals from industrial pollution, either.

"People need water, and dirty water is better than no water," he said. Chamberlin said the way he helps people improve their drinking water is by trying to educate the locals. "The best thing to improve their health is to boil the water before they drink it. That, however, raises

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### LIBRARY ATHENAEUM



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Bruce Barry, professor of management and sociology at Vanderbilt University spoke on free expression in campus organizations at the Library Athenaeum Tuesday, March 31, sponsored by the American Association of University Professors, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Faculty Senate.

## Wings for Wishes raises more than \$5,000 in donations

*Staff Reports*

"The Most Delicious Wings in Town" raked in donations as the Wings for Wishes event, organized by Chi Omega Women's Fraternity, raised over \$5,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

Over 400 people attended the event Thursday, April 2, along with 18 wing-making participants who donated wings to the event, according to Kara Palm, in charge of marketing the event.

Wing donors were entered in "The Most Delicious Wings in Town" contest. Zaxby's won first place in the wing face-off, followed by Hooters for second. Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity ranked third.

**About Make-A-Wish**

According to the Make-A-Wish Foundation Web site, the organization was established in 1980. A 7-year-old boy diagnosed with leukemia had dreamed of becoming a police officer, and an Arizona Department of Public Safety officer helped him fulfill his wish by taking him on a helicopter tour to the department's headquarters.

The department presented the idea for an organization that would grant other children's wishes as well, and the founders (Frank Shankwitz, Linda Bergendahl-Pauling and Scott Stahl) ran with the idea. Physicians, parents and children can refer a child to the foundation. Eligible children must be diagnosed with a life-threatening disease.

More than 167,000 children around the world have been granted wishes by the foundation. A child's wish is granted approximately every 40 minutes. For more information, visit the Make-A-Wish Web site at [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org) ♦

## Group begins second stage of student engagement survey project

By **NICOLE JUNE**  
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Students who completed the Matters of Success: An APSU Student Engagement Project survey will have the opportunity to express their opinions during the second stage of the project.

The main event will consist of group discussions that will meet 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, April 17, in the UC ballroom. Refreshments will be served as well as a Subway dinner. Ten \$100 gift cards and 20 \$50 gift cards to Governor's Square Mall will be presented at random to participants.

Those who wish to participate must reply to the e-mail sent to their accounts to reserve a seat.

Matthew Kenney, associate professor of political science, and David Steele, assistant professor of sociology, are among those

who developed the survey and are conducting the research for the study.

The Matters of Success project began with an initial survey that was completed by volunteers online. According to Kenney, nearly 1,500 students completed the survey. All participants were full-time undergraduate students.

"The purpose of this survey was to measure student success by trying to identify student policies, initiatives and reforms to improve success through retention and graduation rates," Kenney said. He said APSU's graduation and retention rates are somewhat low compared to other four-year schools.

Kenney said the methodology used in the survey is a form of deliberative polling, with the focus on participants as experts.

"The ideas for the survey topics were generated on campus through various committees," Steele said.

Three topics were selected for discussion for the main event: academic advisement, APSU 1000 and the implementation of a plus/minus grading system. Participants will be separated into small groups for deliberation on these topics.

"The choices for these topics were driven by students' responses to the survey along with other data collected," Steele said. A moderator will be selected for each group. According to Kenney, these moderators will likely be members of faculty, staff or administration.

"The role of the moderator is to facilitate discussions, not to interject their own opinions.

They have a good bit of expertise, and will be trained prior to the event," Kenney said.

"This will give students some factual, objective information and something to refer to."

**Matthew Kenney, associate professor of political science**

"We want to make sure that all voices are heard and all topics are addressed," Steele said.

Participants in the main event will receive a packet of information about the project and the discussion topics to be better informed about the issues. No information was given before the initial survey.

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factual, objective information and something to refer to," Kenney said.

"At the end of the event, students will take a final survey to evaluate and disseminate the information in different forms," he said. "Both the president and the provost are supportive of the study and interested in knowing its outcome."

"To my knowledge, this is the first survey of its kind to have the students meet for group discussions to get an understanding of student perspective for strategies," Steele said. "Our goal in these small groups is not to reach a consensus. We will have disagreement. The success of the project is measured in how deliberative the arguments are, based on reason," Kenney said.

He said that once all the data

is collected from the project, the researchers plan to present it at future conferences and to publish an article related to the data. "We've just scratched the surface so far," he said.

Kenney said following the main event, the data will be evaluated and new questions may be presented.

"The real challenge now is attracting enough students for the main event," Kenney said. "We're hoping to attract at least 200 students."

We want all the participants to know how appreciative we are of those who took the time to complete the survey, because they provided valuable information; and for those who are committing to participate in the main event, it is great to see that kind of interest," Steele said. ♦

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Faculty wanted for ‘Faculty’s Got Talent’

Faculty members are wanted to participate in a “Faculty’s Got Talent” competition for “Red and White Night” hosted by Kappa Sigma on Thursday, April 16. Faculty members will compete against each other, showing off their talent in order to win prizes. If interested in participating, contact Phillip Reinert at preinert14@apsu.edu.

