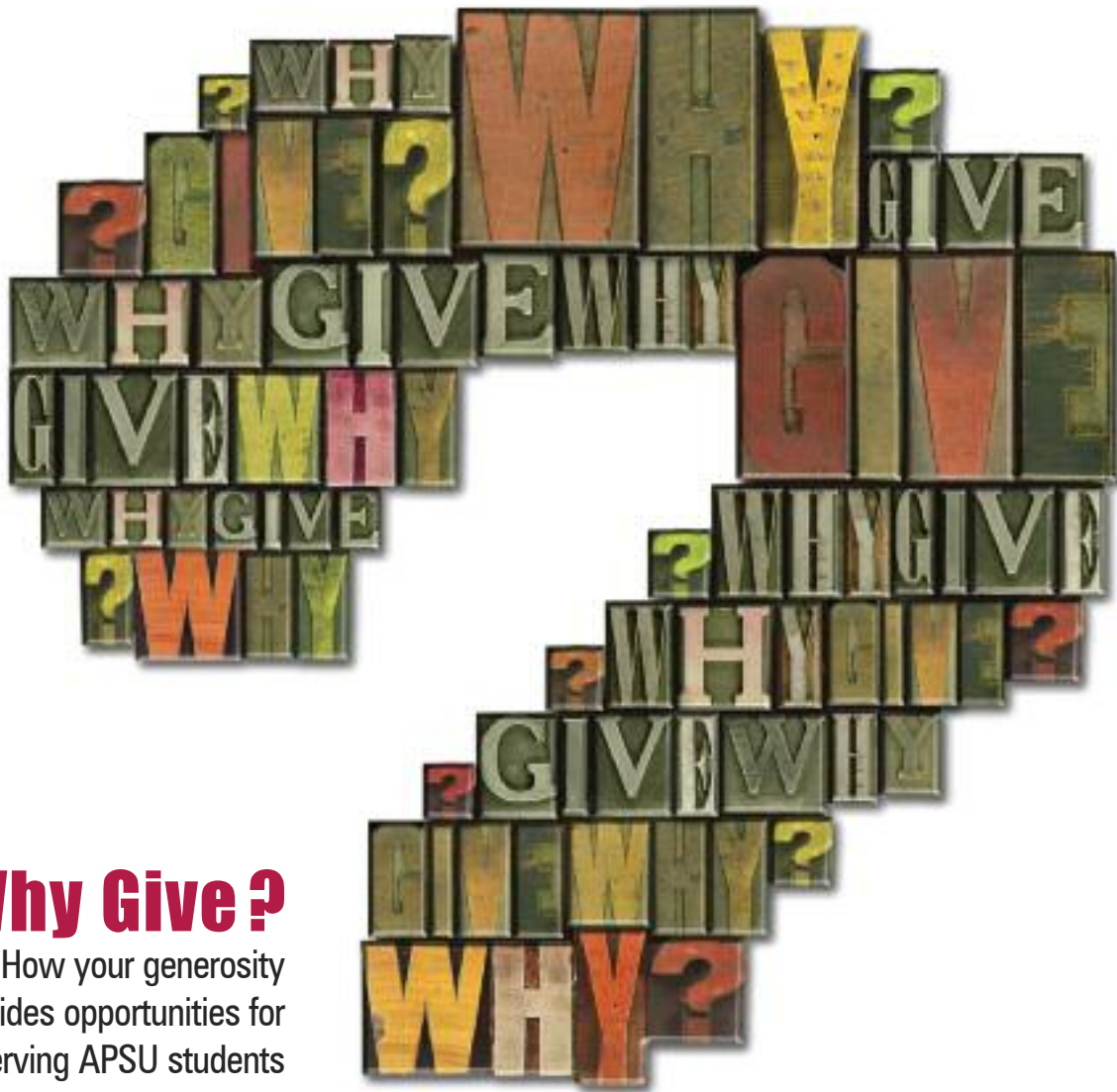


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It's a reasonable question. You put your time in at APSU, cramming for tests or staying late at the library to finish that term paper. Now that you've graduated, why write another check to your alma mater? The answer is simple. Your generosity allows future generations of hardworking APSU students to earn college degrees. Check out some of their stories in this issue of the magazine to find the answer to that all important question – why give?

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The Mabry Legacy



For more than 40 years, George and Sharon Mabry have brought world-class musical performances to the Clarksville-Montgomery County community, and residents such as Evans Harvill think it's about time someone recognizes their efforts. Now, a new campaign is under way to do just that, while also providing opportunities for talented young musicians and artists.

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Marine One



When James Henderson ('61) was a boy growing up in rural Kentucky, all he wanted to do was play basketball. Who would have thought a decision like that would eventually put him in the cockpit of the most important helicopter in the world as one of President Richard Nixon's pilots?

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Like father, like sons



Ralph Harper ('81) has more than a father-son vested interest in the APSU baseball program. His one son, Reed, is the All-Ohio Valley Conference sophomore shortstop. Oldest son Ryne is the senior closer, who gained both a save and a victory in the 2011 OVC Tourney to earn all-tournament honors. The father was an All-OVC middle infielder for the Governors. But as soon as his superb college career ended, he passed on a potential professional career, opting for dental school at the University of Memphis. It is only natural that his two sons excel in the sport he loves, but it wasn't a case of the father pushing his children into the sport. Rather, it simply became like father, like sons.

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A crowd of APSU supporters stand outside the new Castle Heights residence hall after a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened the new freshman hall Aug. 11, 2011. For more information on this event, see Page 5.

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With \$1 million grant, APSU named key leader in improving state graduation rate



Gov. Bill Haslam (from left), APSU Provost Dr. Tristan Denley, Dr. Richard Rhoda, executive director of Tennessee Higher Education Commission, and Stan Jones, president of Complete College America, announce Tennessee as the recipient of a \$1 million Complete Innovation Challenge grant July 25 in Nashville.

APSU was named the key leader in Tennessee to help other colleges and universities with a nationwide challenge to impact degree completion in higher education with the help of a \$1 million Completion Innovation Challenge grant. In July 2010, the National Governors Association adopted Complete College America's metrics as part of its Complete to Compete initiative. All 50 states competed for \$1 million grants to fuel reform in college completion.

Gov. Bill Haslam formally announced July 25 that Tennessee was one of 10 states to receive the \$1 million, 18-month implementation grant funded by Complete College America with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Grants were awarded to states that produced the best plans to develop and deploy innovative, statewide strategies designed to increase college completion.

One of the centerpieces of Tennessee's grant proposal was a new initiative introduced at APSU in April 2011. APSU's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Tristan Denley developed a Course Recommendation System that helps pair students with

courses that best fit their talents and programs of study. Using what has come to be known as the "Netflix Effect," the system provides each student with personalized recommendations based on their academic transcript. Since its debut, the tool has gained national attention in higher education circles because of its abilities to help students stay on track to graduation.

With the support of the grant, Denley will lead a team that will work to further refine the innovation. He also will work with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to develop the system so that it can be deployed statewide to help boost the state's higher education graduation rates among community colleges and four-year institutions.

APSU President Tim Hall said he was pleased to see the enthusiasm and confidence being placed in the University's Course Recommendation System.

"I'm proud to see Austin Peay where we constantly strive to be—at the leading edge of efforts to help more of our students succeed," he said. "I'm especially gratified to see the attention given to Dr. Denley's new advising tool."

HOW YOUR GENEROSITY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR DESERVING APSU STUDENTS

By CHARLES BOOTH | Feature Writer

On a warm, sunny afternoon in early May, Sarrah Goudreau stood inside the Austin Peay State University Dunn Center in a black cap and gown and silently repeated two words to herself – don't cry, don't cry, don't cry.

It was an emotional day for the nursing student. She was moments away from officially becoming a college graduate, but a year earlier, Goudreau almost dropped out of APSU because of the financial strain that comes from being both a student and a single mother of two small children.

"After the divorce, things got complicated financially," she said. "I didn't know if I'd be able to finish my degree. I probably would have had to drop out. If you can't pay for school, you can't go."

In August of last year, Roy Gregory, director of the APSU Advancement Office, called Goudreau into his office to give her a little good news. She was getting the money she needed to finish her degree.

"She sat right there," Gregory said, motioning to a chair in his office, "and started crying."

Goudreau was the recipient of a scholarship, endowed by an anonymous donor, which provides single parents with \$3,000 to earn a degree. The money helped cover expenses such as day care and books, and allowed her to graduate that May afternoon with a 3.75 GPA. Goudreau didn't want to cry in front of all those people and cameras during the Spring Commencement ceremony, but when she thought of her scholarship's anonymous donor, she simply couldn't help herself.

"She is amazing," Goudreau said. "For a complete stranger, who doesn't even know you, to do that, is pretty great. I was a nontraditional student with two kids. I have no family here. It was rough. For somebody to say, 'here you go.' I can't even explain it."

Goudreau's story isn't all that unusual. Over the years, friends and alumni of APSU have generously given to the

University in order to provide these scholarships and financial awards to deserving students. But, with Austin Peay's enrollment projected to exceed 11,000 this year, the need for scholarship dollars keeps growing.

"You have a chance to change students' lives with these gifts," Gregory said. "And by endowing a scholarship, you're creating a legacy that lives forever."

Some have already made it a priority to support this community's next generation of nurses, teachers, historians and actors. On the next few pages, see how they're lending a helping hand to APSU's hardworking students.



Sarrah Goudreau

Beth Uggert

Why Give?

THE HOWELL C. SMITH JR. AND SR. ENDOWMENT FUND

By CHARLES BOOTH | Feature Writer

Andrea Coleman, an APSU junior from White House, Tenn., never met Howell “Smitty” C. Smith Sr. She was only about 5 years old when the prominent Clarksville banker passed away. Coleman was a little older, about 13, when Smith’s son, local attorney and court clerk Howard “Red” C. Smith died in 2004, but she never met that man either.

Still, the Smith names carry a special meaning for Coleman, and she’ll likely never forget what the two men have done for her. Shortly after their passing, their two estates gave \$2.1 million to APSU for scholarships and chairs of excellence. Coleman is one of the many recipients of the Howell C. Smith Jr. and Sr. Endowment Scholarship.

“It was such a blessing because it took a big burden off me financially,” she said. “It was really important for me to come out of college with the smallest amount of debt as possible. This scholarship means I don’t have to worry so much about paying for school. I’m really, really appreciative of their contributions and that they were willing to help me out when I needed it.”

The scholarship isn’t simply providing Coleman with an education. It has allowed her to discover her life’s passion and to pursue that passion while a student at APSU.

“I went to a really small high school that didn’t have theater, and now I’m a theater major,” she said. “I came to Austin Peay not knowing what I wanted to do. Then, I got involved in theater and knew that’s what I wanted to do.”

Since the endowment fund was created in 2005, it has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving APSU students. The scholarship, which is renewable for up to eight semesters, requires that recipients maintain a 3.0 GPA and work 75 hours a semester in the University Advancement Office.

“That keeps me accountable,” Emily Henson, an APSU

sophomore and scholarship recipient, said. “It’s not just that it gave me money, but I’m having to work for it, provide my time to do things for the ladies and gentleman in that department.”

Henson, a Montgomery County native, worked hard while in high school to build an impressive resume through service and extracurricular activities. Now, the Smith Scholarship is allowing her to earn an education in a field that will benefit an even younger generation of Clarksville citizens.

“I just want to help people,” she said. “I found the best way to do that is through education and becoming a teacher. I remember in elementary school, I had two



Emily Henson, recipient of the Howell C. Smith Jr. and Sr. Endowment Scholarship

Beth Ligggett

teachers that really impacted my life and helped me to become who I am. I want to be that same impact on my students.”

Six years after APSU received the generous endowment from the father and son, President Tim Hall said, “This endowment has paved the way for many Austin Peay students to pursue their dreams of earning a college degree. It has been a life-changing force.”

That force is alive in students such as Coleman and Henson and it continues to prosper with each coming year.

APSU awards new chemical engineering tech degree to 50-plus candidates



Kevin Johnson is one of APSU's first recipients of the A.A.S. in chemical engineering technology.

During Spring Commencement on May 6, APSU graduated the first class of students to receive the new Associate of Applied Science in chemical engineering technology.

A total of 53 students received the degree, launched for the first time in Fall 2009. The degree program is housed in the APSU College of Science and Mathematics.

The A.A.S. in chemical engineering technology was designed following the announcement in December 2008 that Michigan-based Hemlock Semiconductor Group will build a new production facility in Commerce Park. Hemlock is a leading manufacturer of products used in the growing solar cell technology industry.

Hemlock has hired some of APSU's graduates of the chemical engineering technology program, as well as the Tennessee Valley Authority among others.

APSU's 60 credit-hour program, expected to produce approximately 50 graduates per year by the fifth year of operation, includes 17 hours in general education requirements and 43 hours in the major.

Students move into new residence hall

This fall, the new \$25.5 million 416-bed facility, Castle Heights, opened for APSU students, replacing three existing residence halls: Cross, Killebrew and Rawlins.

The complex features two identical buildings joined by a common lobby and other common spaces at an "elbow."

The ground floor of the new residence hall will include public or common spaces,

APSU celebrates opening of Highland Crest



Several dignitaries from the Tennessee Board of Regents, Austin Peay State University, Volunteer State Community College and Robertson County celebrate the opening of the new Highland Crest Campus on June 22 in Springfield.

This fall, Austin Peay State University is offering classes and degree programs at the new Highland Crest Campus in Springfield.

APSU is sharing the new facility with Volunteer State Community College. The two schools held an Open House Celebration and College Day on June 22.

APSU is offering bachelor's degree programs in professional studies and criminal justice/homeland security at Highland Crest. Courses are on an eight-week term schedule.

Highland Crest, located off William Batson Parkway one mile south of NorthCrest Medical Center, was the result of a referendum in 2009 in which voters approved the construction of Robertson County's first higher education facility.

lounges, meeting and game rooms, a convenience store and coffee bar and a laundry area.

Lyle-Cook-Martin Architects in Clarksville was responsible for designing the project. Knoxville-based Rentenbach Construction Co. built the new Castle Heights.

Leadership studies minor revamped

Beginning this fall, APSU will launch a revamped minor in leadership studies program that integrates theory, practice and research. The minor is open to all students.

The minor, housed in the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, requires 18 credit-hours of coursework that complements other University majors and programs.

Previously, the leadership studies minor

was reserved primarily for students enrolled in the President's Emerging Leaders Program (PELP), a program that encourages students to apply leadership skills in real-life situations on campus or in community agencies.

"Many students who were not associated with PELP but wanted to take some of the courses had to hunt to find the minor," Dr. William Rayburn, coordinator of the leadership studies minor, said. "Now, we have structured this program so that it complements various majors and programs across campus."

Students choosing a minor in leadership studies will be able to elect one of two Leadership Seminar options: an experiential emphasis that focuses on a service-learning component or an investigative emphasis that is similar to an independent study.



College of Arts & Letters appoints new dean



Dr. Dixie Webb

Dr. Dixie Webb, a noted quilt maker and art history scholar, was appointed dean of the APSU College of Arts and Letters.

Webb has served as the college's interim dean since August 2009. She said she wants programs in the college to have a "big-picture idea" of the skills and critical thinking students will need in the workforce and graduate school.

"Our students today have to be ready for change," she said. "I think we do a good job of teaching these skills now, but I think we can improve."

Six academic departments – art, communication, history and philosophy, language and literature, music, and theater and dance – are housed in the College of Arts and Letters. In addition, the college has four special programs: African American Studies, Honors, International Studies and Women's Studies.

Webb earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Kansas. She serves on the board of directors for the Clarksville Arts and Heritage Development Council.

APSU nursing school repeats success of 100 percent pass rate on NCLEX

For the second time in the last two years, the APSU School of Nursing recorded a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) last winter, surpassing the national average pass rate of 89 percent.

The feat was accomplished for the first time in the program's history in 2009. Then in 2010, a total of 41 students who graduated in December 2010 with the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree took the NCLEX for the first time and passed.

In addition to the B.S.N., the APSU School of Nursing offers a Master of Science in Nursing.

HSC Building garners design awards



Garry Askew and Tom Bauer, with Bauer Askew Architecture, present APSU President Tim Hall and APSU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Tristan Denley with a framed print of the University's Hemlock Semiconductor Building.

The American Institute of Architect's Gulf States Region presented Bauer Askew Architecture PLLC and Rufus Johnson Associates of Clarksville Inc. with a prestigious Merit Award for its design of Austin Peay State University's Hemlock Semiconductor (HSC) Building.

The judges' comments in awarding this project included:

- The building's "integration of the traditional campus architecture with a twist; we especially like the sundial and solar panel incorporation into the architecture."
- "A beautiful juxtaposition with respect for the campus vernacular and the building's

unexpected industrial function."

- "Great contrast of a manufacturing facility designed to be a University focal point; blends in with the surrounding campus while at the same time calling attention to its progressive mission with the bold sunscreen facade and sundial tower."

The Middle Tennessee Chapter of the AIA also honored the building for its design. Judges for that merit award said, "we loved this very successful marriage of campus vernacular with high-tech showplace. This project perfectly suits its pedagogical purpose, with its (laboratory) on beautifully choreographed display. We felt that the clever solar panel sundial is destined to become a campus landmark."

