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Hugo Chavez ('09) and Tracy Bisquera ('08) were married on June 28, 2013, on the lawn in front of the Browning Administration Building at APSU. Photo by Beth Liggett.

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APSU RECEIVES 8-FIGURE GIFT IN MEMORY OF FORMER EDUCATOR



Beth Liggert



In April, Lars Eriksson and APSU President Tim Hall officially renamed the College of Education after Eriksson’s late wife Martha Dickerson Eriksson.

In late April, Lars Eriksson – owner of Crankshaft Rebuilders Inc. – presented APSU with an eight-figure gift in honor of his late wife, Martha Dickerson Eriksson, who graduated from APSU in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science in education.

The donation is by far the largest single gift in APSU history. In recognition of this unprecedented generosity, the University officially changed the name of its College of Education to the Martha Dickerson Eriksson

College of Education. One of the three new residence halls, which opened in August, also was named for her. And the College of Education’s STEM Center was renamed the Jack Hunt STEM Center, in honor of her late brother-in-law and a local teacher.

In addition, Eriksson established 27 scholarships to be given each year to students who want to dedicate themselves to continue teaching upon graduation. The students who receive the scholarships will

be formally known as Eriksson Scholars.

The gift consists of an initial sum of \$1 million to provide scholarships each year for the first three years of this program. After those initial years, the gift includes a pledge of an additional \$330,000 per year across Eriksson’s lifetime.

Eriksson also created a \$10 million estate gift to establish an endowment that will permanently fund the scholarships.

2 STUDENTS EARN PRESTIGIOUS GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIPS

Only a select few universities nationwide can claim to have two Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship recipients. That honor fell to APSU when physics student Chris Hayes and mathematics student Kristen Knight were both named scholarship winners.

For the second year in a row, APSU is the only university in Tennessee to have two Goldwater recipients. Last year, physics students Drew Kerr and Mason Yost both received the honor.

The award, named for the late Arizona senator and 1964 presidential candidate, is given each year to only 300 college students nationwide who are pursuing a degree in science or mathematics.

"It is amazing having two students named Goldwater scholars for the second year in a row; it speaks to the high quality of students in the College of Science and Mathematics at APSU and the opportunities they have," Dr. Jaime Taylor, interim provost, said. "To put this in perspective, MIT and Georgia Tech both had one Goldwater Scholar this year. Vanderbilt and Tennessee Tech had none."

APSU physics student Samuel Cupp also applied for the scholarship and received a Goldwater Honorable Mention.



APSU students Chris Hayes and Kristen Knight both received Goldwater Scholarships this year.

OBAMA PRAISES APSU'S DEGREE COMPASS



In late August, when President Obama outlined his new plan to make college more affordable, he singled out Austin Peay State University as a leader in using technology to better serve students.

A release issued by the White House that morning stated, "To help students choose the courses that will allow them to earn a degree as quickly as possible, Austin Peay State University has developed the 'Degree Compass' system that draws on the past performance of students in thousands of classes to guide a student through a course, in a similar manner to the way Netflix or Pandora draw on users' past experience to guide movie or music choices."

In 2011, then-APSU provost Tristan Denley developed Degree Compass, a course recommendation tool that provides each student with personalized recommendations based on their academic transcript. The tool helps students select courses, choose a "major" and select programs that are more suited to their academic talents.

"For years, we've been proud of this innovative tool, developed by our former colleague, Dr. Denley," APSU President Tim Hall said. "Degree Compass has helped Austin Peay and other institutions increase graduation rates, and recognition such as this is a

testament to this University's desire to go the extra mile to help students succeed."

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. It was a centerpiece for a \$1 million grant Tennessee received in July 2011 from the Complete College America fund with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

In January of this year, Desire2Learn (D2L) purchased Degree Compass. The company is now using the APSU-created tool in colleges across the country.

In the coming weeks, as Obama travels the country to talk about college affordability, he likely will continue touting the work being done at APSU.

"President Obama's proposals to increase college affordability arrive at an important time in higher education," Hall said. "I'm proud to be a member of the Austin Peay State University community, one of the institutions he spotlighted for its innovation in helping more students earn a college degree. Even more than that, I'm anxious to see the progress we will all make as higher education and political leaders respond to President Obama's challenge to make college affordable for every American."

SCHOOL OF NURSING RECEIVES GRANT FOR BREAST HEALTH

Thanks to a \$60,000 grant from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure-Greater Nashville Affiliate, the APSU School of Nursing is partnering with the Montgomery County Health Department on a breast health program.

The effort launched in June with a forum that served as a call to action for men and women to know the latest about breast cancer, specifically how to minimize their chances of developing the cancer and how

to detect signs early.

The breast health program also will include assessment, education and mammogram screening for the underserved population in Montgomery County.

APSU's grant funding is among the \$437,000 in total grants awarded by the Nashville Komen affiliate to local nonprofits to assist with education, screenings and treatment for breast cancer.

APSU GRADUATES ITS LARGEST CLASS YET

APSU awarded degrees to 1,222 students – the largest class in APSU history – during its 84th Spring Commencement on Friday, May 10 in the Dunn Center.

In addition, 12 students enrolled as cadets in the University's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) were commissioned as officers after the morning ceremony.

APSU also awarded an Associate of Science degree posthumously to Jessica Rawls.

LANDRUMS PRESENTED WITH 2013 REGENTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PHILANTHROPY



Beth Liggett

APSU President Tim Hall joins Amy and Ken Landrum as Fran Marcum (right), with the Tennessee Board of Regents, presents the couple with the 2013 Regents Award for Excellence in Philanthropy.

In April, the Tennessee Board of Regents recognized the generosity of two longtime APSU supporters, Ken and Amy Landrum, by presenting them with the 2013 Regents Award for Excellence in Philanthropy.

The Landrums, both 1964 graduates, moved to Florida after Amy retired from a 30-year teaching career and Ken retired from

a 32-year career with the National Life and Accident Insurance Co., but their philanthropic personalities have kept them close in spirit to APSU.

In a recent stroke of extraordinary generosity, the Landrums named APSU as a major beneficiary in their wills. That gift is one of the largest the University has ever received.

"I would not have been able to attend college had Austin Peay not been there," Ken said a few years ago. "Over the years, Amy and I have been the beneficiaries of help from other people. Now we want to do the same – help young people attend college. Someday, they will be able to give back, too."

But the Landrums weren't done giving to their alma mater. The couple also endowed the Ken and Amy Landrum Scholarship, which provides several APSU students with the opportunity to earn a college education. The couple presently gives 11 scholarships to students studying math, computer science and education.

APSU IS ONE OF 7 SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE NATIONAL GRANT

APSU is one of seven universities in the U.S. chosen to receive an inaugural \$150,000 national grant to help potentially increase the number of students receiving degrees.

The University was named to the Next Generation Learning Challenges Breakthrough Models Incubator (BMI) grant program, an initiative managed by the nonprofit organization Educause with support from the League for Innovation in the Community College and funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

APSU will consider techniques that will serve as the next steps toward student completion. This could involve the University's computerized planning tool called My Future, which suggests which majors are the best fit for each student's academic talents. My Future also includes links to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, giving students an opportunity to research the careers that follow from the majors suggested for them.

APSU OFFERS NEW PSM GRADUATE DEGREE

APSU offers a new graduate degree that brings together science and business skills to give students a greater competitive advantage in the workforce.

The Professional Science Masters, or PSM, enables students to pursue advanced training in science or mathematics while developing workplace skills.

The PSM at APSU is a fully online degree program, allowing students to work on a degree while continuing to hold employment. Students can pursue one of two concentrations – data management and analysis or predictive analytics.

Both concentrations are ideal for anyone

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ALUMNA, FAMILY BEGIN NEW NURSING SCHOLARSHIP



Dr. Emily Windham, holding a photo of her mother, Mary Gibbs Windham, is joined by Tammy Cunningham, development officer with APSU's Advancement Office.

Mary Windham was known for her nursing and administrative accomplishments before coming to APSU in the 1960s to teach and later organize the School of Nursing.

But that wasn't her greatest gift.

Her greatest gift was making people feel special, encouraging them to be and do their best, her daughter, Dr. Emily Windham, said.

Her mother, who died in 2010 at the age of 88, taught nursing at APSU and was director of the nursing program from 1969-81. She also was instrumental in starting the APSU School of Nursing in 1969, later advancing it from a two-year to a four-year program.

"She was all about education," said Windham, a Dickson-based physician who graduated from APSU in 1978 with a degree in chemistry.

To honor Mary Windham's contributions to nursing, education and her students, the Windham and Gibbs families have established the Mary Gibbs Windham Memorial Scholarship. The first

scholarships were to have been awarded to nursing students in Fall 2013.

A native of Cheatham County, Mary Windham had directed several nursing staffs in hospitals and clinics before her tenure at APSU. She was president of the Tennessee Nurses Association and was active in the Clarksville-Montgomery County community.

After her service at APSU, she went on to become the director of nursing at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville, Ky.

"When she worked at Jennie Stuart, she would seek out her former students and welcome them," Emily Windham said. "She was proud of her former students."

For more information on how to contribute to the Mary Gibbs Windham Memorial Scholarship at APSU, call Tammy Cunningham, development officer in the Office of University Advancement, at 931-221-7130 or email at cunninghamtl@apsu.edu.

REAGAN GIVING CIRCLE AWARD LUNCHEON HONORS BOAZ, SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS



Beeth Ligggett

APSU President Tim Hall helps honor Dee W. Boaz.

The Reagan Giving Circle at APSU awarded more than \$8,500 in scholarships to 10 APSU female students during an award ceremony held in April.

The event also honored Dee W. Boaz as the 2013 Women in Philanthropy recipient for her support of the recent APSU Mabry Concert Hall campaign.

Boaz retired in 1994 as editor of The Leaf-Chronicle newspaper in Clarksville, after leading the news organization to 135 state and national press awards. She also was the first female chair of Mid-American Press Institute, an organization representing daily newspapers of all sizes in 20 states from the Canadian border to the Gulf Coast.

Boaz is known for more than her professional success in journalism. She also has been a trailblazer in the community, having served on many boards and in several civic organizations. Most notably,

she was a co-founder and graduate of Leadership Clarksville, a co-founder of the Museum Guild and a charter member of the Junior Auxiliary of Clarksville.

Currently, Boaz is a member of the APSU Acuff Circle of Excellence Community Advisory Board, the APSU Foundation and the APSU Woodward Library Society.

Featured speaker was Christine Karbowski, executive vice president of Bridgestone America and Bridgestone International and chair of the Bridgestone America Trust, overseeing more than \$2 million a year in charitable giving to area and nonprofit organizations.

The ceremony also serves as a time to honor the namesake of the giving program, Dr. Carmen Reagan, first female dean of the APSU College of Business and an influential community leader, volunteer and philanthropist.

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with a bachelor's degree, working in industry or military and having a desire to advance their career with a technical degree.