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

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.

- 1:56 p.m., March 3, Burt parking lot, theft of property.
- 7:57 a.m., March 6, Emerald Hills, theft of property.
- 1:13 a.m., March 6, Foy Center, assault
- 8:34 a.m., March 6, Meacham lot, vandalism
- 10:32 a.m., March 6, Hand Village, vandalism
- 4:01 p.m., March 6, Summer Street, vandalism
- 9:12 a.m., March 7, Emerald Hills, possible stolen vehicle. Vehicle was recovered soon after report was filed.
- 5 p.m., March 7, Marion and Ford streets, evading.
- 8:11 a.m., March 11, Emerald Hills, theft of property.
- 5:22 a.m., March 11, Hand Village, attempted burglary.
- 10:43 p.m., March 12, Meacham Apts., burglary.
- 2:46 p.m., March 14, Cross Hall, burglary.
- 6:53 p.m., March 14, Meacham Apts., burglary.
- 7:44 p.m., March 15, Hand Village, burglary.
- 9:19 p.m., March 15, Cross Hall, burglary.
- 12:46 p.m., March 16, Cross Hall, burglary.
- 8:26 p.m., March 17, Cross Hall, burglary.
- 8:10 p.m., March 17, UC ballroom, theft of property.
- 2:11 p.m., March 18, UMC, assault.
- 4:35 p.m., March 18, Meacham lot, vandalism.
- 11:35 a.m., March 19, Harned Hall, theft of property.
- 8:26 p.m., March 19, Killebrew Hall, simple possession.
- 8:27 a.m., March 20, Eighth Street lot, domestic assault.
- 8:30 a.m., March 21, Clement, theft of property.
- 7:37 a.m., March 23, Dunn Center, theft of property.
- 8:43 a.m., March 23, Dunn Center, theft of property.
- 12:57 p.m., March 23, Emerald Hills, theft of property.
- 3:36 p.m., March 23, Foy lot, theft of property.
- 5:40 p.m., March 25, Rawlins, burglary.
- 1:10 p.m., March 26, Shasteen, theft of property.
- 9:31 p.m., March 26, identity theft.
- 1:16 p.m., March 27, Austin’s, theft of property.
- 6:45 p.m., March 27, Foy, theft of property.
- 6:53 p.m., March 27, Dunn Center, vandalism.
- 11:17 a.m., March 30, Claxton, stalking.
- 10:30 a.m., April 1, Shasteen, harassment, arrested; Robert Towner of Clarksville.

Election: Voters give candidate feedback

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factors that would make them vote for a candidate. Lashea Currie, senior political science major said, “Goals that they have set and what they want to actually do on campus to better the campus.”

“A person who keeps their word and doesn’t make far fetched promises like in high school, just be straight forward and honest because honesty is what people respond to best,” said Christopher Crawford, junior pre-optometry major. “Like Chris Drew when he got into office everything he said

he was going to do, he did and if he couldn’t do it he tried his best to.”

Some students chose not to vote, like Micheal Massey, sophomore sociology major. “Because voting is just an opinion and I feel there is no real power behind my vote. For things to change on campus it should be more about the student body and everyone trying to make things better rather than a student government.” Though Massey knows some of the candidates and supported Kennedy in the past election. “The SGA is just the face of power for

the university, just the model of power, they are just the messengers for the students and because they do have to answer to someone they may not really be in power,” Massey said.

Other students are more confident in the SGA, the candidates and their ability to make things better, as well as voting.

“Voting, for me, even though its not a political election, I still feel like its my obligation to vote because it’s a right that I have and I want to exercise that right, and that is the reason I want to vote,” Crawford said.

“Plus there is an SGA fee

that I pay through tuition so it’s important that I have my say in what goes on and a way that happens is through voting and getting involved,” Crawford said. “I would like to see Chris Drew re-elected because he is a great guy and did a great job last year so I think he deserves another chance.”

Currie preferred not to disclose her voting decision; however, there was a Kennedy shirt draped over her shoulder. “SGA is all about the students,” Currie said.

“Some of the candidates are really serious about what they want to do for the campus.” ♦

Water: Scientists research global water purification

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other problems with fuel.”

Chamberlin said measures he has to go through to prepare safe drinking include installing a deep closed well system. “That is hard without special equipment, that is where we help them out,” he said.

He said next is developing adequate storage and treatment capacity, which can be done by a simple media filter such as sand, gravel or pebbles, and a tank to store the filtered water in. He said once the tank is full, a measured dose of chemicals can be added that will adequately kill most microbes living in the water.

“Outside the continental U.S. it is common to read water purification procedures on the side of bottles of bleach. The same bleach that makes your whites whiter than white saves lives,” he said.

Chamberlin said the effects of unsafe water could be catastrophic.

“When I was in Djibouti, Africa in 1997, I witnessed a cholera outbreak.” he said. Cholera is a bacterial infection causing severe gastroenteritis and diarrhea.

He said the problem is sick people have no control over

their next bowel movement and this gets into the water system and spreads the disease exponentially.