The HSC Building opened in September of 2010 to house the University's new chemical engineering technology associate degree program and laboratory.

APSU invests stimulus funds toward energy-saving projects, improvements

In the last couple of years, APSU has focused on water and energy conservation projects that so far have produced \$1.4 million in energy savings, thanks largely to federal funding. And that's not the full savings impact APSU will see.

"It's not really the end of it," Mitch Robinson, vice president of finance and administration at APSU, said. "It's a recurring amount that we will see years down the road."

Robinson said the University devoted \$12 million in federal stimulus money awarded in 2009 under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) toward replacement of various pumps with more efficient motors, heating and air unit upgrades and other energy-saving improvements.

The ARRA provided funding to colleges and universities across the country to use as they see fit. Some institutions chose to spend their stimulus packages on capital projects, faculty development and other endeavors – many of which would require additional financing.

However, APSU officials strategically

THE O.S. UFFELMAN EXEMPLARY HISTORY STUDENT AWARD

By CHARLES BOOTH | Feature Writer



Deanna Carter (right) is the first recipient of the O.S. Uffelman Exemplary History Student Award, endowed by Dr. Minoa Uffelman ('82, '83) (left), associate professor of history, and her husband Joel Evans.



Deanna Carter needs to go to Europe. The APSU military history graduate student is studying how wars impact civilizations, and a study-abroad trip to Holocaust sites could provide vital, first-hand insights for her research.

She'd heard about the seminar that Dr. Dewey Browder, chair of the APSU

Department of History, leads through Germany, France and Austria every summer, taking students to places such as the Dachau Concentration Camp and Hitler's Eagle's Nest. It sounded like an ideal trip for her to conduct research, but finding a way to pay for it proved challenging for the mother of two.

"I don't work outside of going to school and taking care of my family, so it was going to be difficult on the family for me to go," Carter said.

But on April 26, during an APSU Department of History Awards Banquet, Carter received a bit of good news that changed her plans for next summer. She was named the inaugural recipient of the O.S. Uffelman Exemplary History Student Award. The \$1,000 award, endowed by APSU Associate Professor of History Dr. Minoa Uffelman and her husband Joel Evans, will be awarded annually to a rising junior or senior history major, or a full-time student entering the APSU M.A. in military history program. The money will be credited to the student's account, and can be used for

tuition, housing, books, fees or study-abroad opportunities.

"I did not know initially that there was money involved in the award. I just thought it was a certificate," Carter said. "Later, after it was all over, (Dr. Uffelman) said 'you do know there's money involved?' I grabbed her and hugged her and said, 'I'm going to Germany.' I don't know if I could have done it without this award. It opened doors for me like nothing else."

That's exactly what Uffelman and Evans wanted. Earlier this year, the couple created the award as a way of honoring Uffelman's late father – an APSU alum who worked as a history teacher, basketball coach, high school principal and superintendent of Houston County Schools.

"My dad spent his whole life as an educator, and he encouraged hundreds, if not thousands, of people throughout the years to improve their education," Uffelman said. "And so many have told me over the years that he was instrumental in their lives. My husband and I wanted to endow this award because we wanted to recognize very good students who work hard and reward them with this \$1,000 award to further their education. My dad would be very pleased with this."

Carter perfectly fits the award's requirement that it go to an "exemplary" history student. She is currently a departmental graduate assistant, president of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society and editor-in-chief of the University's new scholarly history journal, Theta-Delta.

"Deanna is exactly the kind of student we had in mind when we established this award," Uffelman said. "She's an excellent student and contributes to APSU and the community by her many activities."

The money will allow Carter to take her scholarly research to a more advanced level by accompanying Browder on his next study-abroad excursion to Europe next May. The award itself, however, holds a deeper meaning for the graduate student.

"Dr. Uffelman totally surprised me with it," Carter said. "I know my mouth dropped open. Because I knew it was named for her father and the special relationship she had with him, it was an honor for me. We looked at each other and became emotional. It was so special."

Why Give?

CLARKSVILLE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

By CHARLES BOOTH | Feature Writer



Being the mother of one or two young children makes it difficult for many women to go to college and earn a degree. Being the mother of eight children means it's nearly impossible. That's the predicament Stacey Newbern found herself in a few years ago when she decided to become a nurse.

"I've been a stay-at-home-mom, and we were just living on my husband's income," she said. "But I just felt like I wanted to work in my community, to serve my community, and nursing seemed the best way to do that."

The added income a nursing degree would bring was also an incentive for Newbern, but the idea of actually going to college seemed like little more than a pipe dream. The cost of tuition and books would put too much of a financial strain on her family.

Luckily for this mother of eight, the Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Health Foundation, a public benefit corporation that promotes the general health of the area, had just started a pilot award program that funds undergraduate and graduate scholarships each year for APSU's School of Nursing. Newbern was one of that program's first beneficiaries.

"It was wonderful," she said. "This scholarship made the difference from having to quit nursing school and having to take a menial job somewhere. If it had not been for that scholarship, I could not have stayed in school."

In the last three years, the foundation has provided more than \$680,000 for scholarships, with \$245,000 of that coming in this year alone. That's a huge asset for a program that traditionally attracts nontraditional students.

"Typically we are funded for about 20 undergraduate scholarships in the amount of \$6,500 each, which covers their tuition and most of their books," Dr. Doris Davenport, APSU professor of nursing, said. "At the graduate level, we have eight scholarships for \$10,000 per academic year, and the graduate student has to complete 18 hours of study within that academic year."

Newbern, who earned her diploma in May, plans to stay put in Clarksville. That's because as a caveat to getting the scholarship, she is required to spend the next two years working locally.

"Each student is required to sign a contract, stating that



Beth Liggatt

Stacey Newbern is one of the first recipients of a nursing scholarship awarded through a pilot program funded by the Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Health Foundation.

they will work in Montgomery County or in one of the five contiguous counties," Davenport said. "This scholarship is a tool that, no. 1, helps the nursing students and, no. 2, retains nurses in the Clarksville-Montgomery County area, and the five contiguous counties."

Keeping good qualified nurses in the area is one of the reasons the foundation started this program. A nursing shortage across the country often means graduates will go look for higher paying jobs in more metropolitan areas, such as Nashville.

"My personal feeling is that this is a good investment for the immediate future," Dr. Harold Vann, a foundation board member, said. "As you may know, primary care is going to be done by nurses in the future because there are not many doctors going into that field. We feel that nurses will be in greater demand."

The money provided by the foundation will also help improve the University's already strong School of Nursing. For the last two years, the award has provided five scholarships for APSU nursing faculty members to pursue their doctorates.

"This is an effort to grow our own doctorally prepared faculty," Davenport said. "This is for accreditation and for them to be able to progress to full professorship."

But ultimately, these scholarships are providing immense opportunities for APSU nursing students.

"It's huge what this does," Davenport said. "It's huge for our students and, I think, it's huge for the community."



decided to invest the majority of the stimulus funding into green initiatives. Those measures have yielded – and will continue to do so – dividends in energy savings that will be reinvested into core structural areas of campus.

“Through use of the federal stimulus dollars, APSU did not have to finance the energy-saving improvements,” Robinson said. “We’ve taken these monies and wisely invested them into utility-savings projects from now until the future to use for other structural improvements.”

Maynard presented with 2011 Regents Award for Excellence in Philanthropy



APSU President Tim Hall, James Maynard (middle) and John Morgan, TBR chancellor

The Tennessee Board of Regents recognized the generosity of local businessman James Maynard on April 26 by presenting him with the 2011 Regents Award for Excellence in Philanthropy.

Maynard, a 1956 graduate of APSU, has long been a supporter of the University. Most recently, he created the Maynard Family Endowment Scholarship, which provides financial assistance annually to a student from Montgomery County pursuing a business degree at APSU.

Shortly after graduating from APSU, at the age of 22, Maynard began an impressive entrepreneurial career by opening the Sportsman’s Store on Cumberland Drive. He later sold that business and joined his family

in operating a Buick, Pontiac, GMC, Opel dealership at the corner of College and Ninth streets. In the late 1970s, he sold his part of the dealership and started building apartments and homes through Maynard Construction Inc.

GIS Center, Oak Ridge receive \$400,000 grant for cell phone app

A year ago, the Geographic Information Systems Center at APSU, in conjunction with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, developed an innovative new cell phone application known as the Disaster Mitigation and Recovery Kit (DMARK).

The application allows emergency responders to document immediately any damage they come across following a disaster. Employees with the GIS Center field-tested the application after the May 2010 flood, and they came up with several ideas on how to upgrade the program.

The only problem was, they needed more money to continue their work. Those funds thankfully arrived in March 2011 when the Department of Homeland Security awarded the APSU GIS Center and Oak Ridge a \$400,000 Southeast Region Research Initiative grant, allowing the GIS Center to improve the DMARK application’s initial prototype.

The original prototype has a standard damage assessment form to record the data. The GIS Center wants to upgrade the application to allow users to create and download their own forms. That way, DMARK can be used by emergency personnel for any type of situation, from an earthquake in California to a hurricane in Florida.

APSU professors and students will also assist the GIS Center on all facets of the project, from programming and writing code to designing the application’s icon logo.

College of Business forms new advisory board

Students taking business, finance, accounting, economics or management classes next year at APSU might notice a new spirit

of entrepreneurship and service in their courses.

Thanks to the formation of the APSU College of Business Advisory Board, members of the new entity – themselves business and community members in Clarksville, Nashville and throughout the nation – will help to develop the college’s faculty, offer or suggest internships to students, provide input on curriculum design, establish scholarships and other financial support, serve as guest speakers and assist in other ways.

Trahern receives TBR Philanthropy Award because of generosity to APSU



Dr. Joe Trahern (left) and APSU President Tim Hall

Dr. Joseph B. Trahern Jr. was presented the 2011 Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor’s Award of Excellence in Philanthropy during the 53rd Annual Tower Club Dinner meeting at APSU, held April 1.

The award, presented by the Tennessee Board of Regents each year to individuals, companies or organizations, is based on the generous giving of resources to a TBR institution and outstanding volunteer efforts in raising money for the institution.

Trahern is a member of the APSU Acuff Circle of Excellence and a supporter of the APSU Woodward Library Society. He previously donated two pieces of rare William Edmonson sculptures to the University, which now join a piece that was given by his parents. His gift brings the value of that collection to



APSU awards 2 top student honors at annual Honors and Awards Day ceremony



Beith Lajget and Rollow Welch

Casey McKnight (left) received the William McClure Drane Award in April 2011, and Deanna Carter was named the winner of the Harvill-Civitan Citizenship Award. Both awards are APSU's top two student honors.

A mathematics and physics major who will pursue her doctoral degree in the fall at Stanford University on a full scholarship and a history student who has become a mentor for transfer and nontraditional students received the two top student awards during APSU's annual Academic Honors and Awards Day ceremony.

Casey McKnight was named the recipient of the William McClure Drane Award, and Deanna B. Carter received the Harvill-Civitan Citizenship Award.

Although both are chosen by faculty vote, Drane Award criteria include character, scholarship, leadership and service to APSU. The Harvill-Civitan Award goes to

the graduate who maximized his/her abilities and worked for the betterment of the University.

McKnight, of Clarksville, graduated as a double major in physics and mathematics with a concentration in statistics. In September 2011, she will begin working toward a Doctor of Philosophy in statistics at Stanford University in Stanford, Calif. She has been granted a full tuition waiver, as well as teaching and graduate assistantships.

Carter majored in history and plans to earn a master's degree at APSU.

nearly \$1 million.

Trahern was the lead donor to begin the Trahern project. That building was named in honor of his mother, Margaret Fort Trahern, a former APSU English instructor.

He also funded to have an art lecture hall named in honor of his late wife, Marjorie, and to date his total giving to APSU totals around half a million dollars.

With his bachelor's and master's degrees from Vanderbilt University and a Ph.D. from Princeton University, Trahern embarked on a stellar academic career. He served as a professor of English at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for 15 years. He worked as the executive secretary and later as the acting head of that school's English department.

In 1978, he returned to his home state and took up the position of professor of English at the University of Tennessee. While in

Knoxville, he worked as head of the department of English, executive assistant to the chancellor and acting vice chancellor of academic affairs.

APSU app now available for Android smartphone



Months after APSU launched its first mobile app for the iPhone, the Peay Mobile 2 app is now available for Android smartphone users.

The new release for the Android is similar to the app released in August 2010 for the iPhone but with additional features:

- Push notifications: Users can get the latest updates on what is happening on campus.
- Dining: Menus, prices and much more information can be viewed.
- Alumni: Graduates can keep in touch with fellow classmates and faculty.
- Faculty and students: Schedules can be downloaded onto the phone. Plus, students can contact their professors, and faculty can contact members of their classes.

In addition, the app serves as an update with added functionality for iPhone users.

The APSU app is a free download for either the iPhone or the Android.

More than 2,200 iPhone users have downloaded the APSU app since it was launched last August. Approximately 500 downloads have been recorded for the app on the Android.



How to Give

With more and more students attending APSU each year, the need for charitable donations continues to rise. The generosity of friends and alumni of APSU allow hard-working individuals to earn a degree and provide better lives for themselves and their families. It also helps create academically superior students at the University – students who have traveled the world and brought recognition and prestige to APSU. Please consider supporting the bright students at Austin Peay.

The opportunities are plentiful through endowed scholarships, deferred gifts, annual giving, bequests, gift annuities and numerous other giving avenues. To learn more, contact the APSU Advancement Office at 931-221-7127 or online at www.apsu.edu/advancement.



THE MABRY LEGACY

A new campaign seeks to honor long-serving music professors

Story by Charles Booth | Photography by Beth Liggett



In the late 1980s, an ambitious building project took over the eastern edge of the Austin Peay State University campus. A small, vacant lot next to the Trahern Building was cleared away to make room for the new \$9.5 million, 76,000-square-foot Music/Mass Communication Building.

The centerpiece of the new building was to be a grand concert hall, unlike any in existence in the southeastern United States. Sound engineers with the New York City-based design firm Artec Consultants Inc. were brought in to develop a plan for the space. They'd previously designed the celebrated Eugene McDermott Concert Hall, home of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, in Texas, and were in the midst of creating one of England's premier music venues in the city of Birmingham.

"Designing a concert hall, it's a science, but it's also an art," Ed Arenius, a partner with Artec, said recently. "We spend a lot of time in our spaces, and you develop a visual connection with what a space does orally. But when you design something that is as flexible as what you have at Austin Peay, that can handle theatrical stuff and music as well, it's very difficult to do. They are two different environments."

But the firm took up the challenge, creating plans for a 590-seat hall that could be used for music, theater, dance and opera performances at APSU. When the facility opened in 1990, members of the APSU music faculty were eager to get inside and see if Artec had succeeded.

"We lucked out," Dr. George Mabry, emeritus professor of music, said. "The engineer from Artec said at the time, 'We're going to give you what we have done research on for years and years and years, taking dimensions and readings on the most important concert halls in the world, and we hope that it will turn out. But it's also a bit of luck.'"

Luck, as it turns out, was on the University's side. Shortly after its opening, the concert hall gained a national reputation as one of the finest venues in the southeast. It has attracted famous performers, from country music star Kenny Chesney to renowned opera singer Patricia Stiles, and in 2006, the Robb Report Entertainment Magazine named it one of the top 10 "premiere concert halls" in the nation. That designation placed it among the ranks of illustrious other venues such as The Isaac Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall and Los Angeles' famed Walt Disney

Concert Hall.

"I think psychologically, it changed everything," Dr. Sharon Mabry, APSU professor of music, said. "We had state-of-the-art acoustics in the auditorium, a Bösendorfer piano that was special and beautiful. Psychologically, it made people excited. They wanted to come here and see it and perform in it."

The University built the new facility and concert hall in part because of the extraordinary growth of APSU's music department. Both George and Sharon Mabry were key factors in that growth, adding degrees to the program and bringing world-class performances to Clarksville.



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— Evans Harvill

"I was just blown away by the quality of the musical performances," Evans Harvill, a local lawyer and long-time supporter of APSU, said.

For Harvill, the concert hall at APSU is a symbol of the Mabrys — a campus centerpiece that draws people to the University. That's why he's leading a new campaign to rename that revered space as The George and Sharon Mabry Concert Hall.

THE CAMPAIGN

"I never had a music class and I have no music talent," Harvill admitted recently. "In fact, people pay me not to sing. But I do appreciate it. And I have watched over the years how that music department has grown, not only in numbers but in quality and reputation. I know numerous students who have come to the University because of George and Sharon Mabry. I always felt people should be honored for their service."

In the fall of 2010, Harvill organized the Mabry Legacy Campaign, which seeks to raise \$500,000 to rename the University's

centerpiece music venue after the long-serving music professors. Since it began, the campaign has raised more than \$265,000. The money collected from this campaign will go to fund scholarships in music and other arts programs at APSU.

"They are the captains of the flagship of the University," Harvill said. "There are very few people that have the talent of George and Sharon Mabry and use it for the benefit of the University and the community. We have a great music facility, and I have been trying for years to get that named for them."