The APSU Department of Computer Science and Information Technology handles the data management and analysis concentration, while the APSU Department of Mathematics and Statistics oversees the second one.

More information about the PSM graduate degree is located at <http://www.apsu.edu/cogs/programs>.

APSU RECEIVES NATIONAL STUDENT VETERANS AWARD



Beeth Ligggett

APSU Student Veterans Organization President Michael Cleveland and APSU President Tim Hall unveil the national award from the Student Veterans of America.

APSU received a national award in March from the Student Veterans of America in honor of the commitments APSU has made in the last few years to help active duty military, reservists, national guardsmen and veteran students earn their college degrees.

Some of the University's efforts have included the establishment of the Military Student Center in 2010 and implementation of out-of-state fee waivers for veterans and active duty military.

"The award honors APSU for its superior work helping veterans and their families," Michael Cleveland, APSU student veterans organization president, said.

APSU's SVO chapter began as a discussion

group where student veterans could discuss the unique challenges they face in a university environment. The organization formalized in April 2010 and is affiliated with the Student Veterans of America, a network of college and university student veteran groups throughout the United States.

APSU RECEIVES TOP NATIONAL AWARD FOR IMPROVED EFFORTS IN EDUCATIONAL FUNDRAISING

Since 2010, APSU has encouraged alumni, friends and supporters to give to The Legacy Campaign, the University's current capital fundraising program that so far has significantly increased millions of dollars for scholarships and educational endeavors.

As a result, APSU has been recognized for its

efforts with The Legacy Campaign.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education, known in the education circle as CASE, selected APSU to receive the 2013 CASE Educational Fundraising Award, an honor given to superior fundraising programs at educational institutions across the U.S.

Specifically, APSU has been chosen to receive the Overall Improvement Award. APSU is the only public postsecondary institution in Tennessee to receive the distinction.

2 ALUMNI INDUCTED INTO HONOR SOCIETY HALL OF FAME

Two APSU alumni were inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 191 Academic Hall of Fame on April 10.

In addition, the chapter initiated 116 students and six faculty as new members.

Dr. Phil Roe ('67), who represents

Tennessee's 1st Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, and Dr. Tim Barrowman ('71), a pathologist at Baptist Medical Center East in Montgomery, Ala., were inducted into the chapter's Hall of Fame. As part of a permanent tribute, their names are displayed on a plaque housed in the Woodward Library on the main campus.

U.S. Rep. Phil Roe ('67), attends the Phi Kappa Phi Academic Hall of Fame induction ceremony via Skype.



Beth Liggatt

CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ESTABLISHED AT APSU

In early May, the College of Business at APSU established the new Center for Entrepreneurship to challenge students beyond the classroom and bridge community businesses with future business leaders from all areas of interest.

New student-led business ventures also are likely to develop from the center.

Dr. John Volker, a professor in the College of Business, will serve as director of the new center.

Delta Dental of Tennessee and Civic Bank and Trust, both located in Nashville, contributed \$25,000 each to support the new center. The two businesses are led by APSU alumni and brothers Tom Perry, chief financial officer at Delta Dental, and Robert Perry, president and chief executive officer of Civic Bank. Both brothers also serve on the APSU College of Business Advisory Board.

In addition, the Center for Entrepreneurship

will help students develop strong business plans and offer a new 21-hour minor in entrepreneurship that will be an option for any APSU student to choose.

The establishment of the new Center for Entrepreneurship will help the College of Business advance in its quest to attain

accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

Tom and Robert Perry announce gifts to establish the Center for Entrepreneurship in May 2013.



Beth Liggatt

BORN to RUN

By CHARLES BOOTH
Feature writer



Ron Morton ('70) is a lean man with an inviting, easy-going personality. He has this sort of half-smile that puts you instantly at ease, and when you first meet him, he'll probably tell you a few jokes and then graciously offer you a coffee or to take you to lunch. But there's a secret hidden behind this friendly exterior. He may appear laid-back, but inside, he's deeply competitive.

"I always want to be the biggest and the best," he said. Over the last decade, Morton has pushed himself to become the owner of the largest number of H&R Block franchises in the country, with 30 offices in South Carolina and others scattered across Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. And he can't seem to rest and enjoy his success. That drive demands he remain on top, opening more offices whenever the opportunity arises.

"People always ask how big do I want to get," he said. "I always tell them, I want to get one more office."

His main office is in the back of an H&R Block storefront in Sumter, S.C. He's in the middle of expanding, with the empty unit next door a mess of debris from drywall being torn down. It's a perfect representation of that ceaseless competitiveness, which he claims he developed as a student-athlete at Austin Peay State University.

"Business is just an extension of athletics because it's very competitive," he said. "That's why I've grown so much. I'm very competitive."

To him, being the biggest and best in business also means being the biggest and best when it comes to giving. But the more he talks, the more one realizes that his philosophies on commerce and life were developed partly at Austin Peay and partly in Africa, where he spent two years as a Peace Corps volunteer.

That's where Morton discovered the benefit of helping others. In 2012, he made a generous donation to APSU to provide scholarships for non-revenue athletes, such as golfers and tennis players, who are majoring in business. He hopes this recent gift to APSU will motivate a younger generation to find a similar balance between competitiveness and compassion.

"When you get the scholarship, you have to agree to get involved in community service," he said. "One of the stipulations is, you come back and you help somebody. You need to get involved in something, whether it's financial or physical."

With its focus on both sports and philanthropy, the new scholarship program can be seen as a reflection of the values Morton developed throughout his life.

RUNNING TO AUSTIN PEAY

Morton grew up in Dayton, Ohio, in the late 1950s and early 1960s, where he'd never heard of a small college to the south by the name of Austin Peay. All he knew is that he wanted to be an athlete.

"I've always been a sports fan," he said. "I played Little League Baseball when I was younger. I was too small to play basketball and football, so my friends went out for cross-country and I went out too."

As a freshman in high school, Morton weighed less than 100 pounds, and his small frame made him a natural on the track.

"It's how I was built," he said. "I was born to run."

Running, he soon realized, might be his ticket to college. Morton grew up in a lower middle class family with no college graduates. His father took a job with General Motors in 1947 for 86 cents an hour, and it was generally thought that Morton might also make a career at the factory.

"I tried to get a job at General Motors to work in the summer," he said. "I couldn't get on because you had to weigh at least 125 pounds. A friend of mine, he got on and retired there. I thank God I didn't get on because I would probably have stayed my whole life."

He had another friend who went to college at Tennessee Tech, and he told Morton to look up a small school in Clarksville. So Morton called the Austin Peay Athletics Department and convinced them to give him a scholarship to run cross-country for the Governors.

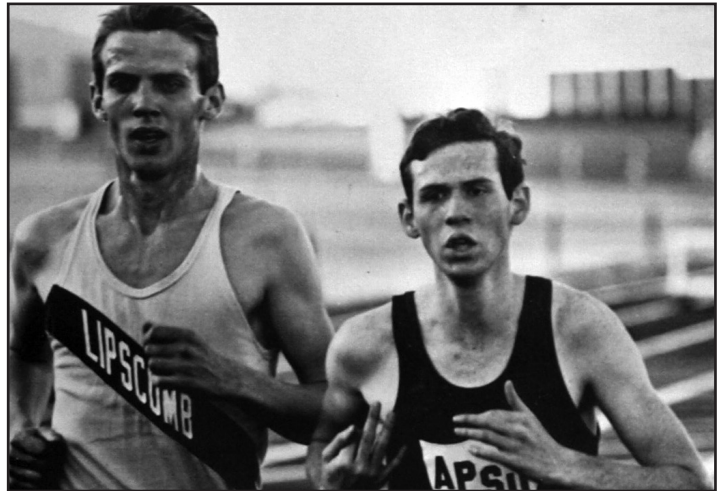
A FRATERNITY OF ATHLETES

Morton arrived at Austin Peay in 1965, a Yankee with a funny accent in a school predominately made up of Clarksville residents. If he'd been just another out-of-town student, he might not have lasted the semester. But he was an athlete – a member of an instant fraternity.

"As an athlete, you become immersed in the school much quicker," he said. "You go from Ohio to Tennessee as a student, you have to make friends and things like that. We had instant friends. You lived in an athletic dorm. It's like a fraternity. You go to each other's games. It's just easier."

Morton and many of the other athletes lived in an old Army barracks converted into a dorm behind the Memorial Health Gymnasium. That's where much of the bonding took place.

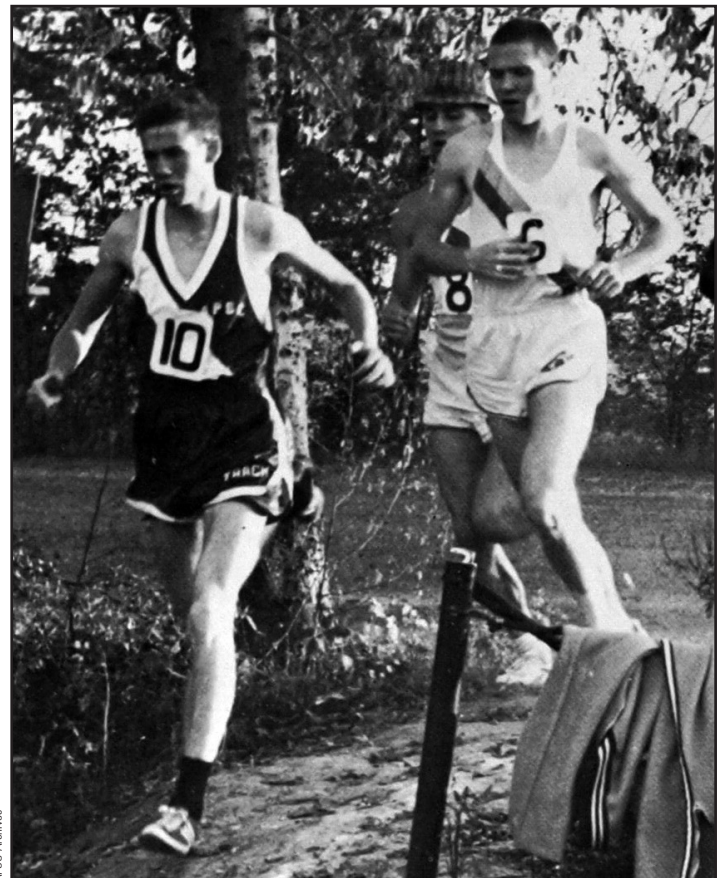
"On weekends, there probably weren't 100 students on campus, and it was mostly athletes," he said. "We couldn't go home. The athletic dorms were always full of people. And we used to break into the gym at nights to play



Ron Morton takes the lead against a David Lipscomb runner in a 1968 three-mile run.

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Ron Morton moves past his opponents in a 1965 meet in Morehead, Ky.