“Cholera strikes children the hardest,” he said. Chamberlin said other problems associated with untreated drinking water are heavy metal contamination and viral and bacterial infections.

Sharing Chamberlin’s concern about clean water is Gregg Schlanger, APSU art professor. However, Schlanger’s concerns extend to Tennessee.

Schlanger said he was raised in the West where drought was part of growing up, and he said here in Tennessee people are not used to droughts. “We need to be aware of how we use our water,” he said.

Schlanger said looking at his water bill, he sees he pays more for sewage than for water. He said because our water treatment facility is over-treating water. He said if just a fraction of the money spent to fix the facility was spent on public education, a lot of water could be saved.

“If we all just shut off the water as we brushed our teeth we would cut a huge portion of water in our water treatment facility,” he said. Schlanger said sewage could keep getting

dumped into the river but everyone lives downstream. “We live downstream from Nashville,” he said.

Schlanger said he spends about a year or so researching and trying to understand his topic. He said scientists do amazing work, but they have trouble with communication. “As an artist I can understand and communicate this issue to the public,” he said.

He said he has addressed issues around water for about 20 years. Schlanger’s most current work is a display featuring 48 one-gallon glass bottles, each representing a different country. These bottles indicate the amount of water used per person per day in each country. The work is selling for \$20,000 and \$14,000 of the profit will go to PlayPumps International.

PlayPumps International is based in South Africa and uses a children’s merry-go-round to pump water into a water tower. The tower will provide clean drinking water to 2,500 people for 10 years. Schlanger said the water tower had four sides and two of the sides sell advertising that pays for any necessary maintenance.

Schlanger said our neighbor country Haiti, uses 15 liters per

person per day, which is not even half of the amount needed. He said Cuba gets 182 liters per day, but it is not always clean. “These numbers do not address the quality of the water,” he said. The cost of providing safe and clean water to everyone in the world by 2025 would cost \$180 billion a year, Schlanger said. “It is a matter of priority. If it only costs that much, then why don’t we do it?” ♦

Water facts

3.575 million people die each year from water-related disease.

43 percent of water-related deaths are due to diarrhea. 84 percent of water-related deaths are in children ages 0 to 14 years.

Less than one percent of the world’s fresh water is readily accessible for direct human use.

Source:  
<http://www.water.org>

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**Date: April 15, 2009**  
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Student organizations and individuals are invited to participate by competing in group or individual categories.

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**Special Olympics**  
**Event and Fundraiser**

The APSU Department of Communication has teamed up once again with Bikers Who Care to hold the 4th annual Special Olympics Pledge Drive on Cable 99 in order to raise money for Area 12 Special Olympics.

Track and Field Event: April 23  
Pledge Drive: April 26

We are looking for APSU students or student groups to volunteer. Volunteer positions for the Pledge Drive include:

- Phone room
- Volunteer Check-in
- Stage crew (including broadcast)

We are also looking for student organizations to sponsor small daily events from April 20 to April 24. Events will include a jail and bail, bake sale and penny fundraiser.

For more information, please contact  
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# This week in ridiculous: pillow fights to thoroughbreds



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A bunch of cops busted up the fun at Campus Martius Park in downtown Detroit, Mich. What was the fun? A pillow fight. A local news station credited police with “preventing the feathery fight Saturday, April 4, by disarming pillow-toting participants.” They also reported the fight

was organized on social networking Web sites. I say it was more than likely Facebook and MySpace. According to The Associated Press, “Michael Davis of Hamtramck, Mich., says police confiscated the 32-year-old man’s pillows but returned his cases. He says he was told that he needed a permit.” Another man told the news it’s “not illegal to own a pillow.” Detroit police spokesman James Tate says cleanup was the issue. You may have heard about the incident in Pennsylvania where three police officers were killed. Richard Poplawski, a 23-year-old, who lived with his mother, shot two officers after they came to the scene because of a dispute over his dog urinating on the floor.

Three people died because of a guy’s dog peeing on the floor. According to the AP, friends said Poplawski was concerned about his weapons being seized during Barack Obama’s presidency, and his friends said he owned several handguns and an AK-47 assault rifle. Police didn’t report which of the weapons he used to kill the officers. A Lincoln, Neb., man was sentenced last week after a conflict with a neighbor last summer. They got into an argument about the breed of the neighbor’s dog. The man said it was a labrador and the neighbor said it was a pit bull. The man left the dispute and later returned with a crossbow pistol. He shot it at the neighbor and narrowly missed.