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

On a sweltering hot morning in mid-May, the Mabrys stopped by the now 20-year-old Music/Mass Communication Building to reminisce a little about their careers at APSU. George, a tall man with a distinguished head of gray hair, wore a vaguely amused expression on his face as he entered the building. He rarely cracked a full smile or laughed out-right, but nearly everything he said was laced with a heavy dose of his dry humor.

Sharon, by contrast, is about a good foot shorter than her husband, with curly reddish hair and a quick, infectious smile that easily turned into full out laughter.

"She's absolutely fabulous and fun," Briana Larsen ('11), a former student of Sharon's said. "We spend a lot of our lessons giggling."

But there wasn't much to giggle about, the Mabrys conceded, when the couple began their careers at APSU. George and Sharon first arrived in Clarksville in 1970, when the University's small music department was hidden away in the basement of the Clement Building. George took over as the choral director and, two months later, Sharon joined the faculty as professor of vocal performance. The University only offered a music education degree at that time, and there were fewer than 10 students who were majoring in voice.

"It was small, and it was very heavily a band-oriented music department," Sharon said. "We had a very well known band director, Aaron Schmidt, and he had developed a widely known band program, but the choral program was not as strong then."

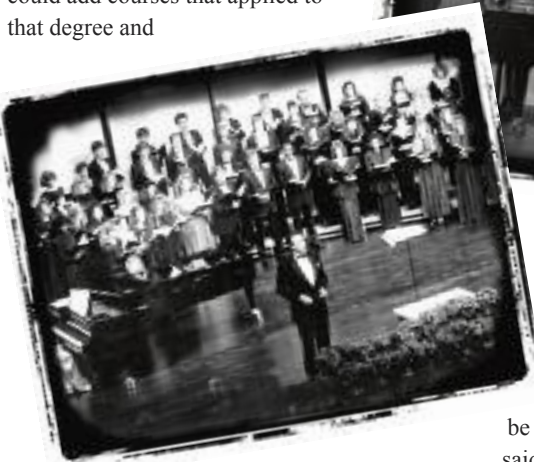
That soon changed. In the years following their arrival, the Mabry name extended well beyond the APSU campus, and students from all over the country wanted to come to Clarksville to study under these two

individuals. They'd heard of Sharon because her budding solo career had her performing concerts across the U.S. and appearing on major programs, such as National Public Radio's Art of Song series.

"She started performing at other universities, and she received a National Endowment for the Arts grant to do concerts," George said. "That kind of visibility lent some aura of respect to the quality of work going on at the University."

Students also enrolled at APSU to learn from George, who worked at Opryland, writing and composing shows for the famed country music theme park.

Their hard work and notoriety helped the program grow, so that within 10 years, the Mabrys saw student enrollment in voice expand from about eight students to almost 60. They also succeeded in lobbying the University to add a vocal performance degree to the music department. "Because of that, we could add courses that applied to that degree and



it gave more opportunities for additional performance genres," Sharon said. "Things were developed, like the Cabaret Night we did for years and years, where students performed Broadway-style music and the Christmas Madrigal Feast, and an opera theater that performed full-length operas for the first time on the Austin Peay campus."

In 1980, Sharon also started the Dimensions New Music Series, which would bring in 60 composers from around the world during the next 27 years. That program also helped make APSU a familiar name to music professionals at different universities.

"The name of Austin Peay got out there because we brought professional musicians to campus who said, 'my goodness, you all can perform all this music that nobody else is doing,'" Sharon said. "That was an important step in getting the name of the school out, too."

MUSIC AS UNIVERSITY FOCAL POINT

In 1984, Tennessee officials began looking for successful programs around the state to establish centers of excellence in a variety of fields, including the arts, sciences, education and engineering. The initiative, part of then-Gov. Lamar Alexander's Better Schools for Tennessee program, sought to improve research and enrich local communities through these centers.

Austin Peay was chosen, in part because of its thriving music department, to host the state's Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts



(CECA). George Mabry was named the center's first director.

"When the state created the centers, it was looking for well-established programs to house them. It could not be start-up money for a new program," George said. "They saw that our program was thriving. It was a signature program at the University."

That signature program, however, was still isolated in the basement of the Clement Building. The space wasn't conducive to music making. It only had about six practice rooms, but as the department grew, those rooms had to be converted into office space for new faculty.

"We worked for about 19 years, lobbying for a new building," George said.

"It wasn't enough space," Sharon added. "When you're in the basement of a building, you have this feeling you're in the basement of a building. You don't really have a building. You're hiding somewhere."

The Clement Auditorium was the only space available for performances and the room's lighting system at that time resembled a low-budget, sci-fi movie set from the 1950s.

"The only thing you could do was turn it on and turn it off," George said. "You had one

handle. Sharon was doing an opera in there once, and the guy pushed the handle up and sparks flew everywhere."

"It was horrible," Sharon said. "It's a wonder that we didn't burn the place down."

By the late 1980s, University officials took note of how the music department was thriving. That led them to push for the state to fund the new Music/Mass Communication Building, with its famed concert hall.

"Austin Peay was extremely good to us, meaning very supportive of the things we wanted to see happen, very supportive of the program," George said. "When we worked hard, they saw the development of the program. So the music department got this building. The University said, 'let's build a facility that can showcase what these programs are doing.'"

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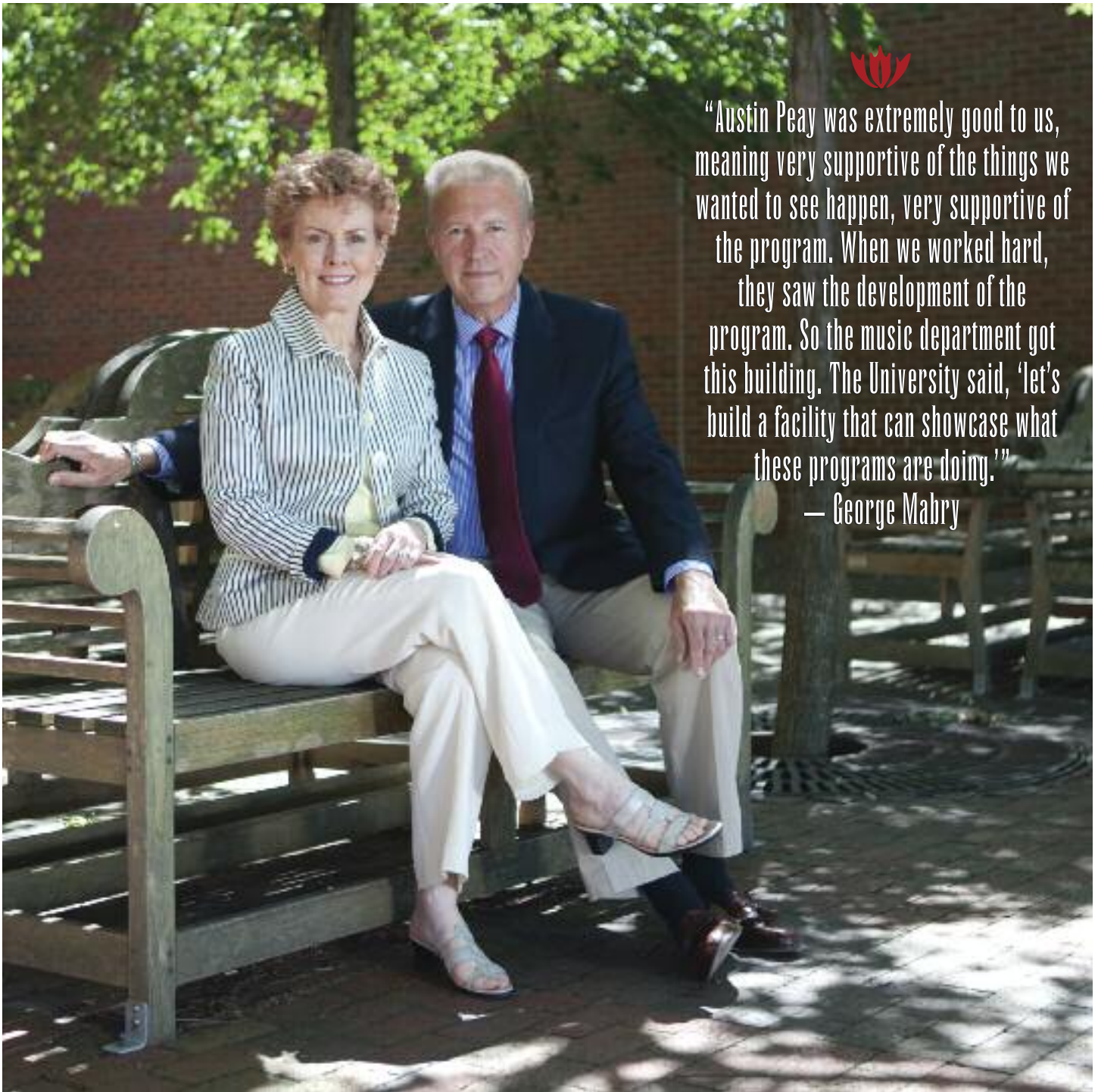
After building a nationally recognized choral program and creative arts center at APSU, George retired from the University in 2003. For the last 10 years, he has worked as the director of the Nashville Symphony Chorus, presenting a wide-range of classical choral music and featuring the chorus on five CDs.

Sharon recently finished her 41st year as a member of the APSU faculty. In that time, she has premiered works by more than 30 composers, received some of the University's highest awards – the Richard M. Hawkins Award and the Distinguished Professor Award – and published a book, "Exploring Twentieth Century Vocal Music."

But more importantly, the programs they helped establish at APSU continue to flourish. The APSU Department of Music regularly attracts talented singers from across the country, interested in studying vocal performance. The Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. Over the years, it has brought some of the country's top creative talents to campus, from legendary classical pianist and composer Lee Hoiby to Arthur Kopit, award-winning playwright of the popular Broadway musical "Nine."

And many of those individuals are left speechless when they first step into the University's concert hall – the concert hall that may soon bear the Mabry name.

"This campaign is significant," Christopher Burawa, current CECA director, said, "because we can talk about the legacy of the Mabrys from several perspectives: as teachers who produced several generations of outstanding



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vocalists; as individual artists who are acknowledged nationally for their works and performances; and as a collaborative team who gave of themselves selflessly toward making the Center integral to the community and bringing acclaim to the University. How can any of us not admire this type of dedication and passion for the creative arts?”

The Mabrys, however, seem a little embarrassed by all the praise heaped on them. On that hot May afternoon in the Music/Mass Communication Building, George told jokes and Sharon laughed, but they were clearly

uncomfortable when the talk turned to their legacy.


“Two people can’t do it by themselves,” George said. “You have to have the support of your colleagues and the entire administration.”

They’re simply happy to see the University’s music programs continuing to grow, with a new generation of Clarksville residents coming to campus for events such as the APSU Holiday Dinner and the Gateway Chamber Ensemble’s subscription seasons.

“It’s actually kind of amazing, given where

it started and what students have access to now and the type of students we have now,” Sharon said. “It’s always evolving and always will. The programs are always changing.”

If Harvill and other University supporters get their way, that music program will continue to evolve with more great performances in the state-of-the-art George and Sharon Mabry Concert Hall.

To find out how you can support the Mabry Legacy Campaign, contact the APSU Advancement Office at 931-221-7127. 

Alumni News and Events



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ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-12

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For the most up-to-date Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts events and information, visit www.apsu.edu/creativearts.

Sept. 30

Fall Fling III

Clarksville Country Club
For more information or to RSVP, call 931-221-7979.

Oct. 6

APSU Downtown Art Gallery: Bruce Childs and Alumni

Opening Reception: 5-8 p.m.
For more information, contact Barry Jones, jonesb@apsu.edu or 931-221-7330.

Oct. 24-29

HOMECOMING 2011

For a complete listing of events, please visit www.apsu.edu/homecoming.

Oct. 29

Homecoming Game

APSU vs. Eastern Illinois,
4 p.m. kick-off

Dec. 2

APSU Christmas Concert

Music/Mass Communication Building Concert Hall
For more information, call the APSU Department of Music, 931-221-7818.

2011

Dec. 3

APSU Choral Holiday Dinner

6 p.m., Morgan University Center
For more information, call the APSU Department of Music, 931-221-7818.

Dec. 11

Vienna in Clarksville

For more information, call the APSU Department of Music, 931-221-7818.

January

Florida area APSU Alumni Receptions

Details TBA*

February

Texas area APSU Alumni Receptions

Details TBA*

March

Washington, D.C., area APSU Alumni Receptions

Details TBA*

March 10

28th Annual Candlelight Ball Hilton Nashville Downtown

For more information, call 931-221-7979.

2012

March 16

Poetry Reading with Billy Collins

8 p.m., Music/Mass Communication Building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Susan Wallace, wallacess@apsu.edu or 931-221-7031.

March 22-25

6th Annual Spring Dance Concert featuring APSU students

Directed by Marcus Hayes, including the performance of work choreographed by Roy Acuff Chair of Excellence guest artists.
For more information, call the APSU Department of Theatre/Dance, 931-221-6767.

April 28

Class of 1962 50-Year Reunion

May 16-20

Alumni & Friends New York Trip

For more details, email petersonn@apsu.edu or visit www.apsu.edu/alumni.

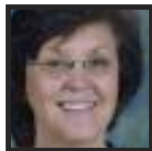
June 24-July 5

Alumni & Friends "Historic Reflections" Cruise around Italy

Details TBA*

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Alumnus announces new book 'Austin Peay Football 80 Years: 1930-2010'

APSU Alumnus, Blakey Bradley ('64), announces the selling of his newest book, "Austin Peay Football 80 Years: 1930-2010."

Austin Peay Football 80 Years: 1930-2010, tells the story of the APSU football program from its origin in 1930 to the present time. As you read the book, it is

28th Annual Candlelight Ball set for March 10, 2012



Austin Peay State University's Candlelight Ball has a 28-year history as one of Austin Peay's premier social events. Hosted by President Tim Hall and his wife, Lee, this year's ball will be held at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Nashville on Saturday, March 10, 2012, and will feature the music of a popular and exciting band, Burning Las Vegas. Along with the reception, dinner and

dancing, the Ball this year will feature our second annual "Wendell H. Gilbert Award" and "Spirit of Austin Peay Award" presentation to two individuals who have made memorable contributions to Austin Peay State University. The primary purpose of the Candlelight Ball is to provide scholarships to deserving students. The funds raised this year will be added to the scholarship endowment and will allow APSU to award even more scholarships in the years ahead. Tickets for Austin Peay's 28th Annual Candlelight Ball are \$150 per person. To make your reservation or for more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (931) 221-7979 or visit www.apsu.edu/alumni.

hoped you will gain a greater appreciation of APSU football and get a glimpse into the history of this program.

Fifty percent of the profit is being donated to the Austin Peay football program. Books are now available for sale at the Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill (751 N. Second St., Clarksville, TN 37040) for \$30.

For more information, contact Blakey Bradley at 931-647-7555 or wblakeyb@bellsouth.net.

APSU Alumni & Friends trips to New York and Italy

May 2012

Join President Tim Hall as we travel to the Big Apple! Always a crowd-pleaser, this deluxe trip to New York City includes:

- Roundtrip airfare
- Four nights deluxe accommodations at a luxurious New York hotel
- Tickets and transportation to award-winning Broadway Shows
- Round-trip transfers from airport to hotel
- Gratuities and tax on included features

June 2012

Italy/Historical Reflections-Oceania Cruises History springs to life as you sail the balmy seas of the Mediterranean on the elegant Oceania Cruises Regatta. Ports of call on the shores of

France, Italy, Turkey, and Greece will provide a kaleidoscope of unforgettable experiences.

To make your reservations, visit <http://www.apsu.edu/alumni/alumni-travel>.

Fall Fling III

Join President Tim Hall, alumni and friends for the Third Annual FALL FLING, taking place on Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, at the Clarksville Country Club. The festivities will begin with a 6 p.m. social hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Dance the night away to the sounds of The Big Thrill (variety of music from the '30s/'40s-'80s). A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. Cost is \$75 per couple, \$40 per person with advance reservations and payment required. Seating is limited. Call now to reserve your table for 8 to 10 guests! For more information or to RSVP, call 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Mentoring Opportunities for Alumni

Interested in being a mentor for APSU students? Be a part of our Future Alumni Member (F.A.M.) "Dinner with 10 Strangers" and our Annual Career Networking Fair. For more information, contact Alumni Relations, 931-221-1279 or email [Tonya Leszczak](mailto:tonya.leszczak@apsu.edu), leszczakto@apsu.edu.

Alumni Awards



Outstanding Service Sherwin Clift ('60)



Sherwin Clift is an owner of Clarksville's largest real estate company, Keller Williams Realty, and two rental partnerships. He teams with his wife, the former Norma Deal ('61), in these

professional endeavors.

More recently, he has devoted his time to sponsoring higher education scholarships at APSU and he is a board member of the APSU Foundation.

After graduating from APSU, Clift began working toward his master's degree. In the same year, 1960, he was hired as an APSU administrator. He served in numerous administrative capacities including public information, alumni affairs, sports information, adviser to the student newspaper and yearbook, men's golf coach, and "Voice of the Gobs" for football and men's basketball from 1960-84.