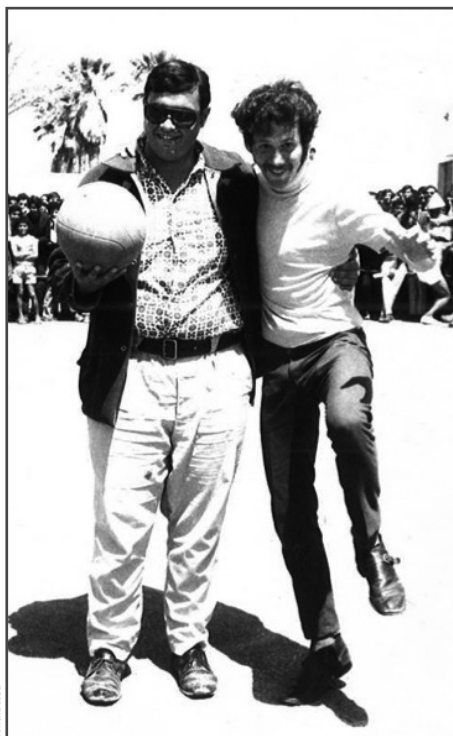


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Morton (second from left) stands with other members of the 1967 Governors cross-country team.

Morton has a bit of fun while coaching basketball in Tunisia.



basketball. It was easy to break into the gym at the time and turn on the lights. The janitor finally gave up on us.”

Morton spent four years on the cross-country team as one of that program’s only “distance men.” In his freshman year, he set the school record for the three mile with a time of 16:06.3, and a November 1966 edition of *The All State*, APSU’s student newspaper, referred to him as the school’s “leading runner.”

At that time, a student needed 198 credit-hours to graduate. In his five years at Austin Peay, Morton had accumulated 240 credit-hours. He was having a good time and didn’t want to leave college, but in 1970, the unthinkable happened – he graduated with a degree in physical education.

JOINING THE PEACE CORPS

“The plan was to be a teacher and a coach,” he said. Then he laughed. “I wasn’t a good coach, and I wasn’t a good teacher.”

Instead of jumping right into a teaching career, he decided to do something a little more adventurous. The Peace Corps was a young program at the time, and it was eager to send young volunteers around

the world. Morton decided to send off an application.

“I got accepted, and I was stunned,” he said. “They were going to send me to Morocco as a track coach. But I got so scared, I didn’t get on the plane.”

He let the opportunity slip by. Needing money, he was forced to take a job at a gas station.

“I had no future,” he said. “I was real scared. When I went to that gas station, I said, ‘I’ve screwed up.’”

Miraculously, officials from the Peace Corps contacted Morton a few weeks later. They offered him a second chance as a basketball coach and physical education teacher in Tunisia. This time, he got on the plane.

He moved into an ancient, walled city near the Mediterranean Sea. His small apartment had limited running water and electricity, and Morton’s crew cut and clean-shaven face soon disappeared behind a thick beard and long, curly hair. He remained lean, eating Arabic food and teaching his players basic basketball techniques, such as playing man-to-man. In his second year abroad, the team he coached won the Tunisian national championship.

"But everything was in French or Arabic," he said. "I had to argue with the referees in French."

He lived a simple life, making friends with the Arabs in his school, enjoying the sound of the Mediterranean waves on the beach and forgetting about such modern luxuries as telephones and fast food restaurants. Then, after two years, he returned to America.

"Everything is the same when you come back, but you've changed," he said. "You look at things totally differently. People don't understand what you've been through. You think in a different way. You look at things you have that people don't have. You appreciate things more. You see people that don't appreciate things, and you realize they worry about stupid stuff."

BECOMING AN ENTREPRENEUR

Morton returned from the Peace Corps fluent in French, \$3,000 richer and unemployed. He worked two years as a substitute teacher in Dayton, but he was more interested in going down to APSU to watch Fly Williams play basketball. He didn't know what he wanted to do, so he spent the next few years wandering aimlessly through different jobs.

"I worked as a laborer in construction, a movie projectionist, I passed out handbills, I cleaned up theaters, I was a ballroom dance instructor for a year," he said.

Then one night, while operating the projector for a drive-in movie theater, he saw an advertisement for H&R Block. The company was hiring, so Morton signed up for one of the classes and was made manager of a local office.

"Nobody else would take the job because the office was in a bad section of town," he said.

He spent a year in that position. He liked the work, helping people prepare and file their taxes. When he heard that a local H&R Block franchise was for sale, Morton decided to buy it.

"I didn't know that it was hard to borrow money, so I went to the bank and told them I needed \$3,000," he said. "They gave me a 90-day note."

That purchase was the beginning of

Morton's entrepreneurial career. He bought two more offices in Dayton and opened a driving school. But he soon grew bored of his hometown. A friend told him about a small community in South Carolina, about 30 minutes outside the state capital of Columbia. So Morton sold his franchises and driving school and moved to Sumter.

"I bought two offices, and I did that for almost 20 years without opening anything else," he said. Then, about 13 years ago, that competitive spirit reawakened, and Morton started opening more franchises. He currently operates about 62 offices and employs, during tax season, 450 people.

"If it wasn't for athletics, I wouldn't have done this," he said. "They call me an entrepreneur, but I don't know what that is. I'm just a businessman that likes sports."

GIVING BACK

"I believe in small government," Morton said. "When you believe in small government, when you believe that everybody should help other people, then you have to do it yourself. You can't just say it and don't do it. That is why I'm doing these scholarships."

He also believes in the importance of education. Morton and his wife, Andrea, encouraged his children – Jason, Jamie and Jacqui – to continue his legacy of earning a college degree. In 2011, he donated \$2.1 million to the University of Dayton in his hometown. A year later, he made his gift to APSU, providing countless opportunities for non-revenue sport athletes majoring in



Ron Morton owns the largest number of H&R Block facilities in the country.

business.

"We are thrilled that Ron Morton is making a difference for student athletes in our Olympic sports who are business majors," Roy Gregory, director of the APSU Advancement Office, said. "It has been great fun seeing Ron and many of his college friends reconnect. We look forward to working with Ron and Andrea in their goal of making a difference for Ron's university."

The students will be required to do some form of community service as part of the scholarship. The gift will serve as a legacy to the life lessons Morton learned as an athlete and Peace Corps volunteer.

"Austin Peay started me being independent, and the Peace Corps finished it off," he said. "They went well together." **AP**

Ron Morton, center, returns to his alma mater in 2012 for homecoming festivities.



30TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT BALL



Beeth Lippett

2013 Candlelight Ball Committee (from left to right): Britney Campbell, Andrea Goble, Kimberly Silvus, Nancy Ankoviak, Mary Turner, co-chair Pam Loos, Miss APSU Lesleigh Stanfill, Lee Hall, President Tim Hall, co-chair Haven Bowles, Mary Luther, Amy Donnellan, Nicole Aquino Williamson, Fran Jenkins, Margaret Wallace Lyle and Brittnye Reigle. (Not pictured, Cindy Greene)

Candlelight Ball has a 30-year history as one of APSU's premier social events. Hosted by President Tim Hall and his wife, Lee, this upcoming year's ball will be held at the Country Music Hall of Fame in downtown Nashville on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

Along with the reception, dinner and dancing, the ball this year will feature our fourth annual Wendell H. Gilbert Award and Spirit of Austin Peay Award presentation to two individuals who have made memorable contributions to APSU.

The primary purpose of the Candlelight Ball is to raise money 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 the 30th 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.

2013-14 ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 28

APSU Gov Run

For more information, call Rylan Kean at 931-221-1277.

Oct. 21-26

Homecoming 2013

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

Oct. 26

Homecoming Game

APSU vs. UT Martin, 4 p.m. kick-off
For ticket information, call 931-221-7761.

Oct. 27

G.H.O.S.T.

Morgan University Center Plaza
For more information, call 931-221-7341.

Oct. 29

APSU Halloween Percussion Concert

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

Nov. 11

Miss Austin Peay Scholarship Pageant

Mabry Concert Hall, Music/Mass Communication Building
For more information, call 931-221-7431.

Dec. 6

APSU Christmas Percussion Concert

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

Dec. 7

APSU Christmas Choral & Chamber Singers Concert

For more information, call Korre Foster, 931-221-7002.

Feb. 22

National Alumni Association Board Meeting

Feb. 19

APSU Career Networking Event

To RSVP or for more information, call 931-221-1277 or email keanr@apsu.edu.

March 15

30th Annual Candlelight Ball

Country Music Hall of Fame, Nashville, Tenn.
For more information, call 931-221-7979.

June 17

Alumni & Friends Ireland Trip with Dr. Tim Winters

For more information, visit www.apsu.edu/alumni-travel or email keanr@apsu.edu.

For the most up-to-date alumni event information, visit www.apsu.edu/alumni or call 931-221-7979.

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



Alumni, supporters and friends came together to cheer on the Bat Gobs as they won their third straight OVC Tournament title. The tournament took place in May at The Ballpark at Jackson in Jackson, Tenn.

APSU ALUMNI & FRIENDS 'SHADES OF IRELAND' TRIP

APSU professor Dr. Tim Winters and APSU alumni and friends will venture into the historical landscapes of Ireland beginning June 17, 2014. From vibrant and history-filled Dublin, across rolling green hills to the dramatic coast, experience all of the charms of Ireland on this 10-day tour of the Emerald Isle.

Live like royalty during an overnight stay on the grounds of a castle. Visit the new House of Waterford Crystal factory. See the Atlantic from the stunning 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Experience the world-famous beauty of the Ring of Kerry. Have coffee and scones at a working farm. See beautiful Killarney from your seat of an Irish jaunting car. Journey to historic Blarney Castle, lean back and kiss its famous stone!

Early reservations are being taken now. Please be on the lookout for information on our upcoming alumni trips by visiting <http://www.apsu.edu/alumni/alumni-travel> or by contacting the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or kearnr@apsu.edu.

BECOMING AN ALUMNI CHAPTER MEMBER

Once a student graduates from Austin Peay, he or she is automatically considered part of the National Alumni Association. Currently there are no

membership dues. However, if you wish to upgrade your membership status, purchase the APSU Alumni Membership Card—which provides additional benefits. For more information, or to become more involved with our alumni chapters, please visit www.apsu.edu/alumni and click on the APSU National Alumni Association menu link. From there just follow the steps to become a chapter member and see a complete list of all of our current alumni chapters.

For more information on getting involved, call the APSU Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or email leszczakto@apsu.edu.



Former APSU female athletes and alumni returned to campus to celebrate this year's Women in Athletics celebration, "Recognizing 40 Years of Title IX." The weekend included a dinner, Fun Walk and Lady Gobs athletic events, along with mixing and mingling among alumni, friends and supporters of APSU. The purpose of this event is to support the Women in Athletics Scholarship Endowment.

NEW! – APSU ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP CARD

JOIN TODAY!

The APSU Alumni Association is here to keep you connected to APSU for life. We offer a number of free benefits to APSU alumni, including a complimentary subscription to the Austin Peay magazine, free email accounts and events throughout the year such as homecoming and alumni receptions.

The association now offers the APSU Alumni Membership Card! For a nominal cost of \$20 per year, this card not only supports the University, it gives you exclusive access to campus discounts as well as discounts from area businesses.