Federal officials in Arizona say a man was taken into custody after Customs and Border Protection officers found 90 pounds of marijuana hidden in the frames of six large paintings in his vehicle, according to the AP. The man was stopped for a routine inspection at the border in Douglas, Ariz., and the Border Patrol dog seemed to find something in the paintings. X-rays later showed the frames had marijuana in them. A man who died and was buried in 2004 was too large for the casket he was laid in, so the undertaker cut him off at the legs. The man’s body, 6-foot-7 and 300 pounds at the time of his death, was exhumed after years of people talking about it. The man’s widow said, “Nobody ever suggested a bigger box.” ♦

## OUR TAKE

# SGA campaign funding is unequal



DUSTIN KRAMER | ART DIRECTOR

Student Government elections are over, and our new SGA representatives have been elected after a lot of hard work and restricted campaigning. Campaigning to be in SGA is a lot like campaigning to hold government office; you establish your platform, you make your face known to the constituency and you spend money to do so. The biggest difference we at *The All State* can see between running for government office and running for SGA is the implementation of guidelines that SGA candidates have to follow to run an acceptable and successful campaign. There are rules for how large a campaign banner can be, for where fliers can be solicited, for where speeches can be made and for where the money for all the campaigning can come from. There are also rules when running for government office of course, but can you imagine if candidates for government office weren’t allowed to accept donations? For one, there wouldn’t be as many attack ads during election season, but that’s not a problem in SGA elections. The Student Government Association Electoral Act specifically prohibits attack ads of any kind. *TAS* sees donations in national and state elections as a manifestation of the support a candidate’s platform and policies have generated. If candidates for government office couldn’t draw funding from supporters, but instead were required to fund their campaigns independently, then the richest candidate would always be the most visible candidate. This system would provide the candidate with the most money an unfair advantage; so, we

allow candidates to accept donations from their supporters. “Article I” of the SGA Electoral Act states: “All provisions of this Electoral Act shall be in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Student Government Association (SGA), and no provision of this Electoral Act is intended to, or shall be construed to deny any student equal opportunity under the law.” In a perfect world, all APSU students would vote for the SGA candidates with the best intentions regardless of how popular they are or how intensely they campaign. The unfortunate truth is, however, name recognition and popularity are important contributors to election results both at APSU and in national and state elections. Preventing candidates from accepting donations may limit their ability to contend against better funded opponents. Anyone involved in SGA knows campaign guidelines are strict; and even if candidates were allowed to accept donations we think it’s safe to assume there would be restrictions on where the donations could come from and how large the donations could be. We believe all candidates should have equal opportunities to present their platform and interact with the student body. Money is important to political campaigns, and unequal funding will always mean unequal opportunity. If we are not going to allow candidates who cannot afford strong campaigns to reach out for help from their supporters, then we at *TAS* believe campaign spending should be limited. There are rules for every other aspect of SGA campaigning, and campaign funding shouldn’t be any different. ♦

# Facebook and MySpace make friendship obsolete



**Jared Combs**  
Perspectives Editor

Facebook and MySpace allow individuals to remain connected without engaging in real-time dialogue. These social networking Web sites map out the lives of their users by recording interactions online for any member of a given peer group to see. Users advocate social networking Web sites by arguing the risks of displaying your daily lives are outweighed by the conveniences. I won’t even get too far into why I think it’s funny to call them “users.” But I will say this: Social networkers are addicts. While Internet networking may be convenient, it deludes the human emotion in direct dialogue and real interpersonal communication. A typical Facebook or MySpace conversation may take place over the course of several days or even weeks and amount to only a brief paragraph of text dialogue. These “Wallposts” are often inside jokes, “remember when” comments or personal inquiries from old friends who the user may not have seen in a long time. The problem is there isn’t really any point in catching up with an old friend when you can just send them a “Hey, how’s it going,” on Facebook and get a quick summary of their past year. There are no tensions, no slips of the tongue and no awkward conversations on social networking Web sites. The sites are a decent way to kill time. I have one, but they are not a good way to maintain friendships. It is easy to “catch up” with

friends online from the comfort of a computer screen where you can edit every word before pressing send. But I want to hear my friends being the less than perfect human beings they really are. Some of the best parts of friendship are the awkward parts. Friendships without Internet connections consist of many face-to-face conversations. An individual’s true personality is open for interpretation in the real world, but online there is only the face you choose to show your “friends list” and the pictures you hand select for your cleverly named photo albums. Hundreds of studies have shown the importance of facial expressions and body language in interpersonal communication. I think it’s a little scary college students have tapped into social networking to achieve social satisfaction and thereby found a way around actual conversation.

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While social networking can allow us to claim we have a thousand friends, the number of true friends we have seems to be suffering in the modern age of edited text conversations. Internet networking is common and it most likely is a permanent part of our society, but I think it is important to pick up the phone occasionally and call the friends who live too far away to be seen in person. ♦

# Banks allow toxic loans to cripple economy



**Joe Wojtkiewicz**  
Staff Writer

Light the torches and get out the pitchforks for real this time. I have been doing a lot of thinking and looking into what got us into the financial mess we are in. The deeper I’ve delved, the more it’s made me sick. The fact we have been defrauded and misled for well over a decade has been more than enough to make me Hulk-mad. Let me begin with the banking industry. These are the institutions we have always trusted with our money. We rely on them so we can buy cars and homes. For a long time, we trusted mortgage brokers and loan officers to be honest with us and give customers the best loan available. In the end, this trust was what brought us down. Bernie Madoff was a chump; and his Ponzi scheme was tiny. We have been in the middle of a con of epic proportions perpetrated by the banks we were told we could trust. They told us to invest in them. The banks led us to believe they were making safe investments with our money. In the end, they were defrauding us. How is offering Ninja (no income, no job, no assets) loans a wise investment? I’m no financial expert, but I do know if I’m going to loan someone a large sum of money I need to know they can pay it back. However, making bad loans is not a crime; it’s just bad business. Fraud came in what they did with these loans. They packaged them as investment products and sold them to other firms as “solid” investments. These are the toxic assets that have brought our financial system to its knees. How did they get away with it? The