Elected to the APSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1983, Clift served from 1984-91 as director of publications for the state, receiving rules and regulations and public and private acts and editing the Tennessee Blue Book.

He retired from state government and entered the real estate profession in 1991.

During his career, he has served as president of Kappa Delta Pi, Clarksville Downtown Kiwanis Club, Clarksville Tennis Association, Tennessee College Public Relations Association and Clarksville Association of Realtors.

Clift has two children, Lamar and Natalie, and two grandchildren.

Outstanding Service Aubrey Flagg ('68)



A popular and passionate lifelong educator who has impacted the lives of students during four decades of teaching at Columbia State Community College, Aubrey Flagg this year celebrated 40

years in his profession.

In addition to the 2011 Outstanding Service Award from APSU, Flagg was named recipient of the third annual First Farmers & Merchants Bank Lifetime Achievement Award in May 2011.

After graduating from APSU in 1968 with a bachelor's in history/geography, he earned his master's in geography from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1970.

In May 1971, Flagg was working as a graduate assistant/map librarian at UT when then Columbia State President Dr. Harold Pryor asked him to teach at the new community college, the first in the state designed to provide a college education to an entirely new segment of Tennesseans. Flagg started at the school in 1971 as an instructor of geography, becoming an associate professor in 1980.

Flagg has won numerous awards and honors during his tenure, including the first Columbia State Outstanding Faculty Award in 1978. He was also a recipient of the Faculty of the Year Student Graduation Award in 1998 and the college's prestigious President's Medal in 2009, the highest award given by the school to an employee.

Flagg is married to the former Judy Powell ('69).

Outstanding Alumnus James Corlew ('58)



A former Governors baseball player, James Corlew owns and operates James Corlew Chevrolet-Cadillac, located across the street from the APSU main campus.

Corlew played baseball

under coach Leon Sandifer from 1955-58. After earning his bachelor's degree in business administration from the former Austin Peay State College, Corlew worked as an accountant for a local new car dealer until 1959 when he joined the U.S. Army and served until 1962.

Upon his return from the military, Corlew was an office manager at a local dealership. Then in 1966, he launched his career as a franchised auto dealer, beginning with Chrysler-Plymouth in Clarksville. He has had several other dealerships in the southeast, including Dodge in Nashville, Ford in Columbia, S.C., Pontiac-Oldsmobile in Russellville, Ky., and Lincoln-Mercury in Augusta, Ga.

Currently, he is president of the New Car Dealers of Clarksville Association. In his role, he co-developed and implemented the association's Business Code of Ethics, which established fair and equitable standards for business transactions by the automobile dealers, new and used, in the Clarksville market and at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Corlew is a sponsor of two APSU memorial scholarships. He also is a member of the APSU Foundation Board of Trustees and the APSU Tower Club.

With his wife Betty Corlew, he owns and operates Bowtie Stables LLC, a Tennessee Walking Horse facility.

The APSU National Alumni Association proudly presents its top awards during Homecoming weekend—a tradition since 1992.

This year's recipients will be honored during the Alumni Awards Brunch at 11 a.m., Oct. 29 in the Morgan University

Center Ballroom. Friends and relatives are invited to celebrate with the honorees.

The Outstanding Service Award was established by the APSUNAA to give special recognition to individuals who, through fundraising, recruiting,

advocacy or faithful service, have brought honor and distinction to APSU. This award, which may be given to someone who is not an APSU alumnus or alumna, represents the highest honor conferred by the APSUNAA.

The Outstanding Young Alumnus and Alumna Awards are given to graduates of APSU who are 42 or younger. It recognizes accomplishments in one's profession, business, community, state or nation that have brought a high level of honor and pride to the University.

Outstanding Alumnus
John G. Morgan ('73)



John Morgan is chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents, the nation's sixth largest higher education system governing 46 postsecondary educational institutions.

Before his appointment as TBR chancellor in 2010, he had served as deputy to the governor of Tennessee since January 2009.

After graduating from APSU, Morgan completed some graduate work at Louisiana State University from 1974-76. He then entered state government as a research assistant for the Legislative Fiscal Review Committee in 1976.

From 1978-80 he was a research assistant in the Department of Finance and Administration and from 1980-82 was an administrative assistant to the state treasurer. In 1982 he began working in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury as assistant director of bond finance, and in 1983, as director of bond finance.

In 1987 he also became assistant to the comptroller, as well as director of bond finance. In October 1987 Morgan left state government and was vice president and director of public finance of Third National Bank in Nashville.

Morgan returned to state government in February 1989 as executive assistant to the comptroller of the treasury, and in January 1999 was first elected comptroller of the treasury by the Tennessee General Assembly. He was re-elected to this position in 2001, 2003, 2005 and 2007.

He is married to Donna Morgan, and they have two sons, Brian and Kevin.

Outstanding Young Alumnus
Trenton Hassell ('01)



One of seven APSU athletes honored by having their jerseys retired, Trenton Hassell saw his jersey (No. 44) retired Jan. 10, 2002, after a distinguished Governors basketball career that lasted three

seasons, from 1998-2001.

Hassell ranked sixth all-time in scoring with 1,626 points in three seasons. A non-qualifier out of Clarksville High School, Hassell graduated in May 2001 with a bachelor's degree in health and human performance. He was one of two athletes in the 2001 NBA draft to earn an undergraduate degree. In fact, when the Chicago Bulls drafted Hassell with the first pick of the second round (30th overall selection), he became the highest drafted Gov in history.

After playing two seasons with the Bulls, earning the club's MVP and Rookie of the Year Award in 2002, he signed as a free agent with Minnesota in the 2003-04 season. He has gained a reputation as one of the NBA's top defensive performers as a Timberwolves starter and earned a six-year contract following the 2003-04 season.

Currently, he is playing for the Nashville Soul for its inaugural season in the American Basketball Association.

He played 10 NBA seasons before retiring. That included two years with the Chicago Bulls, four years with the Minnesota Timberwolves, half a season with the New Jersey Nets and half with the Dallas Mavericks, before returning to New Jersey for his final two seasons.

He and wife Tiffany ('01), a former Lady Gobs basketball player, have one son, Bailey, and a daughter, Lauren.

Outstanding Young Alumna
Michele Toungette ('97, '98)



Michele Toungette earned a B.S. degree in biology and a M.S. degree in health care administration from APSU. She later received the Master of Management in health care degree from

Vanderbilt University's Owen School.

Toungette initially worked for APSU on the Links to Excellence Program and then joined Behavioral Health Alliance as a customer relations representative. In 1999 she was named manager of marketing and managed care for Psychiatric Solutions and moved to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in 2000. She became chief business development officer of the Vanderbilt Heart and Vascular Institute in 2007.

She then became the senior director of business development and marketing for Sarah Cannon Research Institute. Most recently, she became the executive director for cardiovascular institute at Lourdes Hospital, part of Catholic Health Partners.

Currently, she is president of the Junior League of Nashville, the 12th largest league in the U.S., Canada and Great Britain with more than 1,900 members. She is active with the Society for Healthcare Strategists and a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She is a former board member of Prevent Child Abuse and Hemophilia and Bleeding Disorders Associations. She was also vice president of programs for Senior Services

She and husband Brandon, have a daughter, Ella, who is 5 years old.

The Outstanding Alumni Award honors APSU graduates, regardless of age, for outstanding accomplishments in his/her profession, business, community, state or nation that have brought a high level of honor and pride to the University.

The Austin Peay State University National Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2012 Outstanding Young Alumni Award, Outstanding Service Award and Outstanding Alumni Award. Submit nominations in one of the following ways:

Mail: APSU Alumni Relations Box 4676 Clarksville, TN 37044

In person: Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill 751 N. Second St.

By phone: 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586

By fax: 931-221-6292

Email: alumni@apsu.edu

Faculty Accomplishments



Dr. Sergei Markov

Markov named 2011 Hawkins Award winner

Dr. Sergei Markov, associate professor of biology, was named the recipient of APSU's prestigious Richard M.

Hawkins Award in April 2011. The award is presented every spring in recognition of exceptional scholarly and creative work produced by a faculty member.

Markov has earned an international reputation in recent years for his groundbreaking biofuel research. Aside from being published in more than 70 research publications, he has been profiled by media outlets worldwide, and in March, the industry trade publication Biodiesel Magazine wrote a feature on the work he is doing at APSU.

Markov began his impressive scholarly career at Losmonosov Moscow State University, where he earned his Ph.D. in microbiology and started his initial research into biofuels. From 1991 until 1995, he worked in England at King's College London and at Ecotec, Research and Consulting. Later, he was invited to the U.S. to join the National Renewable Energy Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy in Golden, Colo.

In 2006, Markov joined the biology faculty at APSU, and he quickly set to work bringing national prominence to that department. His work in developing both hydrogen fuel sources and biofuels from microalgae was noticed by the National Science Foundation, which awarded him a \$107,000 grant. The grant advanced Markov's research on whether hydrogen could be manufactured more efficiently for use as a biofuel, providing a possible alternative to traditional petrol.

This component of his work also attracted the attention of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which awarded Markov a \$10,000 grant to pilot a training project with undergraduate students. In 2010, he contributed nine articles on alternative fuels and biofuels to the scholarly "Encyclopedia of Global Warming."

5 professors honored with annual Socrates Award



Michelle Rogers



Christina Chester-Fangman



Dr. Benita Bruster



Dr. David Nelson



Dr. Mercy Cannon

Five APSU professors were singled out by their students and peers as exceptional teachers this year, earning them one of the University's top distinctions for tenure-track faculty members.

Michelle Rogers, biology instructor, Christina Chester-Fangman, assistant professor of library administration, Dr. Benita Bruster, assistant professor of teaching and learning, Dr. David Nelson, assistant professor of history, and Dr. Mercy Cannon, assistant professor of English, were named Socrates Award winners, an honor bestowed by APSU annually to teachers who have excelled in motivating and inspiring their students.

Rogers serves as the APSU Department of Biology's liaison with the College of Education. In that role, she is responsible for maintaining the biology department's secondary science teacher licensure program. She also has a joint appointment in the Center of Excellence for Field Biology as the environmental science project manager, where she is responsible for the Water Education for Teachers program. She teaches introductory biology courses for non-science majors, as well as the vital upper division course Teaching Science in High School.

Chester-Fangman, a former APSU honors student, is responsible for library instruction programming for first-year students. She oversees the information literacy curriculum for the APSU 1000 course and has also served as an APSU 1000 course instructor for years.

Bruster has organized group study sessions and seminars on the PRAXIS Test, which education students must pass in order to receive teacher licensure. For the last two

years, she has met with reading methods classes at Byrns Darden Elementary School once a week. There, she has organized a collaborative reading program that addressed the needs of at-risk learners in reading, and uses APSU students in delivering a program that meets the elementary student need.

Nelson, in his role as the University's liaison to the Japanese Consulate in Nashville, has been instrumental in bringing Japanese cultural events to campus, such as Japanese music and dance performances and sushi demonstrations. He served as a faculty adviser to the APSU history club and an assistant adviser to Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society.

Since joining the faculty in 2007, Cannon has established herself as one of the University's finest classroom instructors. One example comes from one of the graduate courses she teaches, in which Cannon requires students to write critical introductions to out-of-print 18th century novels. The assignment came from a National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar she attended, in which attending scholars were asked to write such introductions.



Dr. Bert Randall

APSU awards coveted Distinguished Professor honor to Randall

Dr. Bert Randall, professor of philosophy, received the 2011 APSU National Alumni Association's Distinguished Professor Award in April.

Randall holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Oklahoma. He has a B.S. in mathematics from Maryville College, a Master of Divinity in theology from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a Master of Arts.

In the 39 years he has taught at APSU, he has authored four books: "The Mystery of Hope in the Philosophy of Gabriel Marcel, 1888-1972: Hope and Homo Viator" (The Edwin Mellen Press, 1993); "Theologies of War and Peace Among Jews, Christians, and Muslims" (The Edwin Mellen Press, 1998); "Strangers on the Shore: The Beatitudes in

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World Religions” (Peter Lang Publishers, 2006); and “Holy Scriptures as Justifications for War: Fundamentalist Interpretations of the Torah, The New Testament, and the Qur’an” (The Edwin Mellen Press, 2008). He also has had 29 articles published in professional journals.

Among the multiple awards he has received, Randall was named the recipient in 1993 of the APSU Hawkins Award for Excellence in Scholarship, nominated in 1996 and 1997 for the Carnegie Foundation Professor of the Year Award and nominated in 2009 for U.S. Professors of the Year. He also was awarded several grants for study and travel. On these grants, he has traveled to Syria, Kuwait, Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Yemen and Saudi Arabia.



Dr. Dewey Browder

Browder receives Chamber faculty award

Dr. Dewey Browder, professor and chair of the APSU Department of History and

Philosophy, received the Clarksville-Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Faculty Distinguished Community Service Award, presented to a faculty member based on service to the community.

The author of two books and numerous articles, Browder has served on the Fort Campbell Historical Foundation Board of Directors since 1999. In addition, he is a long-time member of the Military Affairs Committee for Clarksville-Montgomery County.

In 2010, Browder was celebrated for taking the first picture of light from a military laser on July 21, 1963, while a photographer with the U.S. Army Air Defense Command. He accomplished this feat in the infancy of the laser, which was created more than 50 years ago.

Browder carried the Army rank of Specialist 5 when he became the first person to photograph successfully a laser beam, which was shining through the night some 95 miles away from Pikes Peak in Colorado. He and other soldiers were dispatched to the top of Pikes Peak at the time to assist scientists with the Boulder Laboratories of the National Bureau of Standards.



Barry Kitterman

30 years of work produces new short story collection for Kitterman

Barry Kitterman, a creative writing professor, is from the San Joaquin – a large valley in California where much of the country’s fruits and vegetables are grown. Specifically, he’s from the small town of Ivanhoe, where the air doesn’t smell of sea salt and beach bums aren’t camped out under the redwoods or on the rabbit farms.

“When I would tell people I was from California, they had a certain set of assumptions as to what that meant,” Kitterman said. “It was so far removed from my real experience that I thought I wanted to write stories about the California I grew up in, which is rural, agricultural, a long way from the ocean and, something I realized much later, very poor.”

This idea of writing stories about Ivanhoe, formed while Kitterman was a Master of Fine Arts student at the University of Montana in the 1980s, turned into a 30-year project. But in May, Southern Methodist University Press released Kitterman’s new collection of short stories, “From the San Joaquin.”

“The title? When I left home and went to Berkley to college, people would say ‘where are you from?’” Kitterman said. “If I were to say I’m from Ivanhoe, people wouldn’t know where that is. So the answer is, ‘I’m from the San Joaquin.’ These stories, these characters, even though one central character leaves and returns, the characters are all from the San Joaquin.”



Dr. Perry Scanlan

Scanlan named section editor for scholarly MT journal

Dr. Perry Scanlan, director of APSU’s medical technology program, was named clinical practice editor for the Journal of the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science, meaning both his name and the University’s name will appear

prominently on the first page, under the masthead, of the nationally renowned publication.

“This is the journal in our field that represents medical laboratory scientists in a variety of areas,” Scanlan said. “It means a lot to our program. It recognizes us as being a leader in our field, as well as bringing recognition for our area and recognizing Tennessee as an important contributor to the laboratory community.”

The journal publishes scholarly, peer-reviewed articles on a variety of topics related to clinical laboratory science. Scanlan has been a subscriber to the journal since becoming a member of ASCLS and several years ago, he joined the journal’s review board.



Dr. Steve Hamilton

Hamilton publishes long-awaited paper on new insect species

Dr. Steve Hamilton, professor of biology and director of the APSU Center of Excellence for Field Biology, identified nine new species of Polycentropus, a genus of caddisflies that formed the basis of his dissertation 25 years ago, a review of the 74 New World species of the genus. He intended to have his findings published in a scholarly journal, but soon after graduating from Clemson University in 1986, he took a job teaching at APSU — and his publishing efforts stalled until recently.

In early 2011, Hamilton and his colleague from the University of Minnesota, Dr. Ralph Holzenthal, finally published the results of their two-plus decades of work, “Twenty-four new species of Polycentropus from Brazil,” in the peer-reviewed journal, ZooKeys. Their paper formally introduced the unknown insects to the world. “They’re new species, but some people prefer to say ‘new to science,’” Hamilton said, “since they’ve been there for millions of years and we are just discovering them. That’s the fascinating thing. They’ve been there all along.”



MARINE ONLINE

By CHARLES BOOTH
Feature Writer

The man who served as one of Nixon's helicopter pilots



Lt. Col. James Henderson ('61) exiting one of the presidential helicopters.

Austin Peay



The Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum

The helicopter, a Sikorsky VH-3A “Sea King,” was a large, amphibious aircraft, originally designed to hunt down and destroy enemy submarines, but on that warm morning in December 1971, it sat shining in the sun on a remote runway in the North Atlantic’s Azores archipelago.

The exterior, painted white and olive drab green, had recently been wiped down and polished to give it that sheen. Lt. Col. James Henderson (’61), a major in the Marines at the time, wore a pair of sunglasses because of the glare. It was a warm day for December, given the island’s subtropical climate, but the temperature wouldn’t bother him once he took off.