By supporting the APSU National Alumni Association through your membership card, you will enjoy discounts to APSU from the bookstore, dining services, Woodward Library, Foy Fitness and Recreation Center and athletic events. It also provides exclusive discounts to Clarksville area businesses such as Edward's Steakhouse, Bella Medical Spa, Blondie's (APSU campus location), Jade Dragon and The Gilroy, just to name a few. For a complete list of supporters, please visit www.apsu.edu/alumni.

For more information on the APSU National Alumni Association or to sign up for your APSU Alumni Membership Card, please visit www.apsu.edu/alumni or call the APSU Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



Lt. Gen. Ronald Bailey ('77)

Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey currently serves as the commanding general of the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Bailey has had a distinguished military career since being commissioned a second lieutenant in 1977 after graduating from APSU with a bachelor's degree in biology.

After graduating from The Basic School, Infantry Officers Course and the Basic Communication Officers Course in August 1978, he was ordered to the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan, to serve with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines as a rifle platoon commander and 81mm mortar platoon commander.

In October 1979, he was assigned to Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C., as a series commander of Battalion S-3 and commanding officer of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion. During this tour, he earned a master's degree in business management and administration from Webster University.

In August 1983, Bailey attended the Amphibious Warfare School, and after graduating from there in 1984, he joined 1st Battalion, 6th Marines at Camp Lejeune where he served as a commanding officer.

Since then, Bailey has served in a number of military leadership positions leading to his current post. He also was assigned as a National Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations from 2004-05. In 1998, he earned a second master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Jim Charlet ('63)

Jim Charlet graduated with a B.S. degree in history and English while working newspaper night shifts and began a three-decade career as newspaper editor with the Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle, The Atlanta Constitution and The Hickory Flyer. He won 17 national, regional and state competition awards for writing and editing.

In 1975 he was founding trustee and three-term first president of the Austin Peay State University Foundation (1975-78) and built its operating procedures and secured perpetual funding for its scholarships. In 1974 he was one of three journalists who drafted the Tennessee Sunshine Law, and he was an APSU adjunct journalism instructor in 1976.

In the 1980 and 1990 decades he completed a 16-year international trade career, directing service and manufacturing industry export trade missions to the Soviet Union, east and west Europe, the Caribbean area and Latin America. This work brought him the Silver and Bronze medals of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Simultaneously, he completed a 27-year career in the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a military journalist in Europe, the Middle East and Latin America. A Vietnam-era veteran, he served in Saudi Arabia in 1990 during the first Persian Gulf War,

working Pentagon rules for war correspondents. He was named U.S. Air Force Journalist of the Year in 1984 and 1985, graduated from the Air War College and retired as U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel.

He is a life member of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society, Sigma Beta Delta business management honor society and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He and his wife Barbara are parents of two children, one grandchild and live in Brentwood, Tenn.



Susan Wright Cole ('86)

After earning her bachelor's degree in health and physical education from APSU, Susan Cole worked her way up to being one of only two reading clerks for the U.S. House of Representatives on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Cole first came to APSU in 1981, shortly after graduating from Hendersonville High School in Sumner County.



During her time at the University, she played for the Lady Governor's basketball team and was a member of the APSU's inaugural softball team.

After graduation from APSU, she worked for the Federal Reserve Bank in Nashville from 1987-90. She arrived in the Washington, D.C., area in 1990 and went on to serve in various public service capacities, such as stint as the assistant chief clerk of debates and the chief reading and tally clerk for the House Financial Services Committee.

Her current position as a House reading clerk gives her a key role in helping shape the course of this country. Cole is responsible for reading legislation that comes before the House, working with parliamentarians and committee staff to expedite house proceedings and notifying the Senate of all actions taken by the House.

She also coached the girls junior varsity and varsity teams during the early 1990s at National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C.

She is married to Grant E. Cole ('87). The couple have two daughters, Olivia and Amelia.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE



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Robert Smith ('81)

For three decades, Robert Smith has captured some of this area's most iconic images. The award-winning photographer and Clarksville native began his career with The Leaf-Chronicle more than 30 years ago, but he learned much of his craft at APSU from the late Gerald Tenney, a former university photographer and owner of Photographic Services.

After earning his bachelor's degree in industrial technology in 1981, Smith starting working part time for The Leaf-Chronicle. He joined the staff as a full-time

photographer in 1983.

In 1987, Smith was named chief photographer, a position he held at the newspaper until 2003, when he was named photo editor. During that period, he moved the newspaper from film to digital photography, allowing photographers to transmit photos from the field for expedient usage.

In 2007, he was named the newspaper's multimedia editor, which encompassed producing still images and video for the newspaper and its website. Over the years, The Associated Press and numerous other news agencies have turned to Smith when needing pertinent images from the Clarksville-Fort Campbell area.

Smith has earned more than 40 awards for news, sports and feature photography from the Tennessee Associated Press Media Editors and also has been recognized with nearly 20 awards for his work from the Tennessee Press Association.

Bill Joe Jeans ('68)

As executive director of his own consulting company, Bill Jeans provides consulting and lobbying services to various clients in the Tennessee General Assembly.

Since 1997, Jeans has operated his consulting firm – a professional accomplishment he has built with the experiences he has gained over the years as an employee in the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).

After graduating from APSU with a bachelor's degree in business administration, Jeans began working at TDOT as an office manager for the agency's right of way division. From 1970-72, he was a recruiting officer in TDOT's human resources before serving a six-year stint as HR director beginning in 1972.

Jeans then was named director of TDOT's management services from 1978-80. Then, for the next 17 years until his retirement in 1997, he served

as executive assistant to the TDOT commissioner and was the legislative liaison for the Tennessee General Assembly.

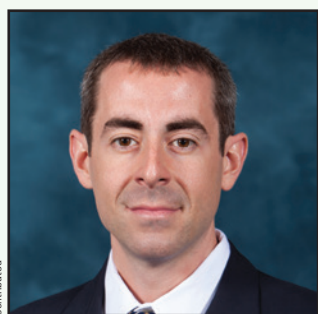
In addition to his work, Jeans has served as a volunteer on a number of boards and committees, including the board of directors at Clarksville Academy and the Cheatham County Board of Equalization. He also has been chair of the Cheatham County Planning Commission and has served in leadership roles at First Baptist Church in Ashland City.

He and his wife Carolyn reside in Ashland City, Tenn. They have three sons and one grandson.



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OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI



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Justin M. Dickens ('03)

Since leaving APSU with a bachelor's degree in public relations, Justin Dickens has rapidly ascended to become one of the leading young professionals in the sports public relations field.

After gaining his master's degree in sports management from Georgia, Dickens was hired as a paid intern with the Indianapolis Colts. When the internship ended the next spring, a full-time position

was created for Dickens, who impressed many, including head coach Tony Dungy, with not only the quality of work he produced but as well the professionalism displayed in dealing with the players, coaches and media.

Dickens spent seven seasons with the Colts organization, including two as PR assistant before being promoted to manager of publicity for the final four-plus seasons from 2006-10.

In Spring 2011, Dickens elected to return to the college level when he was hired as associate director of public and media relations/football media relations director at the University of Michigan. He handles all football communication for the Wolverines. In addition to handling all media requests directed to head coach Brady Hoke, he has handled media relations for one national award recipient and two All-Americans.

A.J. Ellis ('04)

When A.J. Ellis was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 18th round of the 2003 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, he figured his low draft status, if nothing else, would allow him to gain an insight and background that eventually would lead him back to the college level as a coach.

Fortunately for Ellis, it didn't work out that way, although his first four pro years certainly made that path seem logical.

But the 2004 graduate (communication) is a standard bearer in today's baseball world for perseverance and patience. During the early part of his professional career, he was back-up to future Dodgers' All-Star Russell Martin. Finally in 2007, in his second season at Class AA Jacksonville and fourth full year in the Dodgers' system, he got an opportunity to

be a starter. He maximized on that with a strong second half and starting gaining the attention of the Dodgers.

His tap on the major league door came in 2008 when Ellis was chosen for the Class AAA All-Star game in a season when he batted .321. Later that season he was added to the Dodgers major league roster.

In 2012, Ellis became the starting catcher for the Dodgers. The LA Times has called him "one of the best in the game at his position."



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APSU HOMECOMING 2013

BLAST FROM THE PAST

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

Homecoming Step-Off

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

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. Contact Student Life and Engagement, 931-221-7431.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

Fight Song Competition

5 p.m. Memorial Health Gym (Red Barn)
Homecoming's newest tradition. Student organizations sing the APSU fight song in the traditional manner and creatively incorporate the Homecoming theme for a second version. Contact Student Life and Engagement, 931-221-7431.

City Lights Homecoming Concert

Sponsored by Coors Light, Pabst and The Gilroy
7-11 p.m., The Gilroy Parking lot (corner of University and Main streets) Gates open at 6 p.m.
No cover charge. Open to the public.
You will not want to miss it!
Beverages for sale. Randy Huth ('01), chair.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

35th 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. Contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

47th Annual Alumni-Varsity Golf Match

12:30 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 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sherwin Clift ('60), Steve Miller ('65) and Jim Smith ('68), co-chairs. Contact Jim Smith, 931-645-6586 or 931-648-0343.

WNDAACC 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:

- Bring business cards.
- Come and connect with old friends and meet current students.
- Support the Center's Food, Hygiene and Clothing (new/slightly used; children and adult) Drive to support the APSU Food Pantry.

Food will be catered by Monell's. Music provided by DJ ART. Contact Tammy Sanchez at sanchezt@apsu.edu or 931-221-7120 for more information.

School of Nursing Alumni & Friends Reception

4-6 p.m., lobby of McCord Building. Reception and tour of the Nursing Department and demonstration of simulation mannequins. Refreshments will be provided. Free event. Sponsored by the Nursing Alumni Chapter and Nursing Department. For more information, email Linda Darnell at darnell@apsu.edu.

Governors' Own Alumni Band Rehearsal & Cookout

5:30-8 p.m., Governors Stadium. All former Governors' Own Band Members are welcome! Rehearsal at 5:30 p.m., followed by a cookout. The alumni band will be



rehearsing the Fight Song along with other stand tunes. At 6 p.m., alumni will join current band members for a mix and mingle cookout in the choir room (MMC Building). This is a free event for band alumni. For more information, or RSVP no later than Sept. 28, email Vanessa Cobb at vcobb1@my.apsu.edu.

Military Alumni Chapter Dinner & Scholarship Endowment

6-8 p.m., Morgan University Center Ballroom. \$20. Open to all. Portion of proceeds to benefit Military Scholarship Endowment. To RSVP for this event and for more information on becoming a member of the APSU Military Alumni Chapter, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or email leszczakto@apsu.edu.

College of Business Homecoming Reception

6-8 p.m., F&M Bank, 50 Franklin St. To RSVP, contact Sondra Peters at 931-221-7674.

APSU Volleyball vs. SIU Edwardsville

7 p.m., Dunn Center. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.LetsGoPeay.com.