investments they were offering were rated by two major firms: Standard and Poor’s, and Moody’s. The firms are supposed to analyze investment products according to the risk they present to investors. Instead of doing this, they consistently rated these toxic assets as AAA, the highest rating available. According to a Reuters report, it wasn’t until after the collapse of Lehman Brothers stock that Moody’s even considered downgrading Lehman’s rating. This was only a week before the company declared bankruptcy. “We have been in the middle of a con of epic proportions perpetrated by the banks we were told we could trust.” This happens because Moody’s and S&P only rate investments at the behest of the companies that represent the investments. The companies also pay for the ratings. This creates what one calls a conflict of interest. They are being paid to grade investments by the very companies that represent them. This would be like going to college and directly paying the professor’s salary at the same time. Who would rate honestly if a paycheck was on the line? I wish I could say this was all there was to it, but there is more. This has been in the works for years and is still going on. Our government has not only stood on the sidelines while it happened but has helped to bring it on. That is the part I will save for next week. ♦

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# Sisters become godmothers for a day



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By MARLON SCOTT  
*Editor in Chief*

It is prom season, and while some are excitedly shopping in large department stores for the perfect dress at any cost, others are wondering if they can afford to attend because of circumstances like the recession.

On Saturday, April 4, Samantha Frazier, a senior from Clarksville High School, got some help finding a prom dress from a fairy godmother.

More specifically, Frazier was one of several young women chosen to participate in the annual event, Operation Fairy Godmother, sponsored by the PanHellenic Council.

"I went in and I had one sorority member help me and then another one kind of joined in," Frazier said. "We went through a bazillion dresses, picked out a bazillion dresses, tried on a bazillion dresses and found one that fit just perfect. It was a lot of fun."

According to Kelsey Johnson, PanHellenic Council president, Operation Fairy Godmother allows young women in financial need to find a prom dress and accessories including

shoes and purses, for free. All the dresses and accessories are donations gathered by the sororities participating in the event. Contributors include local businesses as well as the sorority members themselves.

"We do aim towards the high school seniors. We really want to get those who are particularly in financial need," Johnson said.

"We go through the counselors. We don't see the information, but we let the counselors pick and choose who is going to be able to come so we don't have random people coming in here who can very well afford their own dress anyway."

This year's operation was held from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, afternoon on the third floor of the UC.

The young women, some with their parents, sorted through the 360 dresses available this year. Parents, like Gerlinde Morgan Sykes, who brought her daughter, Heaven, appreciated the event as much as their children.

"It's great. Some girls come out of poor conditions or already have babies. It poses a hard time for them," Sykes said. "This gives them a chance to have just as

much fun as anybody else."

Refreshments were served and movies shown while participants waited for the chance to pick out and try on the dresses. Several sorority members acting as "godmothers" made themselves available to help everyone.

Freshman Alpha Sigma Alpha member Melissa Sheets was inspired to become part of the operation because she participated in the event last year as a senior in high school.

"I went to this last year and I just really thought I'd like to help out these other girls find the prom dress that fits them best," Sheets said. "My mom couldn't afford two prom dresses, so me and my sister came here. We heard about it through our school."

Fellow acting godmother, senior Alpha Delta Pi member Charli Beth Ferrell, has participated in Operation Fairy Godmother every year since she was a freshman.

"The thing that has kept me coming back is, it is my very favorite community service project that we do," Ferrell said. "It is probably one of my most favorite things about being Greek." ♦



Top: Charlie Beth Ferrell helps Brittany Rounds, a Clarksville High School senior, pick out the perfect dress.

Bottom: There were 360 prom dresses available for high school seniors to choose from at Operation Fairy Godmother.

# Students display artwork during 41st Annual Art Show

By TRISHA WEST  
*Staff Writer*

The Trahern Gallery is holding its 41st Annual Student Art Exhibition until Sunday, April 19. The exhibition contains student submitted artwork includes 3-D models, a 2-piece model and 40 charcoal canvas works and photographs hung on the walls.

"As a photographer, it's nice to go into the student art show and see so much photography. In years past their hasn't been a lot of photography displayed and I'm enjoying that aspect of the show," said Beth Miller, a senior studio art education major

"I enjoy the self portraits," said Lynette Cavazos, a junior business management major, "but since I just lost a family member, the photograph of the tombstone was especially touching to me."

Each piece tells a different story, from the complex relationship of a kidnapper and victims, to self-explanations of an artist and other forms of media shown in a shadow box.

Matt Vietti, a senior graphic design major, entered four works of art: however, only two were accepted. "I was okay since I had two pieces that got in," Vietti said, "Even getting one

in was pretty cool."