“That was the only helicopter I’ve ever flown that had air conditioning,” he said. “In the back was a little restroom and a little area

mountainous island. In the cabin behind the pilots sat three men discussing topics that would influence the lives of millions of people the world over.

“For an old country boy from Russellville, Ky., to be on the edge and looking in at the power, being around the most powerful man in the world, and not just Nixon, but the Office of the President, it was something,” Henderson said.

HEIGHT, NOT LUCK

For four years, from 1969 to 1973, Henderson served with the Marine’s HMX-1 “Nighthawks” squadron, giving him a bird’s eye view of history as one of six Marine One pilots who piloted President Nixon to momentous events across the globe. He lives a quiet life now in Bushnell, Fla., where, after

retiring from the service, he taught health and science and coached high school softball for 21 years.

His voice, which matches his appearance perfectly, is calm and unassuming, and doesn’t offer any hints of the important role he once played as a pilot for the president.

“I was very lucky,” he says, modestly, whenever asked his thoughts on his life and career.

But his remarkable journey from rural Kentucky to the White House’s South Lawn might have had less to do with luck and more to do with height. Being tall in Russellville usually meant one thing – you were good at basketball.

Henderson was no exception to this rule, and he quickly made a name for himself in the late 1950s on the Olmstead High School basketball court. That reputation traveled a few miles south to Clarksville, Tenn., where Austin Peay State College athletic director and basketball coach Dave Aaron was looking for some fresh talent.

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where, if the passengers wanted to imbibe, they could have a drink. You could sit and talk in the back because it was sound proof.”

Henderson was a tall man, 6 foot 2, with a trim athletic build and a pleasant, easygoing expression on his face. But he was all business when it came to preparing for flights. As soon as his passengers boarded the aircraft that day – U.S. President Richard Nixon, Secretary of State William Rogers and National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger – the helicopter was no longer simply a “Sea King.” It now went by the name “Marine One.”

“It’s only called that when the president is on board,” Henderson said. “It’s the same with Air Force One. That’s its call sign whenever it’s carrying the president of the United States.”

Soon Marine One was in the air, flying through the mist of low-hanging clouds on the



President Nixon talks with his staff aboard Marine One.

The Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum



The Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum

President Nixon talks to the press inside a hangar at Camp David.

“I ended up getting an athletic scholarship, and played center and forward for Austin Peay,” Henderson said. “We were pretty good. Our senior year, 1961, we were in the final eight in the nation for small colleges.”

The 1961 issue of the Austin Peay yearbook, “Farewell and Hail,” described that season as a time when “many heroes were born, many records were broken and many fans were thrilled.”

A few months after the season ended, with a loss to Mount Saint Mary’s College in the NCAA National Finals, Henderson graduated from Austin Peay with a degree in health and physical education. No longer a college student, he was now eligible for the draft. Instead of waiting around for that fateful induction letter, he decided he might as well go ahead and enlist.

A MARINE PILOT

The Marine One helicopter flew high above the Azores, careful not to get too close to the volcanic islands’ jagged hills and sharp cliff faces. It was a dangerous terrain for an inexperienced pilot, but Henderson, who’d served two tours in Vietnam, was used to difficult assignments. And ferrying the leader of the free world across an island wasn’t

cause for him to break out in a sweat.

“I was with the idea, as long as I got there OK, the president got there OK also,” he said.

But had you told Henderson 10 years earlier, when he was fresh out of Austin Peay, that he would become a Marine pilot, flying the president of the United States, he probably

Navy/Marine recruiting office in Bowling Green, Ky. He went inside and talked to the Marine recruiter sitting at the desk.

“He said, ‘well the Navy is dragging their feet. I can get you in faster than they can,’” Henderson recalled.

So on a stormy afternoon three days later,

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would have laughed. At that point in his life, he’d never been in an airplane before. And he would have said that he was enlisting in the Navy. Not the Marines.

“In fact, I tried very hard to go into the Navy,” Henderson said.

He visited a recruiting office shortly before graduating, took the Navy’s Officer Candidate Program exam and then waited. Months passed. Henderson went back to Russellville and spent several weeks working for his grandfather, pulling up tree stumps and performing manual labor in the dizzying summer heat.

Then one day, he happened to walk by a

Henderson sat in the back seat of the Marine recruiter’s car and took his officer candidate exam for that branch of service. A few weeks later, he took his first airplane ride as he traveled to Quantico, Va., for Officer Candidate School.

His second experience with flying occurred while at OCS, when he rode in a helicopter during assault training.

“The third time I flew, I was in a training aircraft, learning to fly it,” he said.

The main helicopter used by the Marines at that time was the H-34 – a strange, bulbous looking aircraft with three wheels and a cockpit high atop the front nose. After earning

his wings, getting married and having the first of his four children, Henderson left the U.S. in 1965 to pilot that awkward looking machine over the treacherous jungles of Vietnam.

During his two tours in that warzone, he flew more than 1,500 missions, carrying soldiers into battle or evacuating injured Marines to safety, all while rockets and Kalashnikov rifles fired on his helicopter. On one occasion, those enemy rounds shattered the front windshield of the H-34, sending glass into the eyes of the other pilot and almost causing the helicopter to crash.

But Henderson made it back to base safely, and he went on to earn the Distinguished Flying Cross and 77 air medals for his service in Vietnam.

A PRESIDENT'S PILOT

In 1968, fresh back from Vietnam, Henderson did something unusual among Marine pilots. When it was time to list what assignment he'd like to be considered for, he requested the HMX-1 "Nighthawks" squadron that served the president.

"A lot of people don't like the VIP flying," he said. "I didn't know if I'd like it or not -



Lt. Col. James Henderson ('61) as a young Marine pilot in Vietnam.

since I hadn't done it. There are a lot of opportunities to fall on your sword in VIP flying and then your career is over."

His job usually consisted of short flights from the White House to Andrews Air Force Base or weekend excursions to Camp David. On those trips, Henderson would stay all three days at the resort-like compound.

"It was really beautiful at Camp David," he said. "A lot of trees. All the cabins there at the time were named after trees, and they were

made of the type tree that they were named after. If the cabin was called 'Aspen,' it would have aspen planks covering it."

Occasionally, Henderson ferried other high profile figures up to Camp David, such as the president's friend and confidant Charles "Bebe" Rebozo, and, more often, first lady Pat Nixon.

"Mrs. Nixon, when we'd land at Camp David, or any place, especially if it was a holiday, she would pat the copilot on the shoulder and thank us for spending time with them away from our families," he said. "She was very personable. Mr. Nixon didn't talk to us much. He was always thinking."

On Dec. 13, 1971, during that flight across the Azores, President Nixon likely had a lot of things on his mind. Maybe he was worried

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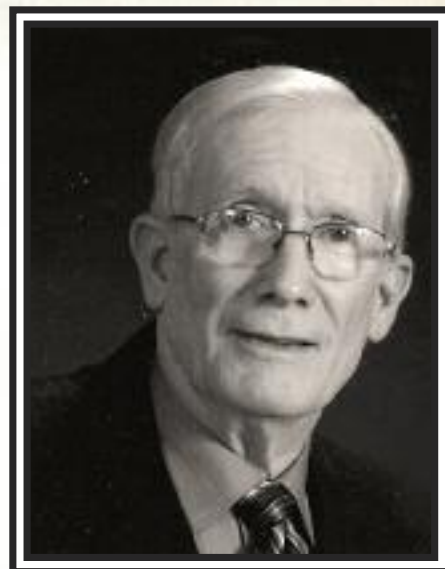
about the problems in Vietnam or the approaching 1972 presidential election. It's possible he was thinking about the meeting he

was on his way to attend, to discuss international monetary policy with French President Georges Pompidou. But he might have been looking across at his secretary of state and wondering if he should replace him with the other man in the helicopter that day — Henry Kissinger.

In September 1973, Kissinger would in fact be named to that post, but on that afternoon in the Azores, Nixon's pilot already noticed then-Secretary of State Rogers' diminished standing with the president.

"We flew to the backside of the island for the meeting with Pompidou," Henderson said. "What makes me remember this one was that Mr. Kissinger and Nixon went inside for the meeting. Mr. Rogers stayed in the helicopter and chatted with us.

"Sometimes you'd hear things, bits and pieces, and you'd read something in the paper later and say, 'oh that's what they were taking about,'" he recalled.



Lt. Col. James Henderson ('61)

FROM COLONEL TO COACH

In 1973, Henderson left the Nighthawks to become Helicopter Directions Center Officer on the aircraft carrier, the USS Okinawa. He went on to serve in other high level posts, including a stint at the Pentagon with the chief of Naval Operations, before retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

As a civilian, Henderson decided to start life anew. He and his wife, Charlotte, moved to Florida, where he began looking for work.

"I knew I wanted to do finally what I went to college for — teaching and coaching," he said.

Henderson went to a local high school in Bushnell, Fla., and talked to the principal about a job. When the principal heard Henderson's Kentucky accent, he asked where he was from. Turns out, the principal grew up only a few miles away in Todd County. He was also an APSU graduate.

"I taught health and science, and I ended up coaching girls softball for 14 years or so," he said.

One of Henderson's teams won a Florida state championship, with two others finishing as runners up.

"I thoroughly enjoyed it, and I ended up having a 21-year career in the teaching profession," he said. "I've had two great careers. I've been extremely lucky." **AP**

Homecoming 2011

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, OCT. 25

Peay Soup: Freestyle Rap Battle

6-10 p.m., Clement Auditorium
Current students and alumni are welcome to participate. Contact Tonya Nwaneri at nwanerit@apsu.edu or 931-221-7120.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26

APSU Apollo (Student Talent Show)

7 p.m., Red Barn (Memorial Health Gym)
Free and open to public. Sponsored by Govs Programming Council. Students amaze the audience with their talent. Call Student Life and Leadership, 931-221-7431.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27

Homecoming Step-Off

5 p.m., Memorial Health Gym (Red Barn)
Enjoy the traditional Step-Off. Open to all student organizations. Court announcement to follow. Call Student Life and Leadership, 931-221-7431.

bring business cards. Contact Tonya Nwaneri at nwanerit@apsu.edu or 931-221-7120.

APSU Study Abroad Alumni Homecoming Reunion

3-5 p.m., Harned Hall Art Gallery
Open to all study-abroad alumni and friends. To RSVP or for more information, please email InternationalEd@apsu.edu or visit the "APSU Study Abroad and Exchange Program Alumni" Facebook page.

Governettes Reunion

5-7 p.m., Riverview Inn, 50 College St.
Free. All former Governettes, twirlers and band members from this era are invited to reunite for this special event. For more information or to RSVP, call the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979. For questions, you may also contact chair, Linda Robertson Long, 931-647-6259 or jwlrl@bellsouth.net.

School of Nursing Alumni & Friends Reception

5-7 p.m., McCord Building
Free. Reception and tour of the School of Nursing. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Nursing Alumni Chapter and School of Nursing. For more information, email Linda Darnell at darnelll@apsu.edu.

African-American Alumni Mixer

8-10 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 290 Alfred Thun Road (off Exit 4)
Free. Light refreshments, cash bar. Makeba Webb ('00), chair. Call Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Homecoming Street Dance

8 p.m.-midnight, Strawberry Alley (downtown)
Free admission and open to the public. Reunite with friends and dance the night away. Food and beverages for sale. Sponsored by Budweiser of Clarksville and the Front Page Deli. Terry ('80) and Debbie Griffin, co-chairs. Call Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.



FRIDAY, OCT. 28

33rd Annual Homecoming Golf Tournament

8 a.m., Swan Lake Golf Course, \$60 per person.
Open to the public. Sponsored by Budweiser of Clarksville. Fee includes ditty bag, refreshments on the golf course and light lunch. Frazier Allen ('99), chair. Call Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

45th Annual Alumni-Varsity Golf Match

1 p.m. shotgun start, site TBD.
Men's varsity golf alumni compete against the current men's golf team in this annual event. Includes lunch from noon-1 p.m. Sherwin Clift ('60), Steve Miller ('65) and Jim Smith ('68), co-chairs. Call Jim Smith, 931-645-6586 or 931-648-0343.

AACC Alumni & Current Student Homecoming Mixer (Greeks and Non-Greeks are all welcome)

2-4 p.m., Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center (Clement 120). Free and open to all alumni and current students. Alumni are encouraged to

History Department Homecoming Banquet

6-8 p.m., Morgan University Center, rooms 303-305
\$20 per person. Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society commemorates 50 years at APSU. All current history students and history alumni are welcome to celebrate. Charter member, Riley Darnell, will honor the anniversary. To RSVP call the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979. For more information, contact Minoa Uffelman at uffelmanm@apsu.edu or 931-221-7704.

College of Business Alumni Reception

6-8 p.m., F&M Bank (Franklin Room)
Sponsored by College of Business Advisory Board. For more information or to RSVP, call the APSU College of Business at 931-221-7671.

Halloween Percussion Concert

6-8 p.m., Music/Mass Communication Building Concert Hall
For ticket information, call 931-221-7818 or smithn@apsu.edu.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

Homecoming Scholarship 5K Run

8 a.m., Clement Building, front lawn, College Street
Registration \$25 in advance, \$30 day of race. Open to the public, all ages. Fee includes T-shirt and refreshments, prizes and cash awards. Sponsored by APSU National Alumni Association and University Recreation. Call Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Football Letterman Chapter Breakfast

9-11 a.m., Dunn Center (third floor Governors Club)
Free. All former football players are invited to reunite for this special event in support of APSU football. Advance reservations requested. Call Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

President's Emerging Leaders Homecoming Breakfast

9 a.m., Honors Commons (formerly Red Barn Fitness Center). The Honors Commons is a newly renovated space for students in the Honors Program and President's Emerging Leaders Program (PELP). For more information, contact Matt Kenney at kenneym@apsu.edu or 931-221-6398.

Alumni Awards Brunch

11 a.m., Morgan University Center Ballroom \$25 per person. Open to the public. Meet and mingle with other alumni and friends as we honor this year's selection of outstanding alumni award recipients. Advance reservations required by Wednesday, Oct. 26. Call Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Greek Alumni Parade "Watch Party"

12:30 p.m., Clement Lawn (off College Street – Greek Tent) Free. Join current APSU Greeks and reconnect with your fraternity brothers and sorority sisters during the Homecoming Parade. For more information, contact Victor Felts, Greek Alumni Chapter president, at 931-221-7431 or feltsv@apsu.edu.

African-American Alumni Chapter "Stroll Off"

1-3 p.m., Morgan University Center plaza. Free Event. For more information, contact Makeba Webb ('00) at webbm@apsu.edu.

Homecoming Parade

1 p.m., Eighth Street, down College Street and back to campus. Free and open to the public. APSU gathers together to celebrate Homecoming 2011. Tailgate Alley opens at 2 p.m. Call Athletics to reserve a spot, 931-221-7904. Call Student Life and Leadership, 931-221-7431, for parade details and information.

APSU Pom Squad Alumni Chapter Mixer

2-4 p.m., Tailgate Alley (Pom Squad Tailgate Tent) Join current and alumni pom squad members in Tailgate Alley. Free event. For more information, contact Nicole Aquino at 931-801-2488 or email Nikki Loos Peterson at petersonn@apsu.edu.

Homecoming Game – APSU vs. Eastern Illinois

4 p.m., Governors Stadium Open to the public. Presentation of 2011 Homecoming King, Queen and court at halftime. For admission prices, call Athletics Ticket Office, 931-221-7761.

NPHC Homecoming Step Show

7:30 p.m., Red Barn (Memorial Health Gym) \$10 APSU students with I.D., \$15 in advance online; \$20 at the door. Call Fraternity & Sorority Affairs, 931-221-6570, or www.apsugreeks.com for more information.

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

Alumni Homecoming Church Service

11 a.m.–1 p.m., Morgan University Center Ballroom Sponsored by African-American Alumni Chapter. Money collected during the offering portion of service will be donated to the Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center to assist with seeding their scholarship fund. For more information, please contact Makeba Webb ('00) at webbm@apsu.edu.



3rd Annual Art Alumni Homecoming Exhibition

10 a.m.–4 p.m., Trahern Gallery & Lobby Sponsored by APSU Department of Art & the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts. Simultaneously and in conjunction with the exhibit, a free reception will be held on the front lawn of the Trahern Building for presenters and attendees. For more information, contact Kell Black at 931-221-7358 or blackk@apsu.edu.

Alumni Band Rehearsal

10 a.m.–noon, Music/Mass Communication Building. Lunch with the Governors Band included. Band alumni are invited to return to campus for the 2011 edition of the Alumni Band. For more information or to RSVP, please contact band director John Schnettler at schnettlerj@apsu.edu or 931-221-6820 or Matt Whitt ('03) at cvilletn81@yahoo.com.