African-American Alumni Mixer

8-10 p.m., Riverview Inn (50 College St)
Free. Light refreshments, cash bar. Sponsored by the APSU African-American Alumni Chapter. Contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Block Party @ the Pea Patch

8-11 p.m., Pea Patch (located at 535 Franklin St.)
No cover charge. Sponsored by the Pea Patch and





Budweiser of Clarksville. For information, contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26
Homecoming Scholarship 5K Run

8 a.m., Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill (751 N. Second St.).
5K Run registration \$30 advance, \$35 Race Day / APSU Student (with valid I.D.) \$15 advance, \$20 Race Day. Military (with valid I.D.) Preregistration \$25 / Race Day \$30. Open to the public, all ages. Fee includes T-shirt, goodie bag and refreshments. Chance to win door prizes and cash awards. Sponsored by APSU National Alumni Association. Contact Alumni Relations Office, (931) 221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Football Letterman Chapter Breakfast

8-9:30 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. Contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Alumni Awards Brunch

10:30 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 (see pages 14-15). Advance reservations required by Oct. 24. Contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Governors' Own Alumni Band Rehearsal & Social

11 a.m., former Governors' Own Band Members will meet in the choir room (MMC Building) for final rehearsals, followed by parade, Tailgate Alley and game performances. This is a free event for band alumni. For more information, email Vanessa Cobb at vcobb1@my.apsu.edu.

APSU Volleyball vs. Eastern Illinois

Noon, Dunn Center. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.LetsGoPeay.com.

Greek Alumni Parade "Watch Party"

1 p.m., Clement Lawn (off of College Street – Greek Tent). Join current APSU Greeks and reconnect with

your fraternity brothers and sorority sisters during the Homecoming Parade. Free event. For more information, contact Victor Felts, Greek Alumni Chapter President, at 931-221-7431 or feltsv@apsu.edu.

College of Science and Mathematics Reception

1:30-3:30 p.m., Hemlock Semiconductor Building. Join the faculty and staff for a reception. Tour the new Maynard Mathematics and Computer Science Building. Refreshments will be served.

Homecoming Parade

1:30 p.m., (Eighth Street, down College Street and back to campus)
Free and open to the public. APSU gathers together to celebrate Homecoming 2013. Tailgate Alley opens at 2 p.m. Contact Athletics to reserve a spot, 931-221-7904. Contact Student Life and Engagement, 931-221-7431, for parade details and information.

Alumni Hospitality Tent

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, contact the Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586. (Alumni Chapters that will be present at the Alumni Tent are listed below).

- Governors' Own Alumni Band Chapter-Vanessa Cobb ('10), president
- Hispanic Alumni Chapter Rosa Ponce ('03), president
- Nursing Alumni Chapter Linda Darnell ('88), president
- African-American Alumni Chapter Makeba Webb ('00), president Tailgate located in the Grove area.
- Montgomery County Alumni Chapter Adrienne Beech ('04), president

- Lady Gvs Softball Alumni Chapter Detra Farley ('10), president
- Lady Gvs Soccer Alumni Chapter Sarah Broadbent ('06), president
- APSU Pom Squad Alumni Chapter Nicole Aquino Williamson ('04), president

Homecoming Game – APSU vs. UT Martin

4 p.m., Governors Stadium
Open to the public. Presentation of 2013 Homecoming King, Queen and court at halftime. For admission prices, contact 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; \$20 at the door.
Call Fraternity & Sorority Affairs at 931-221-6570 or visit www.apsugreeks.com for more information.



STAYING OVERNIGHT?

Please enjoy the Homecoming/ Alumni discounted rate at these following choice hotels:

- Riverview Inn (50 College St.) \$80 (plus tax) per night 931-552-3331
- Hilton Garden Inn (290 Alfred Thun Road) \$110 (plus tax) per night 931-647-1096

Please reference "APSU Homecoming" to take advantage of these Homecoming discounted rates.





the French Horn player

a story of healing and generosity

By Charles Booth
Photos by Beth Liggett

Emmanuel Mejeun described it as both love at first sight and love at first sound. When he first saw the strange, spiral shape of the French horn and first heard its deep, sometimes mournful music, he knew it was the instrument for him.

Mejeun set out that day to master the French horn, and for a moment in January 2010, after years of practice, he thought he was good enough to cause even the walls to dance. That afternoon, he sat in a rehearsal room on the third floor of a music school in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, playing the “Pink Panther” theme song. A few minutes into the piece, the room actually began to sway, as if moved by the playful melody.

“We said, ‘Wow, even the building likes the music,’” Mejeun said.

The memory makes him smile. It’s a bright, warm smile, but if you look closely, you’ll notice the expression isn’t really a happy one. That smile, it seems, is trying to hold something back.

“Before we realized it was serious, it was too late,” he said.

Mejeun doesn’t remember what happened next. It’s as if he blinked while playing the “Pink Panther,” and when his eyes opened again, he found himself three floors below, trapped beneath a pile of rubble. There was sunlight where there shouldn’t have been, and a portion of the half-collapsed music school building dangled above him.

The date was Jan. 12, 2010. A massive, 7.0 earthquake had just struck Haiti, killing an estimated 220,000 people. Mejeun’s birthday was less than a week away. He didn’t think he’d reach the age of 19.

On a recent afternoon, after doing some chores in the front yard and then taking a quick shower, Mejeun sat in the air-conditioned living room of Anne Glass, Austin Peay State University professor of music. He is 22, a sophomore music major at APSU and one of Glass' many student boarders.

"He's great," she said. "He takes the dog for a walk and cleans off the cabinet after he eats breakfast."

Mejeun is a tall, attractive young man with short hair (though he complained of needing a hair cut) and a friendly, easy-going personality. When Glass mentioned that a former boarder didn't like her cooking, he looked appalled. He doesn't believe such kindness should ever be insulted.

"My mother gave me some advice when I was about 8 years old," he said. "She told me, 'what we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others remains immortal.'"

Mejeun said he now understands the meaning of those words. Since he's been in Clarksville, the kindness of others – particularly within the APSU community – has allowed him to thrive as a young college student. Glass doesn't charge him rent. Professors and students offer him transportation and help him with job opportunities on campus. Scholarships, set up by generous donors, pay his tuition and an anonymous donor is even buying him a new French horn.

Mejeun knows this kindness will live on through his future achievements. And having been so close to death himself, he is thinking about how he can also give back to the world.

"I wanted to study music to only be a teacher," he said. "But after the earthquake, my goals changed. I still want to study music to be a teacher, but most importantly, I want to be a French horn player and composer so I can share with the world the peace I found in music."

It's a lofty ambition. And, as with so many big dreams, the path to success has not been an easy one.



A large section of the music school's roof landed on Mejeun after the earthquake. It covered his legs, much of his torso and his left arm. A friend, Skander Desrosiers, stayed with him, but most of his music school classmates hurried away. The building, it seemed, would collapse any minute.

"I thought I would be dead," Mejeun said. "I couldn't move. I could move only one arm, but it was my support. I was there six and a half hours, and I thought, I am going to die."

Mejeun's father, Georges, was at work, about five miles away, when the earthquake struck. Once the shaking stopped, he headed on foot to the music school to see if his only child had survived. He found his son buried under debris.

"I told him, 'You cannot be here. I do not want you to die,'" Mejeun recalled. "But he told me, 'What kind of man would I be if I left my only child.'"

The two said a prayer together, asking God for the strength of Samson. Then, his father struggled with the roof and other rubble until his son was finally free. Mejeun, sitting now in the safety of Glass' house in Clarksville, smiles awkwardly



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–Emmanuel Mejeun

Mejeun looks at a picture of his parents in Haiti.



again. His father had saved him, but that didn't mean he felt safe.

"After the earthquake, I didn't want to go inside a building," he said. "What I did was I just listened to music. I just sat down and closed my eyes and listened to the radio. While I was listening, I felt safe. One day I just walked in a building and stayed for about 30 seconds. The next day, I stayed about a minute."

He also began composing music. He'd done this for years, but now his

works reflected the trauma he'd recently experienced.

"My compositions tend to be kind of sad," he said. "I'm not really sad, but my compositions are a way for me to express things I cannot say through words."



Mejeun now lives with Glass in a spacious, older house near campus. In the yard, several mature trees offer generous

amounts of shade on sunny afternoons. A couple of cats sit lazily on a back patio. In the living room, near the bookshelves, is a grand piano.

"If he's playing his French horn, I can play accompaniments," Glass said. "It's very comfortable having him here."

When he does practice, Mejeun uses one of the University's instruments. An American music teacher visiting Haiti gave him a French horn several years ago. It became his companion, traveling



with him and helping him make beautiful music. But that horn was crushed in the earthquake.

“Without this horn, part of my dream was lost,” he said. “But I didn’t give up.”

After the earthquake, Mejeun applied to several universities in the United States, with the hope of studying French horn music education and composition. In the summer of 2010, he received some good news. A school in Louisiana had awarded him a generous music scholarship. So Mejeun packed up his

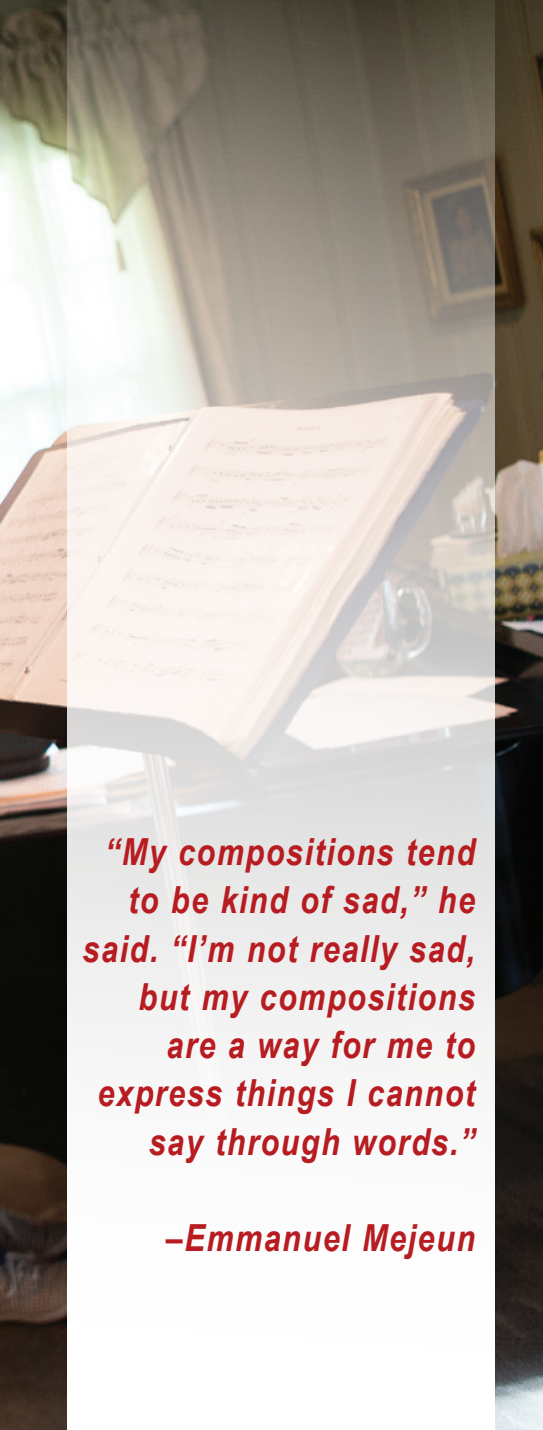
clothes and a few books and left for his first visit to the United States.