Vietti had two professors encourage him to enter his pieces. Vietti felt one of the pieces, "Stockholm Syndrome," was not finished. However, the professor thought the piece was good enough.

"I had to change the way I thought about it," Vietti said. "Doing this has also given me more ideas and ways to change my art into more of the kind of thing I'd like to make in the future anyway."

"Although, it was previously a comment on media and the sexuality of media, it ended up shifting its focus into a complex relationship between a kidnapper and his or her victims," Vietti said.

"Although I did not win, the experience to actually get into the show is hard enough. So I think actually being in the show is a really good thing and I guess in a way you kind of win just by getting in," Justin Hooper, a junior graphic design major, said.

"I don't think my work is as good as a lot of the other photographs in there. But my friends tell me I'm harsh on myself, which most artist are. All of the pieces that won were good. I think they deserved it." ♦



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41st Annual Student Art Show declared Sarah Andrews' Best of Show for her canvas painting.

# 'Fast & Furious' causes summer blockbuster season to gear up early



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Vin Diesel pulls up in a 1970 Chevy Chevelle in a scene from "Fast & Furious."

Associated Press

"Fast & Furious" left the competition in the dust with a \$72.5 million opening weekend, the best so far this year.

That topped last weekend's \$59.3 million debut for DreamWorks Animation's "Monsters vs. Aliens," which slipped to second place with \$33.5 million, raising its 10-day total to \$105.7 million, according to studio estimates Sunday, April 15.

Universal's "Fast & Furious" also raced to a record for April debuts, easily passing the previous best of \$42.2 million set in 2003 by "Anger Management."

It was a blockbuster opening more customary to summer. But Hollywood has been extending its busy season more and more by placing summer-style flicks earlier in the year.

"It's summer time in April," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box office tracker Media By Numbers. "We've seen the summer season stretch from what used to be Memorial Day through Labor Day, then the first of May through Labor Day. Now maybe with 'Fast & Furious,' it's going to be early April as the beginning of summer."

The fourth installment of the "Fast and the Furious" street-racing franchise brings back the four stars of the 2001 original — Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Michelle Rodriguez and Jordana Brewster. The new movie has Diesel's fugitive driver and Walker's undercover cop reteaming for more illegal races as they take on a murderous drug lord.

The reunion paid off for distributor Universal, which also pulled in \$30.1 million in 32 other countries where "Fast & Furious" was playing.

The original was a surprise hit, but the franchise was slowly running out of gas after the sequel "2 Fast 2 Furious," which starred Walker. Part three, "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift," had a new cast and took in a solid but unremarkable \$62.5 million over its entire run.

But "Tokyo Drift" ended with a cameo by Diesel, sparking interest in reviving the series with the "Fast & Furious" reunion.

"The marketing campaign let everyone know it's not what you've seen before. It's the original cast," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal. "For the audience, the first main reason to see the movie was the action, then the car racing, then Vin Diesel."

"Fast & Furious" paced Hollywood to another huge weekend, with overall revenues at \$160 million, up 68 percent from the same period last year.

For the year, domestic revenues are running at a record pace of \$2.57 billion, up 14.5 percent from 2008's, according to Media By Numbers. Factoring in 2009's higher ticket prices, movie attendance is running 12.8 percent ahead of last year's.

"The title of this movie perfectly describes the box office year of 2009. Fast and furious," Dergarabedian said. ♦

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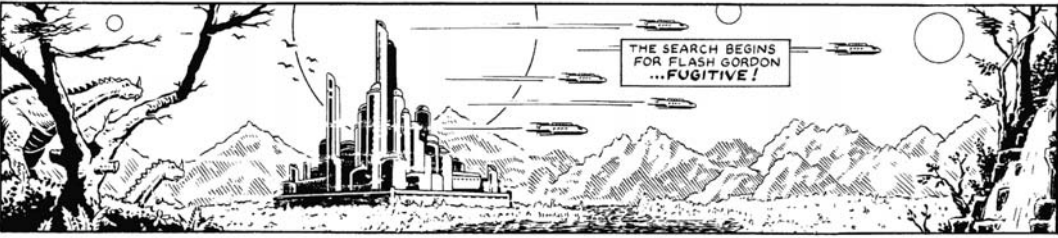
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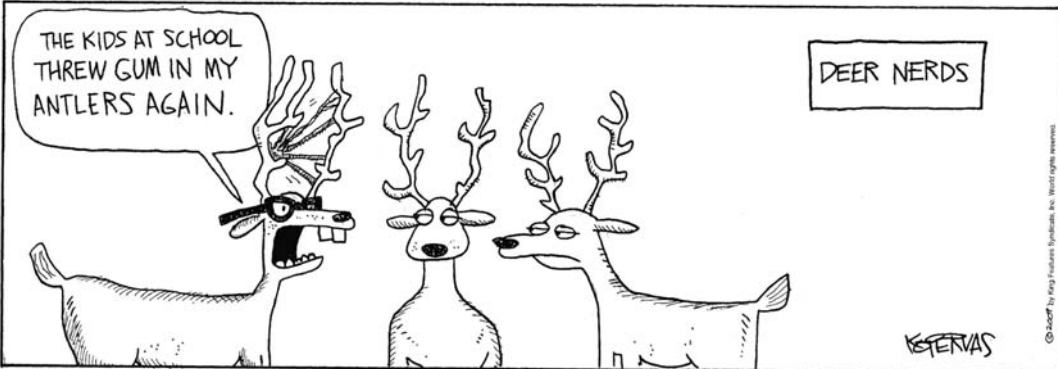