Alumni Hospitality Tent

(Alumni chapters that will be present at the Alumni Tent are listed.) 2-4 p.m., Tailgate Alley (west side parking lot) Stop by to meet and mingle with other alumni, check and/or update your alumni information, register for a door prize and pick up the latest alumni trinkets. If your group is interested in setting up a table at the Alumni Tent, call the Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

- Governors Band Alumni Chapter Matt Whitt ('03), president
- Hispanic Alumni Chapter Rosa Ponce ('03), president
- Nursing Alumni Chapter Linda Darnell ('88), president
- African-American Alumni Chapter Makeba Webb ('00), president
- Lady Gobs Softball Alumni Chapter Detra Farley ('10), president
- Lady Gobs Soccer Alumni Chapter Sarah Broadbent ('06) president

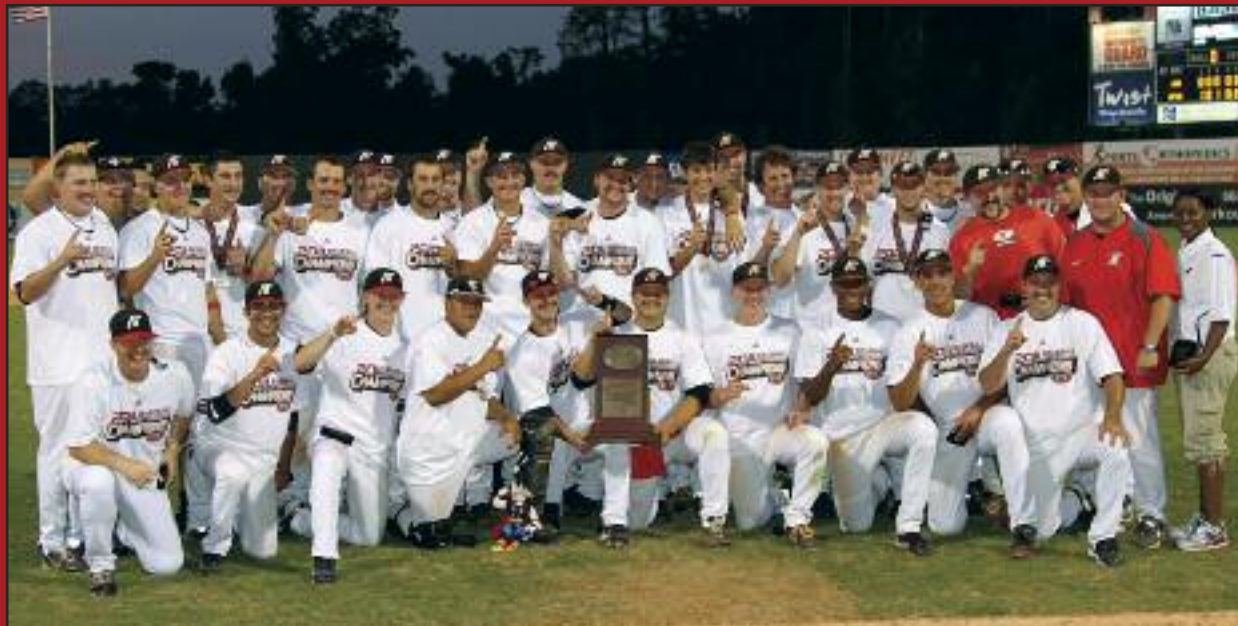
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Govs baseball clinches OVC title



Like a bolt from the blue, the Govs baseball team surprised many with an impressive run to its seventh Ohio Valley Conference regular-season title, clinching its third OVC tournament title and then stunning No. 1 regional seed Georgia Tech in the opening round of the NCAA Baseball Championship.

After missing the postseason the previous two seasons and entering the campaign with 17 newcomers, APSU was picked to finish seventh in the OVC's preseason poll – meaning the experts didn't believe the Governors would qualify for the OVC tournament.

APSU won all seven of its OVC series in the regular season's final two months, part of a larger 23-10 record in April and May that catapulted the team to the league's regular-season crown and concluded with its 3-0 run through the OVC Tournament in Jackson.

The Governors were the only "mid-major" sent to the Atlanta Regional, a four-squad field that included nationally-ranked host Georgia Tech, Southern Miss and Mississippi State.

3 Govs baseball players drafted by the MLB

Three APSU players were selected in the 2011 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft held June 6-8.

Senior pitcher Jack Snodgrass was the first Govs player selected, being grabbed in the 27th round (837th overall pick) by the San Francisco Giants. The following day pitchers Jeremy Dobbs and Ryne Harper were selected.

Dobbs was picked in the 33rd round (993rd overall pick) by the Seattle Mariners. Harper saw his dream fulfilled as he was grabbed in the 37th round (1136th overall pick) by the Atlanta Braves, his boyhood favorite team.

The trio brings to 29 the number of APSU players selected in the MLB Draft. They will

begin the path to the major leagues in hopes of joining current APSU major leaguer's George Sherrill (Atlanta), Shawn Kelley (Seattle) and Matt Reynolds (Colorado).

Dobbs named OVC Pitcher of the Year; McClure is Coach of the Year for 5th time

APSU starting pitcher Jeremy Dobbs was named the Ohio Valley Conference's Pitcher of the Year, head coach Gary McClure received his fifth Coach of the Year citation and 10 APSU players received postseason recognition.

Dobbs, of Owensboro, Ky., was also a first-team All-OVC selection and is the eighth APSU pitcher to receive the OVC's Pitcher of

the Year honor and the first since Shawn Kelley in 2007. He led the league with eight victories this season, posting a 9-3 record, including a 4-1 mark in conference play as the Govs No. 1 starter.

McClure, in his 24th season at the Govs helm, became the third OVC head coach to earn five or more "Coach of the Year" honors, joining Eastern Kentucky's Jim Ward with five and now is two behind Murray State's Johnny Reagan's record of seven.

In addition to Dobbs, sophomore first baseman John Hogan and sophomore shortstop Reed Harper received first-team All-OVC honors. It is the first time since 2003 the Govs have had three or more players earn first-team recognition.

Hogan, of St. Louis, Mo., led the league with 63 RBI and ranked second with 13 home

runs - the most by a Governors hitter since 2002. Harper, of Clarksville, pieced together the OVC's longest hit streak this season – a 29-game stretch that began April 1 and was stopped on the regular season's final day, with a batting average of .431 during that streak.

APSU also had four players receive second-team All-OVC honors: freshman second baseman Jordan Hankins; junior third baseman Greg Bachman; junior outfielder Michael Blanchard; and junior pitcher Zach Toney.

Hankins, along with catcher Matt Wollenzin and outfielder Rolando Gautier, received All-Freshman team recognition.

Loos honored with Ambassador's Choice Award

APSU athletics director and basketball coach Dave Loos was honored with the Ambassador's Choice Award in June during the 2011 Celebration of Unity Day at First Assembly of God.

Loos, along with Maj. Gen. John Campbell, commander of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, Ky., and Pastor Wess Morgan, a contemporary recording artist, received the prestigious award for achievement, service, recognition and commitment to excellence in the workplace, community and for making a difference in the lives of those they serve. The trio also received special recognition from Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, the city of Clarksville and Montgomery County.

Loos recently completed his 14th year as APSU athletics director and 21st as Austin Peay's head basketball coach. The dean of Ohio Valley Conference athletics directors and coaches owns a 351-289 Gobs record and 433-343 overall mark after 24 seasons.

Gobs football earns OVC APR Award

The Gobs football team earned the Academic Progress Rate (APR) Award for the Ohio Valley Conference for the 2009-10 academic year, announced by the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA).

The APR Award recognizes one institution

at each of the 14 FCS conferences that has the highest APR score. APSU scored a 958 for 2009-10.

APR is a measure of eligibility and retention of student-athletes competing on every NCAA Division I sports team.

The Division I Board of Directors set cut scores of 925 and 900 (out of 1,000) as a threshold for teams to meet or face possible immediate and historical sanctions. An APR of 925 currently predicts an approximately 50 percent graduation success rate (GSR) and an APR of 900 currently predicts an approximately 40 percent GSR.

APSU's score exceeded the Division I football program average of 946. In fact, since Rick Christophel took over as head coach in March 2007, APSU's APR score has exceeded the national average each year.

7 APSU athletic teams earn perfect APR score

Seven APSU programs earned perfect 1.000 Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores for the 2009-10 academic year: men's cross country, women's basketball, women's cross country, women's golf, women's tennis, women's indoor track and field and women's outdoor track and field.

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester or quarter by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete. The APR includes eligibility and retention in the calculation and provides a clear picture of the academic culture in each sport.

The APR awards are based on a two-point system - one point for academic eligibility and one point for academic retention. A team's APR is the total points earned by the team at a given time divided by the total points possible, multiplied by 1,000. Multiyear APR includes four years of data (this year's numbers included the academic years of 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10).

Every Division I sports team calculates its APR each academic year, based on the eligibility and retention of each scholarship student-athlete. Teams that score below 925 on their four-year rate and have a student

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2011 Football Schedule

Date/Opponent	Time
September	
1 at Cincinnati	6 p.m.
10 Open	
17 at Memphis	6 p.m.
24 Eastern Kentucky●	6 p.m.
October	
1 at Tennessee State●	6 p.m.
8 at UT Martin●	2 p.m.
15 Jacksonville St.●	6 p.m.
22 at SEMO●	1 p.m.
29 Eastern Illinois●★	6 p.m.
November	
5 Central State	1 p.m.
12 at Murray State●	1 p.m.
19 at Tennessee Tech●	1:30 p.m.
2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship	
26 First Round	TBA
December	
2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship	
3 Second Round	TBA
10 Quarterfinals	TBA
16-17 Semifinals	
January	
2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship	
6 Championship	TBA
<p>● – Ohio Valley Conference contest ★ – 2011 Austin Peay Homecoming</p> <p>Home games are listed in red.</p>	

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2011-12 Men's Basketball Schedule TENTATIVE

Date/Opponent	Time
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November

3	Central Missouri (Exhibition)	TBA
7	Manchester (Exhibition)	TBA
11	at Middle Tennessee	TBA
13-17	College Basketball Experience (CBE) 1st round	TBA
19	at Oral Roberts	TBA
21-23	CBE (final 3)	TBA
26	Middle Tennessee	TBA
28	at Lipscomb	TBA

December

3	at Memphis	TBA
5	Arkansas State	TBA
10	at Tennessee	TBA
17	at Rochester (MI)	TBA
21	Belmont	TBA
29	at Eastern Kentucky	TBA
31	at Morehead State	TBA

January

7	Murray State	TBA
12	Eastern Kentucky	TBA
14	Jacksonville State	TBA
16	Tennessee State	TBA
19	at SIU Edwardsville	TBA
21	at Eastern Illinois	TBA
26	at Southeast Missouri	TBA
28	UT Martin	TBA
30	at Tennessee State	TBA

February

2	Tennessee Tech	TBA
6	at Belmont	TBA
11	at Murray State	TBA
15	Morehead State	TBA
18	ESPN BracketBuster	TBA
23	UT Martin	TBA
25	Southeast Missouri	TBA

2012 Ohio Valley Conference Men's Basketball Championship (Municipal Auditorium, Nashville, TN)

29	First Round	5/7 p.m.
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March

1	Quarterfinals	5/7 p.m.
2	Semifinals	7/9 p.m.
3	Championship	TBA

2012 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship

TBA	First Round	TBA
15-16	Second Round	TBA
17-18	Third Round	TBA
22-23	Regional Semifinals	TBA
24-25	Regional Finals	TBA
31	National Semifinals (New Orleans, LA)	TBA

April

2	National Championship (New Orleans, LA)	TBA
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leave school academically ineligible can lose up to 10 percent of their scholarships through contemporaneous penalties. Teams can also face historically based penalties for poor academic performance over time.

Softball facility becomes Cheryl Holt Field



Cheryl Holt (center), assistant athletic director, is surrounded by the inaugural members of the Lady Gobs softball team in April 2011 after the softball field was renamed the Cheryl Holt Field.

The Lady Gobs softball diamond officially became the Cheryl Holt Field during dedication ceremonies prior to APSU's softball doubleheader with Murray State on April 8.

Holt, who was APSU's head volleyball coach for 23 years and has served in the University's athletics administration since 1997, was the school's first softball coach when the program was initiated in 1986. The dedication was part of APSU's Celebration of Women's Athletics weekend.

Holt, APSU's assistant athletics director since 2003, was joined on the field for the dedication by APSU President Tim Hall along with Women in Athletics co-chairs Nancy Howell and Susan Cole, who was a member of the first Lady Gobs softball team.

Three other 1986 team members, Jane Goodson, Regina Suggs Clark and Ginny Gray Davis, pulled the cords on the centerfield tarp to unveil the newly-named field.

Holt's coaching career began at APSU during an era when women's sports coaches were asked to coach multiple sports; she was hired to coach volleyball and women's tennis in 1982. A four-time OVC Volleyball Coach

of the Year, she also served as assistant women's basketball coach.

When APSU initiated the softball program in 1986, the late Bob Brooks, athletics director at the time, asked Holt to launch the program. Using mostly student-athletes from other teams like women's basketball and volleyball, Holt was able to field a team for the 1986 season. She coached the team again in 1987.

Holt amassed 363 victories as APSU head volleyball coach – most of her victories came in her final 13 years as coach when more emphasis was placed on women's sports, but in particular, volleyball – and 499 overall Division I victories in 28 years.

Sophomore tennis player named Capital One Academic All-District

Sophomore Sean Bailey, of the APSU men's tennis team, was named to the Capital One Academic All-District first team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors Association.

A two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference selection, Bailey is a communication arts major with a minor in French. Not only was he a first-team All-OVC pick as a sophomore, he helped the Gobs to their first OVC Tournament Championship match since 1987.

Academically, he has been named to the President's List twice, the Dean's List three times, the Athletics Director's Honor Roll three times and received OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll honors as a freshman.

Bailey was the only Governors player to go undefeated in OVC play, winning all six matches played at No. 3 singles. For the season, he won 14 of 17 matches, including 13 at No. 3. He also went 1-1 at No. 2 singles.

Williams, Keck chosen to NFF Hampshire Society

Two APSU football players, tight end Brad Williams and defensive end Preston Keck, have been named members of the 2011 National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) Hampshire Honor Society.

To be eligible for the Hampshire Honor

Alumni in the Pros



APSU baseball alumni George Sherrill (1999), now with the Atlanta Braves, and Matt Reynolds (2006), with the Colorado Rockies, met for the first time prior to the Rockies' July series in Atlanta. Sherrill, now in his seventh major league season, and Reynolds, in his first full major league campaign, are two of the four (A.J. Ellis of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Shawn Kelley with the Seattle Mariners) former Bat Govies who are playing at the major league level.

Society, a player must be a starter or a significant substitute in one's last year of eligibility at an accredited NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision, Football Championship Subdivision, Division II, Division III or an NAIA college or university; achieve a 3.2 cumulative GPA throughout entire course of undergraduate study; and meet all NCAA-mandated progress toward degree requirements and graduation.

Williams and Keck both graduated in May 2011. Keck, of Rocky Face, Ga., was a three-time member of the Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll and seven-time member of the Athletics Director's Honor Roll, including two semesters on the dean's list.

Williams, of Clarksville, was a three-time member of the dean's list, including one semester with a perfect 4.0 GPA, and seven-time member of the Athletics Director's Honor Roll. He also has been a member of the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for three years.

Both players also were nominated for Capital One Academic All-America during the fall.



Catie Tucker

Lady Govies golfer 1st undergrad to enter Ph.D. psychology program

Senior golfer Catie Tucker was accepted into the Experimental Psychology Ph.D. program at the University of Tennessee, becoming the first APSU undergraduate psychology student to gain immediate entrance into a doctoral program in the experimental psychology field.

She will serve as a teaching assistant her first year and then a teacher for the last four

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2011-12 Women's Basketball Schedule TENTATIVE

Date/Opponent	Time
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November

TBA	Exhibition TBA	TBA
11	Southern Illinois	TBA
14	at Lipscomb	TBA
22	at Louisville	TBA

Cal Poly Classic – San Luis Obispo, CA

25	at American	TBA
26	Cal Poly	TBA

30	Vanderbilt	TBA
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December

3	UAB	TBA
6	at Middle Tennessee	TBA
9	at Bowling Green	TBA
11	at Ball State	TBA
18	at Belmont	TBA
20	Florida A&M	TBA
21	Alabama A&M	TBA
29	at Tennessee State	TBA
31	at Morehead State	TBA

January

2	at Eastern Kentucky	TBA
7	Murray State	TBA
14	Jacksonville State	TBA
16	Eastern Kentucky	TBA
21	at Eastern Illinois	TBA
23	at SIU Edwardsville	TBA
28	Tennessee State	TBA
30	at Southeast Missouri	TBA

February

1	UT Martin	TBA
6	Tennessee Tech	TBA
13	at Murray State	TBA
18	Morehead State	TBA
23	at UT Martin	TBA
25	Southeast Missouri	TBA

2012 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship (Nashville, TN)

29	First Round	TBA
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March

1	Quarterfinals	TBA
2	Semifinals	TBA
3	Championship	TBA

2012 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship

17-18	First Round	TBA
19-20	Second Round	TBA
24-25	Regional Semifinals	TBA
26-27	Regional Finals	TBA

April

1	National Semifinals (Denver, CO)	TBA
3	National Championship (Denver, CO)	TBA

Like father,

Harper family

BY BRAD KIRTLEY
Sports Information Director

He sits down far away from everyone else. That really wasn't a problem in the spacious Double A baseball park in Jackson at the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

But even at that, he usually doesn't sit long, a couple of innings at best.