“When I got there, they realized I didn’t speak English well enough,” he said. “They told me they cannot give me a scholarship. I have to take English lessons.”

He would have to go back to Haiti. He’d been in America for only two weeks. But before he left, he talked to an American music teacher, Janet Anthony, who’d given him music lessons in Haiti over the years.

“She invited me to come to Wisconsin to take English classes at a community college there,” he said. “She paid for everything there – tuition, living expenses, transportation, every single thing I needed. Even winter clothes, and you know how cold it gets in Wisconsin during the winter. She is a wonderful person.”

Mejeun studied hard and quickly became fluent in English. But when he contacted the school in Louisiana, they told him he’d have to reapply for



“My compositions tend to be kind of sad,” he said. “I’m not really sad, but my compositions are a way for me to express things I cannot say through words.”

–Emmanuel Mejeun

Above: Mejeun regularly accompanies APSU music professor Anne Glass in her living room.

admission and one of that university’s competitive scholarships. That’s when he looked a little farther east toward Tennessee.

“I heard about Austin Peay from my cousin Gerson Sixieme,” Mejeun said. “He was a student there. I applied, and I received a performance scholarship. So I moved into his house. He and his wife, Samantha, an alumna of APSU, took care of my living expenses and transportation, and they also helped me with my English. They were determined to help me, no matter how hard it was.”

Mejeun wanted to help out more, but being an international student, he couldn’t work off campus or take out student loans. That’s when several members of the APSU faculty started offering help for this new student.

Francis Massinon, APSU professor of music, and Karen Sorenson, APSU professor of French, helped him find a job on campus as a music and French tutor at the APSU Academic Support Center. Lisa Conklin-Bishop, APSU adjunct professor of music, invited Mejeun to sing with the Trinity Episcopal Church choir, which pays a small stipend to APSU student members. Gail Robinson-Oturu, APSU professor of music, also helped him get the African-American Staff,



Administrators and Faculty scholarship for his books.

Members of the APSU Advancement Office spread the word about Mejeun’s story, prompting several alumni and donors to offer additional assistance through scholarships and monetary awards. And when his cousin joined the Navy last year and moved away from Clarksville, Glass provided a home for Mejeun and is taking care of his living expenses and transportation.

“He needed a place to live, and I didn’t have anybody in the basement,” Glass said. “There was no reason for me to not have Emmanuel in the basement.”


He received the Freeman/Meise music Scholarship and the Louis and Florence Robinson Scholarship, but this assistance isn’t simply the result of him surviving an earthquake. Mejeun is a truly gifted musician and student, playing with the APSU Orchestra, the Nashville Collegiate Orchestra and, after earning a 4.0 GPA, becoming a member of APSU’s elite President’s Emerging Leaders Program.

“The more people believe in me and help me, the more I believe that I can really be successful, so it motivates me to do and be better,” he said.

Mejeun recently started his third year at APSU. Last spring, he was invited to speak at the University’s annual Scholarship Dinner, and he took the opportunity to thank all those who have helped him.

“Most of my support comes from teachers at APSU,” he said. “I will always be grateful for all the hard work and effort that they put in the field of education.”

Then, he closed with a few words in Haitian Creole on behalf of all students receiving scholarships and support. He translated his remarks for the audience.

“That means, ‘from the bottom of my heart, I thank you very much for your support,’” he said. 

Faculty Accomplishments

KOVALSKYY NAMED 2013 HAWKINS AWARD WINNER



Beth Liggitt

Dr. Andriy Kovalskyy, associate professor of physics, was named the recipient of APSU's prestigious Richard M. Hawkins Award during a ceremony on April 29. The award is presented every spring in recognition of exceptional scholarly and creative work produced by a faculty member.

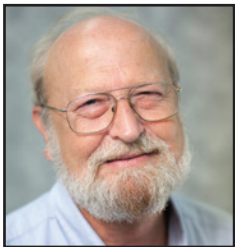
Kovalskyy has earned an international reputation over the years for his innovative research on glass materials. Aside from being published in more than 65 peer-reviewed journals, he has written several chapters for scholarly books and he holds numerous patents for his inventions pertaining to his research.

Kovalskyy began his impressive scholarly career at the Ivan Franko National University

in L'viv, Ukraine, where he earned his Ph.D. in physical and mathematical sciences, with a specialization in solid state physics. He then went on to work as a researcher and professor at several prestigious institutions, such as the Warsaw University of Technology, the University of Applied Sciences in Muenster, Germany, and Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. While at that school, Kovalskyy served as the project leader for Lehigh's Center for Optical Technologies.

In 2010, Kovalskyy joined the physics faculty at APSU, where he quickly earned a reputation as a brilliant researcher. He has advanced the University's name with his collaborations with major research institutions.

VANDERGRIFF RECEIVES MAA'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Bill Pensinger

Dr. Jim Vandergriff, professor of computer science and information technology, was named

the recipient of the 2013 Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Southeastern Section's Distinguished Service Award. The honor was presented to Vandergriff at the 92nd Annual MAA Southeastern Section meeting at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C.

Vandergriff, who earned his Ph.D. in number theory from Vanderbilt University, has a long history of service with the MAA. He chaired the local arrangement committee when APSU hosted the southeastern section's annual meeting. He also wrote software for the section to create programs for that meeting. He has coached several teams of students in MAA competitions, and he has served for years as the APSU faculty liaison to the organization.

Vandergriff joined the APSU faculty in 1997.

CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR AWARDED GRANT TO ADVANCE GREEN ENERGY RESEARCH



Rebelle Welch

Dr. Bob Shelton, associate professor of chemistry, has partnered with researchers from the University of Memphis to investigate the potential

of artificially replicating the process of photosynthesis to harvest light energy. If the project succeeds, it could one day lead to vehicles equipped with a new type of solar panel and hidden containers of water instead of fuel tanks. Ultimately, these vehicles would

be powered by hydrogen.

Shelton's project proposal recently impressed officials with the Tennessee Solar Conversion and Storage using Outreach, Research and Education (TN-SCORE) program, and they awarded him and his Memphis colleagues a Research Opportunity Award of \$20,000 to continue their work.

The project to achieve artificial photosynthesis by using organometallic catalysts began this past summer with Shelton and his Memphis colleagues modeling on computers how these reactions might work.

PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR APPOINTED OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH SUMMER FELLOW



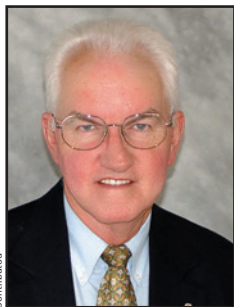
Beth Liggitt

Dr. Stephen Truhon, associate professor of psychology, was appointed a fellow in the 2013 Office of Naval Research Summer Faculty Research Program.

The program is a continuous 10-week on-site program with the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. His work ended June 24.

During his fellowship, he served as a guest researcher studying the relationship between equal opportunity in the military with measures of job performance.

MYERS NAMED DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AND OVC BANKS AWARD WINNER



Contributed

Dr. Bruce Myers, chair of the APSU Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, received the 2013 APSU National Alumni Association's

Distinguished Professor Award. The award is one of the highest honors presented to APSU faculty members.

Myers has spent more than four decades as an APSU faculty member. He has also spent much of his career championing the University's athletics programs. He served as a Faculty Athletic Representative since 1994. Earlier this year, he was presented with the Ohio Valley Conference's Thurston Banks Award for Distinguished Academic Service.

FRANKS PUBLISHES NEW BOOK ON BRITISH AND IRISH WOMEN WRITERS



Beth Liggitt

A few years ago, **Dr. Jill Franks**, professor of English, decided to change up a course she taught on Irish literature. Instead of focusing on that country's noted male authors, such as James Joyce and William Butler Yeats, she opted to teach about Ireland's underrepresented female authors, including Elizabeth Bowen and Edna O'Brien.

Franks had recently taught a similar class on female British writers, and with these subjects fresh on her mind, she began noticing fascinating distinctions between the two cultures and how they handled the evolution of the women's movement.

Franks spent the next two years delving into

this topic, which resulted in her new book, "British and Irish Women Writers and the Women's Movement: Six Literary Voices of Their Times." The book was released in 2013 from McFarland Publishers.

For this scholarly study, Franks picked three British and three Irish writers who wrote during the three different waves of feminist movement. For each wave, she paired a British writer and an Irish writer, and noted the differences in how they depicted society during each wave.

During the first wave, which focused on the women's suffrage movement of the early 20th century, Franks examined Bowen's Irish novel "The Last September" and Virginia Woolf's English book "Mrs. Dalloway." For the second wave, which dealt with issues of women's liberation during the 1960s, Franks looked at O'Brien's Irish "Country Girls" trilogy and Doris Lessing's British book "The Golden Notebook." Finally, in the third wave, which often criticized the failures of the second wave, she examined Irish writer Nuala O'Faolain's "My Dream of You" and English writer Fay Weldon's "Big Women."

4 PROFESSORS HONORED WITH SOCRATES AWARD

Four APSU professors were singled out by their students and peers as exceptional teachers in 2012-13, earning them one of the University's top distinctions for tenure-track faculty members.

Dr. Lynn Sims, assistant professor of languages and literature; **Dr. Eric Branscome**, assistant professor of music; **Dr. Grace Moodt**, associate professor of nursing; and **Dr. Rebecca Johansen**, associate professor of biology, were named Socrates Award winners, an honor bestowed by APSU annually to teachers who have excelled in motivating and inspiring their students. They were honored during a ceremony held in April.

Sims joined the faculty in 2008 to teach both English and linguistics courses, and she has quickly gained a reputation as a demanding and accomplished teacher. By her second semester on campus, students began requesting that the department establish a minor in linguistics.

Branscome joined the APSU faculty two years ago, but he has already established strong connections with the Clarksville community. He developed an annual children's concert in cooperation with the Gateway Chamber Orchestra, and he has initiated a successful summer music education program for children through the Community School for the Arts, titled "Camp Granada." He also hosted monthly music education classes at the public library, and he involves APSU music education students in these programs.

Moodt was praised for researching new teaching methods and incorporating active learning into classrooms. She is the course coordinator for a sophomore-level Concepts of Professional Nursing class, which oversees 52 first-semester nursing students. She also coordinates a senior-level maternal child-nursing course, which is an eight-hour clinical class that includes lectures, labs and clinical experiences for approximately 50 students.