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by Linda Thistle

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## Lady Govs sixth at invitational

*APSU Sports Information*  
APSU women's track and field team hosted its second home meet of the outdoor season, the Governors Invitational, Saturday, April 4.  
On the track, the Lady Govs got a big boost from sophomore Candace Cullors, who notched her first career collegiate victory in the 200-meter dash with a season-best 25.69 mark.  
Sophomore Chiamaka Obi won the 400-meter dash with a career-best 56.51 time. Senior Melissa Nobbs set a school record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, finishing second with an 11:47.46 mark.  
Junior Amanda McCoy held her own in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing second with in 14.54 seconds.  
Freshman Janelle Avery (fifth, 4:52.69, career-best) and senior Bertha Castillo (sixth, 4:53.86, season-best) had strong days in the 1,500-meter

run, while senior Tameeka Southern (fifth, 2:18.26, career-best) had a nice run in the 800-meter.  
The relay teams also provided a big boost in the meet, with the 4-by-100 team of Cullors, McCoy, sophomore Candace Johnson and freshman Jasmine Scott winning by a considerable distance with a season-best 47.76 mark.  
The 4-by-400 team of Obi, Scott, Tameeka Southern and Julie Wood finished second with a 3:57.58 mark.  
In the field events, junior Carrie Burggraf once again dominated the pole vault with a 3.70 meter (12:01.50) mark.  
Fellow junior Molly Bartkiewicz finished second with a 3.55 meter (11:07.75) height.  
Freshman Erica Rose had a career-best throw in the discus of 41.72 meters (136:10), finishing third. ♦

### TRACK AND FIELD



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## Lady Govs take sixth at home



Top: Senior Melissa Nobbs leads the pack of runners. Nobbs set a school record in 3,000-meter steeplechase with an 11:47.46. She placed second in that event.

Bottom left: Sophomore Candace Cullors runs past her Tennessee Tech opponent. Cullors posted her first collegiate victory with a 200-meter dash win.

Bottom right: Junior Molly Bartkiewicz attempts to make the leap. Bartkiewicz finished second in the pole vault event with a 3.55-meter mark.

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LADY GOVS SOFTBALL

# Lady Govs win one in EKU series



Above: Sophomore Ashley Alverson goes for a catch at first base. Alverson scored an unearned run and hit an RBI double against EKU.



Right: Junior Abby Mabry winds up for the pitch againsts the Lady Colonels. Mabry picked up her fourth win in the EKU win.

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

The APSU Lady Govs (10-26, 2-9 OVC) played host to the Eastern Kentucky Lady Colonels (14-17, 5-6 OVC) in an Ohio Valley Conference three-game series. APSU dropped two of the three games 1-2 (0-8, 0-1, and 4-3) at home. The series began with a double-header game Saturday, April 4, and concluded with a single game Sunday, April 5. In the opening game of the series, the Lady Govs played the first three innings well, not allowing any Lady Colonels hits or runs. The fourth inning was a different story. The Lady Colonels exploded for three runs on four hits. The Lady Govs could not

find any way to get on the scoreboard, and stranded seven on base. But the Lady Colonels would keep adding on to their lead in the sixth and seventh inning adding four runs on three hits. In the nightcap of the double-header it was the opposite of the afternoon game, and became a pitching duel between the Lady Govs' Abby Mabry and a plethora of Lady Colonels pitchers. The Lady Govs managed to whittle out three hits. Ashley Alverson had two of the three hits, but still left five on base for the second game. Conversely, the Lady Colonels' bats were still hot from the afternoon contest and the team had eight hits total. The games only run

came from a Kalyn Fox RBI single that brought in Pam Webber. The first two innings of the final game of the series Sunday, April 5, resembled the nightcap of the doubleheader the day before. It was a pitching duel. After 16 scoreless innings, the Lady Govs finally scored a run and lead 1-0 on Tiffany Smith's sacrifice fly out that scored Ashley Taylor. With the lead heading into the fifth inning, the Lady Govs tacked on three more runs from Alverson's RBI double that brought in pinch runner Jessica Ryan. Alverson scored on an unearned run, and designated hitter Detra Farley scored the last run. The Lady Colonels would

respond, but with only three runs through the rest of the game. One run coming in the fifth, and the late seventh inning rally that ended with only two runs. Mabry (4-7) picked up the win for the Lady Govs. She allowed three runs from seven hits with two errors and one strike out. Alverson led the five Lady Govs who got hits in the game with two hits, one an RBI. It was just the second OVC win for the Lady Govs this season. They have yet to win a series in the conference. After a doubleheader against Tennessee-Martin on the road Wednesday, April 8, the Lady Govs will return home Friday, April 10, for a doubleheader against SIU Edwardsville. ♦



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Above: Junior Ashley Taylor steps in for the hit. Taylor scored a run for the Lady Govs on a sacrifice fly.