In fact, during APSU's home games, he nervously paces along the third base side, usually hanging out down where the old picnic area was located. At road games he often can be found walking around the visitor's side.

Always present, though, is that bottled water.

"I think he goes through about 12 bottles of water a game," said APSU shortstop Reed Harper laughingly about his father Ralph Harper ('81), who sips the water perhaps to prevent grinding his teeth because, well, dentists aren't supposed to do that. "He does that (sits to himself) at all sporting events – he likes to take it all in, but when we are playing he just gets away from the action and doesn't really talk to anybody – he just enjoys the game."

Ralph Harper has more than a father-son vested interest in the APSU baseball program. Reed is the All-Ohio Valley Conference sophomore shortstop. Older son Ryne is the senior closer, who gained both a save and a victory in the OVC tourney to earn all-tournament honors.

Ralph Harper was an All-OVC middle infielder for the Governors in

the early 1980s. In fact, he hit better than .330 his final two seasons and drove in 59 runs as a senior. He teamed with LeBon Joye, now a scout in the Atlanta Braves organization, to form one of the best double-play combinations in APSU history. But as soon as his superb college career ended, he passed on a potential professional career, opting for dental school at the University of Memphis.

It is only natural that his two sons excel in the sport he loves and starred as a Clarksville youth and later at APSU. But it wasn't a case of the father pushing his two boys into the sport.

"We played everything," Ryne said. "When he got off work we were taking ground balls on the driveway, playing around-the-world (basketball shooting competition) or throwing the football. We always would be doing something athletically. He always pushed us to have fun with it."

Now Ralph and wife Karen are watching their two sons play the game and on the same stage in which he excelled. He arranges his dental appointments in the spring to attend as many games as possible.

Before arriving at APSU, Ryne and Reed had plenty of practice in excelling on the big stage and not just as members of the Clarksville High School baseball team; they both were part of the Wildcats basketball team that advanced to the Class 3A state title game. In baseball, Ryne was the Wildcats' starting

shortstop before taking to the mound. It was Ryne's move to pitching that opened the door for Reed at short.

"I started out as a shortstop but I pitched a little as a sophomore," Ryne said. "But halfway through the (junior) year, we had started slow, so I started pitching and never looked back from there. Coach Mac (Gary McClure) came and watched me. I started getting a lot of interest and thought 'I guess this is what I should do.' I never looked back from there."

As offers came, there was never any question where Ryne was destined to land.

"There were a lot of schools that I probably could have gone to," Ryne said. "At first all I wanted was to leave Clarksville, but when it came down to me making a decision I really didn't want to leave Clarksville. Austin Peay is here. I always came over here to watch the games. They always had a good team and were used to winning. They also were the first school to offer me as a pitcher."

Ryne Harper continued to play shortstop for the Wildcats when he didn't pitch. When he did pitch, Reed, a scrawny sophomore, moved into the lineup. He had a solid, if not the spectacular, career his brother had at Clarksville High.

Two years after older brother Ryne came to APSU, Reed walked on to the Governors program.

"I wasn't like Ryne," Reed said. "I always

like sons

legacy runs deep in Governors baseball



Brothers Reed, left, and Ryne Harper, present their father, Ralph, the Ohio Valley Conference Championship trophy.



Robert Smith, The Leaf-Chronicle

Reed Harper vs. Middle Tennessee

knew I wanted to go to Austin Peay. My dad always talked about he enjoyed going to school here, about the great education you can get here, the great science program they have here. I am a chemistry major, pre-dental, following the same path as my dad.

“Any chance I had to play baseball here I was going to take it. I wasn’t going to listen to anyone else’s (offers). Everything just fell into place. The fact Ryne was here made it to a point where I really didn’t want to go anywhere else.”

Ralph Harper owned a 3.98 grade-point average while at APSU. Sons Ryne, once a pre-dental major but now an accounting major, and Reed have not fallen far from the tree. Both have been nominated for Academic All-America, for which a student-athlete must have a 3.3 grade-point average or better to be nominated. In fact, Reed was named to Capital One Academic All-District second-team this year.

The baseball side of it has not always been easy, especially for Ryne. When he chose APSU in 2007, the Governors were amidst an

incredible run to the NCAA tourney that saw them win their first NCAA tournament game. A night after the epic 2-1, 11-inning, pitching duel between the Govs’ Shawn Kelley and Vanderbilt’s David Price, who became the No. 1 pick in that season’s MLB First-Year Player Draft, Ryne signed his letter of intent.

With his 6-4 size, many envisioned Ryne Harper as the next Kelley (who is currently a middle reliever with the Seattle Mariners). Like Kelley on the college stage, Harper’s high school career ended with him losing a 1-0 extra-inning pitching duel against Sonny Gray, the now-Vanderbilt star and predicted Top 10 pick in this

awesome year. This year found the program back where we want it to be and I love the role I’m in.”

Even though Reed Harper was a walk-on, he started all 53 games as a freshman, the first 13 at third base before being moved home to shortstop. He displayed glimpses defensively as a freshman, but the offense was another story – he hit a pedestrian .246.

This season saw Reed start all 58 games at shortstop, making it 111 straight starts in his two-year career. His defense was flawless in the OVC Tournament and the NCAA regional in Atlanta, with him fielding the championship game-ending groundball that sent the Governors to the regional.

After a sluggish start offensively in 2011, Reed emerged as not only as one of the

“Any chance I had to play baseball here I was going to take it. The fact Ryne was here made it to a

year’s major league draft.

However, from the outset Ryne Harper’s career was plagued by injury. He battled elbow and arm issues both his freshman and junior seasons. His 2010 elbow problem limited him to just 33.3 innings. Even during his “healthy” 2009 sophomore season, he sustained an oblique strain, but posted a 4-3 record with a 4.12 ERA. Ryne’s struggles almost paralleled those of the Governors, which didn’t even qualify for either the 2009 and 2010 OVC tournaments.

After opening the 2011 season as a starter, he quickly was converted into the closer role. He finally found his niche, a role he could sink his teeth in, to the tune of a 6-2 record, eight saves and 54 strikeouts in 44.1 innings. He recorded both a save (against Tennessee Tech in Game 1) and a relief victory (Jacksonville State in Game 2) of the OVC Tournament. He recently was 37th-round selection of the Atlanta Braves in the June Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

“I love being a relief pitcher,” Ryne said. “I love being in there with the game on the line. Everything just fell into place. It’s just been

Governors’ most productive hitters, but the OVC’s as well. Earlier in the season he could’ve been found at the bottom of the batting order or just as easily the top. But as he continued to swing the bat with authority, he was able to fill a cavity in the middle of the Govs’ order. He finished the year with a .332 batting average with 23 extra-base hits and 43 RBI.

From April 2 to May 20 Reed was able to carve out an impressive 29-game hitting streak, the third longest in APSU history. During the months of April and May combined, he hit an impressive .389 with 34 RBI.

The Season’s Defining Moment

After splitting the first two games of the mid-April series with preseason favorite Jacksonville State, the Governors entered Sunday’s final game with a 6-4 OVC record and just 16-18 overall.

The intense battle came down to the final two innings. With a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the eighth, JSU recorded back-to-back two-out hits. With the game on the line, head coach Gary McClure summoned Ryne Harper

“I love being a relief pitcher. I love being in there with the game on the line. Everything just fell into an awesome year. This year found the program back where we want it to be and I love the role I’m in.”

from the bullpen. And that's just how his brother wants it.

"I know when Ryne is on the mound, I am more confident than with anybody else," Reed said without blinking. "We wouldn't prefer to have anyone else out there in a pressure situation to get things done. It's always been like that."

For the Harpers, this game is bigger than the rest. Never before has an APSU team won an OVC series at Jacksonville State.

With runners on first and second, Ryne faces the eight-hole hitter Andre Bishop. His first pitch is a biting slider that misses away. He comes right back with a fastball on the handle, which Bishop grounds to second, ending the inning.

player, where succeeding just one third of your plate appearances is considered successful.

But if Reed committed an error with Ryne pitching, there were no daggers firing from the pitcher's eyes toward his brother. If Ryne allowed an inherited runner to score, Reed didn't drop his head or kick at the dirt in frustration.

"We don't really have to say anything to each other," Reed said. "We're pulling for each other more than anyone. I know if I boot a ball, he's up there trying to cover up for it and he's going to try and strike out the next guy. I know I feel terrible and want the next ball hit to me. We don't ever get mad at each other, at least on the baseball field that is."

as they vaulted through the respective youth leagues in Clarksville. But once they reached the high school level, he stepped aside, refusing to be that interfering parent who lived vicariously through his sons' successes.

"It was like when we got to high school, Dad handed us off in both baseball and basketball," Ryne said. "He was hands-on early."

"When I've tried to talk to him about hitting," Reed said, "he'll say 'you'll figure it out. There's nothing I can tell you that you don't already know.' He probably hasn't gone over at bats with me since before high school."

If someone compliments Ryne or Reed to him, Ralph Harper is always gracious in accepting such praise, but immediately deflects any credit to him to his sons' hard work, their respective teammates or the coaches. Ralph enjoyed his

playing days but now he relishes watching his sons and their teammates play – from a distance.

But even Ralph couldn't keep his distance in Jackson. All the Governors' shortcomings of the previous two seasons were swept away with APSU's fourth OVC Tournament championship. After the traditional OVC post-tourney awards ceremony, family and friends stormed the field to celebrate with their Governors.

This time it wasn't like pulling teeth to get Ralph Harper close to the action. He finally came down onto the field to congratulate his sons and their teammates. During the ensuing hugs and handshakes, the OVC championship trophy was passed to the Harper brothers for a picture. They looked at each other and immediately handed it to their dad, with Reed positioning himself his right and Ryne to the left, both sporting their 2011 OVC Baseball Championship T-shirts along with grins that would make any dentist proud.

Only this time, the biggest smile belonged to the prideful dentist. **AP**

to take it. I wasn't going to listen to anyone else's (offers). Everything just point where I really didn't want to go anywhere else. **”** *–Reed Harper*

When the Gamecocks counter with eventual first-team All-OVC closer Todd Hornsby, the Gobs come alive with the bats. A one-out single by freshman Jordan Hankins gives way to a hard double by Reed. He later scores the second of a five-run inning, setting the stage for Ryne to earn the win after 1-2-3 ninth inning.

"Ryne is a completely different person off the field than when he is playing," Reed said. "He's probably the most easy-going guy on our team until he steps on the mound. But once he steps on the mound he's the most intense. You can't talk to him. I have to call time and go all the way up the mound to even get his attention."

That passion, that sole focus serves him well as a closer.

Reed, meanwhile, appears unflappable in almost all situations.

"He's a big smart aleck, both of us are, but Reed more so," Ryne said.

"I'm easygoing," Reed said. "It's hard to get me completely intense, but I am in the batter's box."

That personality also serves him well in the up-and-down world of an everyday

"If one of us messes up the other tries to pick up the other one," Ryne said. "There's no need to get mad."

The Culmination

Ralph Harper taught both his sons the fundamentals of baseball and basketball as they were growing up. He also coached them



Brad Kinley

Ryne Harper pitching at NCAA Baseball Championship's Atlanta Regional against Georgia Tech

place. It's just been **”** *–Ryne Harper*

Class Notes



Former APSU grad student discovers new turtle species



Chris Hagen

APSU alumnus Josh Ennen ('05) discovered this new species of turtle in Mississippi's Pearl River.

There was something strange about the turtle, aside from its enormous head. Normally, the other species in the broad-headed group of map turtles confined themselves to a single major river system, but Josh Ennen ('05) knew this particular turtle was listed as living in two separate rivers.

"That was interesting, so I started looking at the genetics of the species," he said. He compared populations of *Graptemys gibbonsi* (Pascagoula map turtle) from the Pascagoula and Pearl rivers.

"They were genetically different from each other," he said. "Next, we went back and did morphological analyses to see if they were physically different. And we concluded that they were different morphologically."

It was a pivotal moment for the study of field biology. Ennen had just discovered a new species of turtle – *Graptemys pearlensis*. It was the first turtle species discovered in this country since 1992.

"What's rare about the discovery is that it was in a developed country, the United States, and it's a larger vertebrate," he said. "The discovery of most new species or large vertebrate are usually restricted to isolated and/or remote portions of the globe, such as the rain forests."

As for *G. pearlensis*, Ennen said, "It's a conspicuous animal that people knew where it was, they just didn't identify it correctly."

Ennen, a Ph.D. student at the time of the discovery with the University of Southern Mississippi (USM), recently had a paper he co-authored on his findings published as the cover article for *Chelonian Conservation and Biology: The International Journal of Turtle and Tortoise Research*.

"It made the front cover," he said. "All this hard work of collecting data and analyzing data, but I look at it as just another manuscript."

Ennen's interest in field biology began almost a decade ago when, as an undergraduate student at Maryville College, he conducted research on frogs for his thesis. In 2003, he enrolled at APSU as a graduate student, eager to work with the school's Center of Excellence for Field Biology.

It was while studying under APSU biology professor Dr. A. Floyd Scott that Ennen found his new interest – turtles.

"It was pretty much that turtles were where the opportunity was to do research," he said. "I worked under Dr. Scott. I did two studies on a turtle species in Tennessee, the striped neck musk turtle. I published one paper for tracking turtles for 24 hours, to determine their daily movement patterns."

Ennen graduated from APSU in 2005, and he recently earned his Ph.D. at USM. Now, he's in Flagstaff, Ariz., doing postdoctorate work as a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Geological Survey.

But his doctoral work in the southeastern United States, identifying the 57th species of turtle living in this country, will have a significant impact on that area of field biology for years to come. Ennen, however, is simply happy to contribute to the field's scholarly conversation.

"I get excited when I do good work and I publish something," he said.



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Members of the Class of 1961 – who attended the 50-Year Reunion in Spring 2011 led by committee chair JD Howell – came together from across the country to reunite with former classmates.

Editor's note: *Individuals who only attended APSU have the full year(s) noted in parentheses. Those who graduated from APSU will have their year of graduation abbreviated in parentheses.*

1950s

BEN KIMBROUGH ('51) was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 191 Academic Hall of Fame on April 12, 2011, at APSU.

1960s

BLAKEY BRADLEY ('64) has written a book, titled "Austin Peay Football: 80 Years From 1930-2010." The book tells the story of the school's football program from its origin in 1930.

DR. RAMONA LUMPKIN ('67), president and vice chancellor of Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, was one of nine women honored as women of excellence by the YMCA of Western Ontario.

U.S. REP. DR. PHIL ROE ('67) was awarded the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award upon nomination by the Sequoyah Council in Kingsport and the Boy Scouts of America in February 2011. The award is granted to Eagle

Scouts who, after 25 years, have distinguished themselves in their career and talents. He received his Eagle Scout rank in 1963 in Clarksville.

AUBREY FLAGG ('68), a professor at Columbia State Community College, received the First Farmers Bank's Lifetime Achievement Award.

FRED LANDISS ('69, '70) was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 191 Academic Hall of Fame on April 12, 2011, at APSU.



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APSU alumnus and former major leaguer ('61) Jimmy Stewart addresses APSU alumni at an alumni reception in Tampa, Fla., in January 2011.



APSU alumni get together in Orlando, Fla., to reunite with fellow APSU alumni and friends. The APSU Office of Alumni Relations travels around the country each year to reconnect with alumni and update them on what has been happening at APSU.

DR. JANET SMITH ('69, '71), president of Columbia State Community College, was the guest speaker at the APSU Spring 2011 Commencement.

DR. DAVID WESNER ('69), of Clarksville, had the opportunity to meet U.S. Vice President Joe Biden on Feb. 11, 2011, when Biden made a surprise visit to Fort Campbell, Ky., to congratulate the Fort Campbell High School football team, which has won three state championships and seven division titles while players' parents served multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Wesner, associate pastor of Faith Outreach Church in Clarksville, is the chaplain for the team.

1970s

FRANK DODSON ('71) was honored April 29, 2011, by Jackson State Community College for his 39 years of service to higher education.

WILLIAM F. WALKER ('73), former assistant athletic director and head athletic trainer at the University of Cincinnati, received the 2011 Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award by the National Athletic Trainers Association. Since his retirement from the UC in 2007, he has been the

general operations manager of Oxford Physical Therapy Centers in Mason, Ohio.

JERRY WINSETT ('73), of Wilmington, S.C., starred in the Tennessee Shakespeare Festival comedy production of "Two Gentlemen of Verona (Tenn.)" as the servant Launce. He currently owns and operates Murder Mystery Productions at the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He stars as the detective, writes the scripts, casts and co-produces and directs the shows.

BONITA WILSON ('77) is in Indonesia as engagement catalyst for Sumatra with Ethno Journeys.

1980s

DANIEL ARMITAGE ('83) is assistant vice president of student affairs and campus services at the University of Memphis. He currently is Tennessee director for Region III of NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

PAUL KRIVACKA ('89), a partner with the Adams and Reese law firm in Nashville, was elected recently chair of the Tennessee Dry Cleaners

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Portraits of famed Meriwether family donated to APSU



CECA director Chris Burawa, Margaret Henry, Nelson Campbell, library director Joe Weber, Chrissy Booth and Dr. Dixie Webb, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, stand with donated portraits.