# Bat Govs sweep SIU Edwardsville Cougars

By **TYLER O'DONNELL**  
*Staff Writer*

The APSU Govs baseball team swept the SIU Edwardsville Cougars in a three game series at home this weekend, Friday, April 3 through Sunday, April 5. The Govs offense totaled 30 runs in the three games, winning 7-5 on Friday, 15-5 on Saturday, and 8-7 on Sunday. It was the first and only meeting between the two teams this year. The Cougars have now dropped six straight games and have only won in two of the last 11. Meanwhile, the Govs have

been up and down. They have only won four of their last ten games. The Govs generated 12 runs, including their second-most of the season, 15, to win the first two games of the series. The impressive offensive display and a chance for a sweep drew a large crowd to Raymond C. Hand Park for the final game. The fans were treated to a close game that went into extra innings. It took two extra innings before the Govs would pull out the victory. The Govs took command early, scoring one run in the

first, another in the fourth and two in the fifth to take a 4-1 lead. Jack Snodgrass was the starting pitcher for the Govs. He got off to a hot start, giving up just one run after five innings. However, trouble brewed in the sixth. Cougar Josh Street drilled a two-run shot that started a Cougars rally. Errors by the Govs helped the Cougars plate four runs by the end of the inning. The Govs failed to convert a routine double play to close the inning for one error. Snodgrass then walked a batter to load up the bases and was replaced by

Ricky Marshall. He gave up five runs, three earned, in five and a third innings of work. The Govs committed another error when catcher Trey Lucas overthrew first basemen Matt Kole. The error allowed the runner from third to score. By the end of the sixth, the Cougars had a 5-4 lead. In the bottom of the eighth, Chris Lewellyn hit his first home run of the season to tie the game, 5-5. The wind helped propel the ball over the right-field fence. However, the tie would be broken in the top of the ninth. Cougar Chilos Norris took

advantage of the wind as well to hammer a shot out of the park. This came after Daniel Tenholder got around the first two batters in the innings. The Govs were down by two runs in the bottom of the ninth. After Josh Purcell banged a hit up the middle, Greg Bachman lifted a two-run shot to tie the game. It was his fourth of the season. Not only were the Govs back in it, but the crowd was as well. Tenholder came back in the game in the tenth. He struck out the first batter and easily handled the rest of the lineup, making up for

his homerun he gave up the inning before. The Govs had a chance to end the game in the tenth inning. They had the bases loaded with no outs, but somehow could not get a runner to touch home plate. They got another chance in the eleventh. Tenholder held the Cougars scoreless again. On the Govs' next-at-bat, a huge error by the Cougars' second baseman put runners on first and second with one out. Brooks Hunton ended the day with a base hit over the center fielder's head. The hit drove in Haskell Fink for the winning run. ♦

# Michigan State brings happiness to city of hardship



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Sophomore Chris Allen breaks away for the lone lay-up. Allen scored his only points on this shot vs. UConn.



**Devon Robinson**  
Sports Editor

As journalists, we search for a story in just about anything we report on, but that doesn't seem to be the case for this year's NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four. We didn't have to look very hard to find the story of Michigan State vying for the national championship Monday, April 6. Motown isn't singing much these days, with the economy affecting all social classes in Detroit, Mich. The professional sports teams that are natives of the area haven't been doing well. Arguably, the beginning of that slump was the Detroit Lions' winless season, pegging them as the worst team in NFL history. The Detroit Pistons aren't doing well this year, either. This is a NBA team

that year-in and year-out plays for the NBA East Finals. This season, they are struggling to break .500. Detroit is looking for something—anything—to look up to in this state of economic strife. Out of nowhere, we have the Michigan State Spartans beating the number one overall seed, Louisville Cardinals, in the Elite Eight. No one believed the Spartans even had the slightest chance to compete with the Cardinals' high-octane offense. The Spartans made the Cardinals look slow and tired. This qualified them for a trip back home to give their state something to cheer about. They played another number one seed, the University of Connecticut Huskies, and took them completely out of their comfort zone. The thing I find funny is no one believed Michigan State would make it this far. I'm sure even long life MSU fans had their doubts. Now, the Spartans are playing for the National

Championship, does the road end here for the Spartans? After all, they lost 98-63 in the same place against the same team, another number one seed, the North Carolina Tar Heels. You could say they probably will get blown out again, but this is a different team. This isn't just a story for Michigan State; this is a story for Austin Peay and for our own country. You hear all the politicians talking about a recession—you might even be a part of one of those struggling families—but this is a nationally recognized story about a city gone under. Crime, poverty and unemployment are all on the rise in the city of Detroit, and here we have a team playing to bring something home to their families and friends. When you mix talent with heart, a team becomes just that much more dangerous. While the Tar Heels are favored to win, the Spartans have won the hearts of America. Do they really have much to lose? ♦