In its heyday, the Woodstock Plantation, where the famed advice-columnist Dorothy Dix was born and raised, was a sprawling 5,000-acre farm that stretched from Montgomery County on up into Todd County, Ky. The Meriwethers, a prominent 19th century farming family, owned the enormous estate, and their influence lingers in the area with roads and neighborhoods still bearing their name.

"They're a very important family in this area," Christopher Burawa, executive director of the Austin Peay State University Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts, said.

Earlier this month, Burawa met with two descendants of the Meriwether clan – cousins Nelson Campbell and Margaret "Moggie" Henry. The women traveled from their home in Chattanooga to APSU to formally donate early 19th century portraits of Charles Nicholas Minor Meriwether and his wife Caroline Huntley Barker Meriwether, two of the founders of Woodstock, and their oldest daughter, Nancy Minor Meriwether Ferguson.

"We're exceptionally honored that Nelson and Moggie thought to bestow these with Austin Peay. We will take care of them and treasure them," Burawa said.

For more than 80 years, the three paintings were on display in a house owned by Campbell and Henry's grandmother, Margaret Douglas Meriwether Campbell. They will soon be prominently exhibited on campus, following some minor restoration work on the portraits.

"The importance for us, the Center, is that we can not only have these and treasure them as part of the University collection, but they can be used for teaching purposes to illustrate to our students techniques of 19th century portraiture," Burawa said.

Dr. Dixie Webb, an art historian and dean of the APSU College of Arts and Letters, said the portraits of the husband and wife appear to be the work of a professionally trained artist who studied both anatomy and portrait painting. The painting of the daughter, however, is likely the work of an "itinerant portraitist," who traveled the country, quickly turning out paintings for clients.

Webb said that piece exhibits "the whimsy today's avid audience of collectors and admirers of early American portraiture appreciate.

"In this sense these portraits fall within the American folk art tradition and are a splendid addition to Dr. Joseph Trahern Jr.'s recent gift of William Edmondson sculptures as well as the Enoch Tanner Wickham sculptures on campus."



Class Notes



History honor students create new scholarly journal



Members of APSU's Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society celebrate the publication of their first scholarly journal.

Jennifer Montgomery didn't get much sleep this past semester. Aside from the normal stresses of a graduating college senior, the Austin Peay State University history student was plagued with images of misspelled words and incorrectly used commas during many sleepless nights. When she thought about scholarly citations and the proper use of the Chicago Manual of Style, she nearly went into a panic.

That's because Montgomery, a member of the University's Phi Alpha Theta (PAT) History Honor Society, took on an enormous responsibility during her final semester at APSU. She was appointed to serve as the editor-in-chief of the first scholarly history journal in Austin Peay's history.

"We started it in the fall, but most of the work was done in the last month and a half," Montgomery said. "We wanted to create a yearly publication for students to be able to publish their papers in that they presented at conferences. It's a big relief to get a final copy and see how wonderful it looks."

The new journal, Theta-Delta, named after APSU's local PAT chapter, was officially unveiled last spring during an awards ceremony for the University's Department of History and Philosophy. The resulting journal is a 95-page, professional publication modeled after major scholarly magazines such as *The Journal of Southern History*.

The idea of creating a scholarly publication began about a year ago when Dr. Minoa Uffelman, associate professor of history at APSU, saw a copy of Murray State University's history journal.

"We decided we wanted to do one," she said. "We wanted it to be a student journal, and Jennifer agreed to be the editor-in-chief. She sent out a call for papers to everyone who has presented at conferences in the last couple of years."

Members of the local PAT chapter formed a Board of Editors to oversee the creation of the magazine. Those board members included APSU history students Brittani Anderson, Deanna Carter, Phillip Holland, Jane Moore, Jacob Puckett, J. Tomlin, Vandy Watt and Paige Williams.

The students spent months studying other journals, trying to develop the right look for their new publication. They met with APSU assistant professor of history and senior editor of the *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* Dr. Kris Ray, and with Melony Shemberger, assistant director of communication at APSU, to learn the ins and outs of putting a magazine together.

After doing their research, the students set about gathering papers on history topics as varied as ancient Greece to the Holocaust. Once these articles were selected, Montgomery and the other students stayed up late line editing each sentence to make sure there were no typos or misspelled words.

"This is 100 percent student driven and created," Deanna Carter, APSU history student, said. "We had guidance, but it's been all students doing this."



President Tim Hall and Congressman Phil Roe ('67) meet at a March 2011 reception in Washington, D.C., with fellow APSU alumni.

Environmental Response Board for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

1990s

DR. ANDREA DISMUKES ('90) was promoted to professor of music at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. A mezzo-soprano, she has served the university's School of Music in various roles since 1992, including chair of the department of vocal music.

MELODY SHIPLEY ('96) had a collection of vases and vase-like sculptural forms on display in June and July 2011 in APSU's Woodward Library.

CAROL CLARK ('97, '05) is now director of community and business relations at APSU. She also continues to serve as executive assistant to the president at the University.

LAURA THORNTON ('97) recently was named assistant principal at Cumberland Heights Elementary School in Clarksville.

2000s

NATALIE A. KILGORE ('01) is senior publicist for the George P. Johnson

Entertainment Marketing Group in Nashville.

BRANDON M. HARRISON ('04) is senior consultant at Kraft Healthcare Consulting in Nashville.

PHILIP GREY ('06) is the military affairs reporter for *The Leaf-Chronicle* daily newspaper in Clarksville. He recently reported from overseas in Afghanistan.

MATTHEW HARRIS ('08), of Manchester, received the MLI/Lenore Prather Scholarship from the Mississippi College School of Law. The award provides full or partial tuition support for first-time takers of the Mississippi Bar Examination in July.

MICHELLE BURKHART ('10) was named Favorite Teacher in 2011 as part of *The Leaf-Chronicle's* "Best of Clarksville" awards. She has taught world history and psychology at Kenwood High School in Clarksville since January 2011.

CHRIS O'BRYAN ('11) is attending Clemson University on a full-tuition scholarship and a research assistant-



Athletics Director Dave Loos (from left), wife Phyllis Loos, Associate Athletics Director Cheryl Holt and Cara Holt talk during the inaugural Women in Athletics Celebration in April 2011. The Lady Govs softball field was named after Cheryl Holt, who has coached softball, volleyball and basketball at APSU.

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ship. He is pursuing a master's degree in biology while researching the effect of forest management on spotted turtles in eastern North Carolina.

Marriages

RHONDA ARTHURS ('75, '83) and **KEVIN BROWN (1975)** were married Jan. 16, 2011, in the chapel at Montgomery Bell State Park in Dickson County. The couple resides in Dickson.

LISETTE BONANO ('87), of Tampa, Fla., and Tony Humphreys, of Pittsburgh, Pa., were married Feb. 7, 2011, at Forward Operating Base Lightning in Paktya, Afghanistan.

Deaths

DR. J. THOMAS SHAW ('38), 91, died April 4, 2011, in Madison, Wis. Professor emeritus of Slavic languages at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he had been the only living Pushkinist, meaning he was one of the world's top scholars on the works of Russian poet Alexander Pushkin. In 2006, Shaw gave APSU \$50,000 to establish an endowment for literature for the Shaw Collection now housed in the Woodward Library.

NANCY REXANNE McWHORTER ('72), 59, of Clarksville, died Sunday, June 5, 2011, at her residence. She was a teacher with the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System and the Fort Campbell School System for 39 years. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

RAY EUGENE WARREN ('80), 77, of Cedar Hill, died Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at his home. He is buried in the Nashville National Cemetery. He is an Air Force veteran. He later spent 20 years working in the Special Care Unit at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

JOSH YECKERING ('10), 25, of Owensboro, Ky., died May 19, 2011, after drowning during a recreation swim in San Diego, Calif. He was a Navy petty officer stationed with Camp Pendleton's 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

DR. WAYNE F. WHITMER died April 15, 2011, in Clarksville. He retired as an assistant professor of administrative office management in 2000, after 21 years of service to APSU.

Public art piece immortalizes campus painter Ivan



APSU painter Ivan Colon (from left), art professor Gregg Schlanger and art student Tobey Lee stand near the new public art display in the APSU Morgan University Center.

Ben Liggett

"A friend of mine heard screaming when people saw it," Tobey Lee, an Austin Peay State University art student, said. "It scared them."

That's no surprise considering it was a death-defying scene they were witnessing. A painter, dressed in white coveralls, balanced on his toes some 15 feet in the air, to paint a red circle inside the APSU Morgan University Center.

Luckily, the painter known as "Ivan" wasn't real. He's a mannequin that bares a striking resemblance to APSU painter Ivan Colon. The artificial Ivan, standing dangerously atop a small ledge, is part of a new art display created by students in APSU art professor Gregg Schlanger's Public Art class.

"Part of the class is learning to be a professional by creating a full proposal, a budget and how to plan something like this that's going to be in a public space," Schlanger said.

The new display, titled "A Hard Day's Work," was installed in April into a large, indented circle situated high on one of the University Center's walls.

"Lane Lyle (the architect), 10 years ago when he designed this building, in his mind that was a space for public art by students," Schlanger said. "President (Tim) Hall and I started talking about it, and we decided that was an appropriate use for that space."

The class, consisting of art students Colon, Lee, Melissa Cox, Rachel Evans Hyoung "Philippe" Kim, Sean McFadden, Corey Garrett and DL Zartner, spent the semester researching public art projects and coming up with a concept for the University Center space. They decided to create a likeness of one of their classmates, Colon, standing on the edge of the circle and painting it red.

"I guess it was because I've worked here so long, a lot of people have seen me and know me," Colon said. "When they decided to do that, I was OK with it. People say, 'Hey, that's Ivan.'"

With a budget of \$847, the students purchased a mannequin and a mask-making kit to create the replica of the APSU painter and art student.

"If you put white hair and a white mustache on somebody, it's going to look like me," Colon said.

The Ivan mannequin was then anchored to the wall with a chain, while his toes were nailed to the ledge. On the day the display was installed, Lee hung around the MUC to hear the public's reactions.

"I'm surprised how much everyone likes it," he said. "It turned out better than I thought it would."

The piece will remain on display in the MUC indefinitely, but Schlanger said there's potential that new student art pieces could fill that spot every year.

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years while conducting behavioral neuroscience research.

Tucker, who graduated in May 2011 with a 3.98 grade-point average, was named APSU's Female Scholar Athlete and the Perkins Freeman Governors Club Academic Achievement Award recipient at the annual APSU Athletics Banquet.

Northrup earns NSCAA Scholar All-Region honors

Senior Samantha Northrup, of the APSU women's soccer team, was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Scholar All-Region third team.

To be nominated, a student-athlete must have a 3.30 GPA, start more than 50 percent of the games and be a significant contributor.

Northrup, of Hannon, Ontario, also was named ESPN The Magazine First-Team Academic All-District IV and appeared on the national Academic All-America ballot.

McClure becomes 2nd OVC baseball coach in history to record 700 victories

In his 1,351st game at the helm, Govs head baseball coach Gary McClure joined an elite fraternity as his squad routed Morehead State 24-5 on May 1 for his 700th career victory - all in a Governors uniform.

McClure, in his 24th season at APSU, joined Murray State head coach Johnny Reagan as the only coaches to record 700 victories in Ohio Valley Conference history.

For McClure, it is the continuation of a long journey that saw him named interim head coach in 1988 while still attending graduate school at APSU. He notched his first victory that season with a win against Trevecca. McClure was named the head coach that summer and led the Govs to a 32-win campaign in 1989, the first of 11 30-win seasons under his guidance.

Football recruit Noble following in father's footsteps at APSU

Adam Noble, whose father, Gerald, played football at APSU in the early 1970s, is following in his footsteps and will play the

same sport for the Governors.

His signing of scholarship papers was in late April. It brings the 2011 recruiting class total to 21 freshmen arriving in August.

A 6-3, 200-pound athlete, Noble initially will get a look at safety after playing both safety and quarterback at Springfield (Mo.) Glendale High School. In fact, an all-conference and all-district defensive performer as a junior, he was shifted to quarterback as a senior. He had one game where he accounted for five touchdowns, three via the pass and two rushing, as he rolled up more than 350 yards in total offense.

Harris, Holt earn Legends Awards; Doyle, Terry named top athletes



Chelsea Harris (seated left), Nikki Doyle (seated right), Terrence Holt (standing left), Josh Terry.

Two senior athletes who authored record-setting careers were named the 2010-11 Legends Award recipients, and two under-class athletes who led their respective programs into the postseason were chosen Most Outstanding Athletes.

The recipients of APSU's most cherished athletic awards along with the individual team honors were made April 25 at APSU's annual Athletics Banquet.

Terrence Holt, who not only set APSU kickoff return records but also left his name dotted in the Ohio Valley and NCAA records books, was named the Male Legends Award recipient.

Chelsea Harris, who became the first Lady

Govs golfer in history to earn All-OVC recognition all four seasons and was a four-time OVC all-tourney honoree, was named the Female Legends Award recipient.

Sophomore outside hitter Nikki Doyle, who helped lead APSU's volleyball team to the 2010 Ohio Valley Conference championship and the Lady Govs' first NCAA tournament appearance, netted APSU's Most Outstanding Female Athlete.

Josh Terry, whose defensive tenacity helped lead the Governors basketball team to 20 wins and the College Basketball Invitational, was named Most Outstanding Male Athlete.

Senior golfer Catie Tucker, who was accepted into the University of Tennessee psychology doctoral program, was named recipient of two accolades—Female Scholar-Athlete and the Perkins Freeman Governors Club Academic Achievement Award.

Soccer's MacKenzie Ladd, a communications arts (broadcast media) major, was named the Perkins Freeman Governors Club Academic Achievement Scholarship recipient for having the highest GPA for a rising senior.

Baseball's Lucas Anderson, a political science major, was named the Male Scholar-Athlete recipient.

Harper named to Academic All-District 2nd Team

Reed Harper, a sophomore shortstop for Govs baseball, was named to the 2011 Capital One Academic All-District IV Baseball Second Team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Harper, of Clarksville, was one of two sophomores named to the All-District IV team and one of three Ohio Valley Conference baseball student-athletes named to their respective All-District teams. A chemistry major, he was a member of the 2009-10 OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll as a freshman after earning President's List and dean's list honors in Fall 2009. Harper also has been named to the Austin Peay Athletics Director's honor roll each of his three semesters.

On the field, Harper has started every game of his career, including 98 consecutive games at shortstop.

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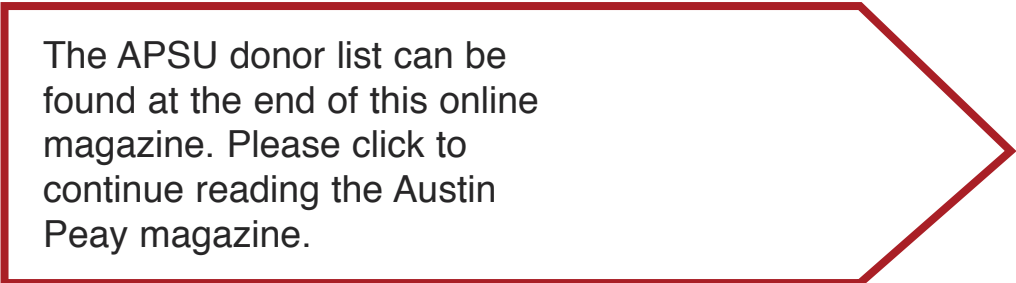

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Timothy L. Hall

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 This fall marks the beginning of my fifth year as president of Austin Peay. Every day I am conscious of what a blessing it is to be in this place at this time. In spite of our state's trying financial circumstances over the past few years, I feel as though the university is being carried briskly forward by winds of opportunity. Over the past year, we've attracted attention both at the state and the national level for the quality of the education we are providing our students and for innovations we have made to support the success of our students.

Your generous support has made and continues to make a difference in the lives of our students. It also makes my work a joy. I shake the hands of graduates who made it through Austin Peay because of scholarship support you have provided. I watch our athletic teams compete on the national level because of financial contributions you have made. I see in my mind's eye new facilities that will rise out of the ground and enrich our campus for decades into the future because of the sacrificial giving I know we can count on from our alumni and friends.

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If you have not yet made Austin Peay one of the objects of your charitable giving, I urge you to join the many other alumni and friends who are helping us forge ahead through their generous financial support. There has never been a better time to invest in Austin Peay. I invite you to join the many other alumni and friends who are helping us, through gifts large and small, to make a difference in the lives of our students, our community, and our world.

Tim

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Example of rates – one recipient

Your Age	65	70	75	80	85	90+
Lifetime Annuity Rate	5.5%	5.8%	6.4%	7.2%	8.1%	9.5%

The rate of return on a gift annuity is for more than a CD and provides great tax benefits, but it also allows an individual to make a difference in the lives of APSU students.

If you have an interest in establishing a gift annuity, please call the APSU Advancement Office, (931) 221-7127.