After a two-year postdoctoral appointment at the Florida Museum of Natural History, Johansen joined the APSU Department of Biology in August 2009.

She has earned more than \$100,000 in grants and contracts, and her extensive publication and presentation history left little doubt about her skills as a researcher.



Beth Liggitt

Dr. Eric Branscome (from left), Dr. Lynn Sims, Dr. Rebecca Johansen and Dr. Grace Moodt were presented the Socrates Award at the end of the Spring 2013 semester.

CENTRAL MICH. ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATOR TAKES HELM OF GOVERNORS ATHLETICS



Beth Liggett

New AD Derek van der Merwe speaks with local media.

APSU has begun another trailblazing campaign in Governors athletics with the hiring of new Athletics Director Derek van der Merwe.

Van der Merwe (pronounced van de meer) came to APSU from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, where he was deputy athletics director and chief operating officer. He succeeds Dave Loos, whose decorated legacy as the Governors' longtime athletics director includes 33 Ohio Valley Conference regular season and tournament championships in a 16-year span since 1997.

Loos remains at APSU as the head men's basketball coach. Van der Merwe was among five finalists invited for on-campus interviews conducted in late May.

Dave Heeke, associate vice president and director of CMU athletics, identified van der Merwe as "incredibly talented and one of the true rising stars of our profession."

"Derek will lead Austin Peay to new heights by doing things 'the right way,' which will make all connected with the University very proud," he said.

CMU, known as the Chippewas in the Mid-American Conference, has 350 student-athletes in 16 athletic programs with an annual budget that now exceeds \$25 million. During van der Merwe's tenure, specifically in the last 10 years, CMU has won more than 45 Mid-American Conference Championships, maintained a cumulative department grade-point average greater than 3.0 and has achieved an NCAA Graduation Success Rate of more than 75 percent.

In 2012-13, five Chippewas teams advanced to NCAA

postseason play, three were nationally ranked, and the field hockey team was recognized for the highest team GPA in the nation – an honor the soccer team had earned each of the previous seven years. The Chippewa Athletic Fund has seen five years of record-breaking fundraising and is expected to bring in more than \$1.3 million in 2013. In five years, self-generated revenues have increased by 96 percent and the donor base has grown by more than 800 members while CMU annually raised more external funds than any other program in the MAC.

Van der Merwe's close association with CMU actually began as a student-athlete who played football from 1991-95. He helped the Chippewas to the Mid-American Conference title in 1994 and earned Academic All-MAC honors as an offensive lineman in 1995 and was a co-captain his senior year. He graduated with bachelor's degrees in journalism and political science in 1996, later earning a master's in administration in 2005.

Van der Merwe acted as the Chippewas' sport administrator for wrestling, football and men's basketball, and has become a major influence in the sport of wrestling on a national level. He served a four-year stint on the NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee from 2007-11, which included one year as chair. He also has served as an NCAA peer reviewer for Division I institutions going through NCAA membership certification.

In 1997, he began his professional career as an academic adviser for the Chippewas before becoming the compliance coordinator in 1998. He was promoted to director of compliance in 1999, to assistant athletics director in 2001 and associate athletics director with sport oversight responsibilities in 2002.

In the fall of 2011, van der Merwe was one of 12 senior associate athletic directors from around the country selected by the Division IA Athletic Directors' Association to participate in its inaugural Fellows Program – a program which establishes professional mentoring relationships and developmental opportunities for future athletic directors. He was the first fellow selected from a non-BCS institution.

Van der Merwe and his wife, Amy, a former three-time All-MAC Chippewa softball player, have three children: Emily, Lauren and Ian.

LOOS STEPS DOWN AS ATHLETICS DIRECTOR, REMAINS AS BASKETBALL COACH

After serving 16 years as APSU athletics director, Dave Loos announced in early April he was stepping away from those duties, but remaining as the Governors head basketball coach.

"It has been an honor and privilege to represent Austin Peay and this athletic department," Loos said at a news conference. "I think others can judge how this has gone, good or bad, but I honestly say I did the best I could. I tried to do it the right way, always keeping in mind the integrity of all this. I was proud to serve as athletics director at Austin Peay and look forward to continuing to support Austin Peay and our athletic program."

Loos was named APSU athletics director on an interim basis in April 1997, replacing Kaye Hart. At the time he was one of a handful of basketball coaches who also served as CEO of his/her respective athletics department. "Many people may already know it's rare to have someone serve as both a head coach and athletics director," APSU President Tim Hall said. "What is unheard of is to have someone who does both well, and Dave Loos is a man that does things well. He's not only held a winning record as our head basketball coach, but has also been a key influence in the success of our entire athletic program, having led the coaching staff to multiple OVC championships and NCAA tournament runs."

In 1997, Loos took over the Governors athletic program. During his tenure, APSU athletics won 33 OVC regular-season and/or tournament championships despite the fact his department remained one of the lowest funded among conference schools.

Loos was hired as basketball coach by then-Athletics Director Tim Weiser. Oscar Page was APSU president at the time and was succeeded by Sal Rinella, who elevated Loos into the athletics director's role.

Along the way, the department has grown exponentially to offer programs opportunities to compete for titles. For instance, Loos led the return of the women's golf program and establishment of Lady Govs soccer, including the construction of the Morgan Brothers Soccer Field. He also supervised the construction of an on-campus softball field that later added lights, now named Cheryl Holt Field, which allowed the Lady Govs to move their games from off-campus sites.

In addition, Raymond C. Hand Park has continued to see improvements, including locker rooms and a clubhouse built at the facility, permitting both the players and coaches to move



Head basketball coach Dave Loos, looks at the winning trophy his team received after winning the OVC Tournament title in 2008.

closer to the diamond. A new hitting/pitching facility also was built to supplement a program that has won the last three OVC championships along with a restroom facility that also services soccer and softball.

The nearly 40-year-old Dunn Center also has undergone improvements, including the additions of chair-back seating and video boards, with the Dave Aaron Arena surface replaced last summer. For the 2013-14 season, the arena will receive its third scoreboard since the facility was constructed. In addition, new LED tables will replace the current tables, allowing more professional signage display.

Football also has benefitted greatly since Loos took department control. After the Govs competed in non-scholarship for a decade, scholarship football returned in 2006 as it rejoined its home in the OVC after spending five ill-fitted years in the Pioneer Football League. That pronouncement paralleled new scoreboard/video board installation as well as an artificial Polytan mega-grass field that accompanied a new track surface. Governors Stadium also will continue major renovation as soon as the 2013 football season ends.

Under Loos' leadership, the athletics department grade-point average annually stands 2.8 or better—well above the campus mean—and it has earned two OVC Academic Achievement Banners (2002-03, 2008-09).

Loos moved forward APSU's athletic department both on and off the field during his tenure without compromising values. As a result, no major NCAA violations have occurred during his watch.

CANNON TAKES OVER AS APSU FOOTBALL COACH



Beth Liggert

APSU President Tim Hall welcomes new football coach Kirby Cannon.

Kirby Cannon, who served as secondary coach at Central Michigan the previous three years after spending 11 seasons as head coach at Missouri S&T, was introduced as APSU's 18th head football coach on March 18. He replaced Rick Christophel ('75, '76), who resigned in late January to take a coaching position with the Arizona Cardinals.

Cannon joined Central Michigan, an FBS school, in 2010 from Division II Missouri S&T and was part of a rebuilding process that culminated last December with the Chippewas defeating Western Kentucky—their fourth straight win—in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl in Detroit.

"I see this as a great opportunity," Cannon said. "I wanted to be a head coach again. I wanted to go to a place that needed me and needed my skills. With my familiarity with the program and the conference, I felt real comfortable I could fit the needs of Austin Peay football.

"I think there is great potential here. One of the best experiences in coaching is winning where they have not won. It's a great experience for the coach, great experience for the fans and great experience for the players. I enjoy that challenge—the challenge of improving is what coaching is about."

Prior to coaching at Central Michigan,

Cannon took over a nearly dormant Missouri S&T program (formerly known as Missouri-Rolla) in 1999 that had won seven games over the previous four seasons. The rebuilding effort took patience at the engineering school but the Miners recorded winning seasons in three of his last five seasons, including a 7-4 2005 record, marking the program's first winning campaign since 1985.

Cannon was named Independent Football Alliance Coach of the Year in 2005—a season that included a decisive victory against the Governors in Clarksville. When the Miners came back with a 6-5 2006 record, including another victory against the Govs, it completed the first back-to-back winning seasons for the program since 1984-85.

Two seasons after Missouri S&T became a founding member of the Great Lakes Football Conference, Cannon was named GLFC Coach of the Year in 2008 after leading the Miners a 7-4 overall mark and their first conference title since 1983.

The Alexandria, Mo., native is a 1981 graduate of Missouri State, with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education. Cannon played quarterback for the Bears but starred on the mound in baseball, being inducted into the school's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2011.

APSU CELEBRATES TITLE IX ANNIVERSARY

With six former Lady Govs athletes, APSU held a Celebration of Women in Athletics in April as part of the 40th anniversary of Title IX.

It was a night of storytelling by Lea Larsen Dudley (APSU's first women's golf coach, 1973), Connie Sinks Jackson ('83) (women's basketball, 1978-82), Ginny Gray Davis ('87) (women's softball, 1992), Emily Anthony Bryant ('97) (volleyball and track/field, 1994-97), Connie Caldwell Rogan ('89) (volleyball, 1984-87) and Adonia Bivins Kennedy ('07) (soccer, 2003-06).

Three of the former student-athletes—Davis, Bryant and Rogan—all played for Assistant Athletics Director Cheryl Holt, who at one point coached almost every women's sport at APSU, and complimented her for pushing them to reach their respective potential.

GOVS SWEEP OVC POSTSEASON AWARDS; 8 NAMED TO ALL-OVC TEAMS

For the third time in program history, the Govs baseball team celebrated a sweep of the Ohio Valley Conference's top awards.

Junior first baseman Craig Massoni was named the league's Player of the Year and senior closer Tyler Rogers was named its Pitcher of the Year at the annual OVC Baseball Awards Banquet. In addition, six Governors, a program record, were recognized as the OVC's best player at their respective positions, receiving first-team All-OVC recognition.

Massoni and Rogers were each first-team selections at their respective positions. They were joined on first team by junior second baseman Jordan Hankins, senior shortstop Reed Harper, senior outfielder Cody Hudson and junior starting pitcher Lee Ridenhour.

Junior catcher P.J. Torres and senior starting pitcher Casey Delgado were recognized with second-team status. The eight total All-OVC picks tied the program record set in 1996.

BAILEY 8TH APSU ATHLETE TO EARN PRESTIGIOUS STEVE HAMILTON AWARD

After an impressive four-year career that included Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year honors, four all-conference nominations and an OVC Tournament Championship, APSU men's tennis player Sean Bailey was named the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award recipient for the 2012-13 academic year.

The Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award is given annually to an OVC male or female student-athlete of junior or senior standing who best exemplifies the characteristics of the late Morehead State student-athlete, coach and administrator Steve Hamilton. Criteria include significant athletics performance along with good sportsmanship and citizenship. The award is voted on by the OVC's athletics directors and sports information directors.

Bailey was a four-time all-conference honoree, including three first-team nods (2011-13). He concluded his career with a 68-24 record, including 20-win seasons in 2011 (21-6) and 2013 (20-4). He earned 2012 OVC Player of the Year honors, in addition to 2011-12 Most Outstanding Male Athlete at APSU.

In the classroom, the Manitoba, Canada, native carried a 3.95 grade-point average, double majoring in French and corporate communication. He was a member of the Athletic Director's Honor Roll (3.0 GPA) all eight semesters of his APSU career, earning a president's list (4.0 GPA) honor six times and dean's list (3.5 GPA or better) twice. He was also a three-time member of the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll (3.25 GPA for the year) and was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. Twice, Bailey earned CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-District III honors – including second-team Academic All-American in 2013 – and was named APSU Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year on two separate occasions.

4 APSU ATHLETES NET DEPARTMENT'S TOP HONORS



From left, Reed Harper, Tatiana Ariza, Nikki Doyle, Tyler Rogers

Two athletes who thrived in the national spotlight during the 2012-13 college sports calendar year were named APSU's Most Outstanding Athletes during the annual athletics banquet held in April.

Two other APSU athletes, who steered their programs to unparalleled successes during their respective careers, were named Legend Award recipients as the Most Valuable Senior Athletes.

Junior Tatiana Ariza, who led Ohio Valley Conference soccer in scoring after playing for her native Colombia in the 2012 London Olympics, was named APSU's Most Outstanding Female Athlete. Pitcher Tyler Rogers, who led the nation in saves after obliterating the OVC single-season mark in that category, was named the Most Outstanding Male Athlete.

Another baseball player, shortstop Reed Harper, who started every game since coming to APSU four seasons ago and played a key role in a trio of Governors baseball NCAA Tournament appearances, was named the Male Legends Award recipient.

On the women's side, Nikki Doyle,

a three-time All-OVC selection who led APSU volleyball to its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 2010, was chosen as the Female Legends Award recipient.

In addition to the Outstanding Athlete and Legends awards, football player Ben Stansfield, who has a 4.0 GPA in psychology (minor in business), and track and field's Molly Basch, who also has a 4.0 GPA in psychology, were named the 2013-14 Perkins Freeman Governors Club Academic Scholarship recipients for owning the highest GPAs of rising seniors.

Women's golfer Tabitha Beard was named as the Perkins Freeman Governors Club Academic Achievement Award recipient for possessing the highest GPA of a graduating senior student-athlete. Beard owned a 3.97 GPA as an interdisciplinary studies (K-6) major with a professional education minor. In addition, Stansfield was named the department's Male Scholar-Athlete for 2012-13 while Basch shared the Women's Scholar-Athlete Award with volleyball's Liz Landon, who has a 4.0 in health and human performance.

GOVS BASEBALL ENJOYS SEASON OF SEASONS



Lisa Kemmer

Junior outfielder Rolando Gautier is the last man atop the Govs dogpile following their victory against Eastern Kentucky to clinch a third consecutive Ohio Valley Conference Baseball Championship.

Records fell as APSU's baseball team enjoyed what was arguably the best season in program history, capped by reaching the regional final of the NCAA Baseball Championship for the second consecutive season.

The Govs began the season with a remarkable 25-5 start and – after a second-half opening stretch that saw it post a 1-7

mark over two weeks – closed with the Govs winning 16 of 17 entering the OVC Baseball Championship. APSU then swept through the OVC Tournament in three games to become only the third program – and first since Middle Tennessee (1990-92) – to win three consecutive OVC Tournament titles.

The Govs became the first OVC team to receive a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Baseball Championship's Bloomington Regional. The Govs had an opening-round win against Southeastern Conference foe Florida – their program-record 16th consecutive win. APSU's win streak came to an end the next day against regional host Indiana but the team followed with an elimination victory against Valparaiso to reach the regional final, falling again to the host Hoosiers.

The Govs finished the 2013 campaign with a program-record and OVC record-tying 47 victories. In addition, APSU received its first national ranking – courtesy the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association – and was ranked nationally in each of the four major polls during the season.

LADY GOVS GOLF EARNS PUBLIC RECOGNITION BY NCAA FOR APR

The Lady Govs golf team earned a Public Recognition Award from the NCAA, based on their most recent multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR) since 2008-09. These awards are given each year to teams with APRs in the top 10 percent plus ties in each sport.

The Lady Govs golf team had a perfect 1000 APR multiyear score in 2013. Each year, the NCAA tracks the classroom performance of student-athletes on every Division I team through the annual scorecard of academic achievement, known as APR. The rate measures eligibility, graduation and retention each semester or quarter and provides a clear picture of the academic performance in each sport.

KORTE NAMED ALL-REGION

APSU senior Dustin Korte was named to the Division I Ping Southeast All-Region team as chosen by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Korte was one of 26 players to earn Southeast All-Region honors, with a total of 155 Division I golfers earning such distinction in six districts.

A senior from Metropolis, Ill., Korte wrapped up his college career by playing in the NCAA Golf Championship at Capital City Club Crabapple Course. He is the first Governor since 1987 (Craig Rudolph) to participate in the NCAA championship event.

Korte earned the NCAA berth by owning the Tempe Regional's lowest score exclusive of the top five qualifying teams. He shot a career-best

6-under 204, including regional-opening round of 64. That 64 total tied as APSU's low round in school history.

In regular season this season, Korte recorded eight top 10 and 11 top 20 finishes, including claiming medalist honors at the Memphis Invitational and COG Mizzou Intercollegiate.

GOVERNORS BASKETBALL ADDS 5 PLAYERS FOR 2013-14

APSU men's basketball signed five players to scholarships in the spring signing period.

Zavion Williams is a 5-10 point guard who sat out 2012-13 as a transfer from Lipscomb and practiced with the Govs.

Markee Mazyck is a 6-5, 235-pound forward who was the junior college No. 3 scorer in

2012-13, averaging 22.5 points per game as a sophomore at Frederick (Md.) Community College.

Damarius (D.D.) Smith, a 6-4 guard/forward and former Kenwood High School star, helped lead Vincennes Junior College deep into the 2012-13 national juco tournament.

Fred Garmon, a 5-11 point guard from Mineral Area Junior College (Park Hills, Mo.) who averaged 7.1 points, 4.3 assists and 2.1 steals per game as a freshman before injuries help shrink those numbers (4.9 ppg, 4.0 apg in 2012-13), helped lead the Cardinals to the national juco tournament.

Ed Dyson is a 6-4 wing player who averaged 15.1 points and 5.4 rebounds as a sophomore at Cloud Community College (Concordia, Kan.).

2 LADY GOVS SOFTBALL PLAYERS EARN ALL-OVC HONORS



Lauren de Castro (left) and Kayla Davidson (right).

Lauren de Castro wrapped up her junior season with a second consecutive first-team All-OVC honor.

Splitting time between first base and the pitcher's circle, de Castro finished the season leading the Lady Govs offensively in batting average (.383), runs (33), hits (54), triples (5), home runs (8), total bases (99), slugging percentage (.702) and game-winning hits (5). Those numbers were good enough to be in the top 10 in the conference in all games in triples, RBIs, total bases and slugging percentage.

De Castro's honor marked the 13th time since 1993 a Lady Gov earned first-team all-conference honors.

Sophomore Kayla Davidson earned second-team recognition. Davidson finished the season leading the team in walks (20) and on-base percentage (.420) while finishing second overall in batting average (.333), hits (42), doubles (11), home runs (7), total bases (74) and slugging percentage (.587).

GOVS TENNIS CAPTURES 1ST OVC TITLE SINCE 1974

Men's tennis won the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament championship for the first time – the first conference championship since 1974 – and advanced to their first NCAA Tournament.

APSU set a school record with 17 victories. During that time, four Governors (senior Sean Bailey, junior Jasmin Ademovic and sophomores Dimitar Ristovski and Aleksas Tverijonas) had win streaks that stretched into double figures; Tverijonas won his first 14 matches, while Ristovski claimed the school record with 16 consecutive victories.

For the second straight year Bailey, Ademovic, Ristovski and Tverijonas were named to the all-conference team; Bailey, Ademovic and Ristovski were on the first team, while Tverijonas was a second-teamer. Bailey concluded his APSU career with four consecutive All-OVC honors, including three first-team nods, while Ademovic now has three first-team honors in three seasons.

After wrapping up the regular season with a 15-3 record that earned the No. 2 seed

and a bye in the conference tournament, the Govs defeated Eastern Kentucky (4-2) and Belmont (4-2) to claim a conference tournament championship under first-year head coach Ross Brown.

That earned APSU a trip to the NCAA Tennis Tournament Starkville Regional, where the Govs faced off against 10th-ranked Mississippi State. The Govs fell 4-0 in their first NCAA trip.

The Govs tennis team celebrates after winning its first Ohio Valley Conference title since 1974.



GREY, JONES COMPETE IN NCAA EAST PRELIM ROUND

After making her way to the NCAA East Preliminary Round in 2012, senior Chantelle Grey made a return trip in 2013 and added, NCAA, Indoor Track Athlete of the Year to her resume as well.

Grey became the seventh APSU athlete to capture an OVC Athlete of the Year award for track and field and the first since 2010. She won the OVC Indoor 800-meter title by nearly three seconds over her next closest competition. She also ran a leg of the 4x400-meter relay that won bronze at the indoor championships.

During outdoor season, she became the first runner since 2010 to hold both the indoor and outdoor titles in the same academic year, winning the OVC outdoor title in 2:10.85.

Grey and freshman Breigh Jones qualified for the NCAA East Preliminary Round in Greensboro, N.C. Grey bowed out in the first round with a 39th-place finish, while Jones advanced to the quarterfinals before finishing 20th in the region.



Chantelle Grey in a meet at Governors Stadium.

Britney Sparr, Sports Information

NEW DUNN CENTER SCOREBOARDS/VIDEO BOARDS INSTALLED ALONG WITH LED TABLES



Beth Lippett

The Dunn Center/Dave Aaron Arena underwent Phase II of improvements this summer.

After a new floor was installed on Dave Loos Court last year, new scoreboards were installed this summer. The old scoreboards and video boards, which were sold by the University through GovDeals, were taken down.

In addition to new scoreboards, the Dunn Center also saw the presence of LED tables both along press row and the scorer's table. Those tables presence will allow APSU to alleviate some of the signage clutter in the Dunn Center.

CATHEY EARNS ALL-OVC, OVC NEWCOMER HONORS

A day after netting All-Ohio Valley Conference and OVC All-Newcomer honors, freshman Jessica Cathey collected her college career's first hole-in-one.

On the par-3, 132-yard No. 11 hole at GreyStone Golf Club, Cathey used a nine-iron to drop the ball 15 from the cup before it rolled in for the ace.

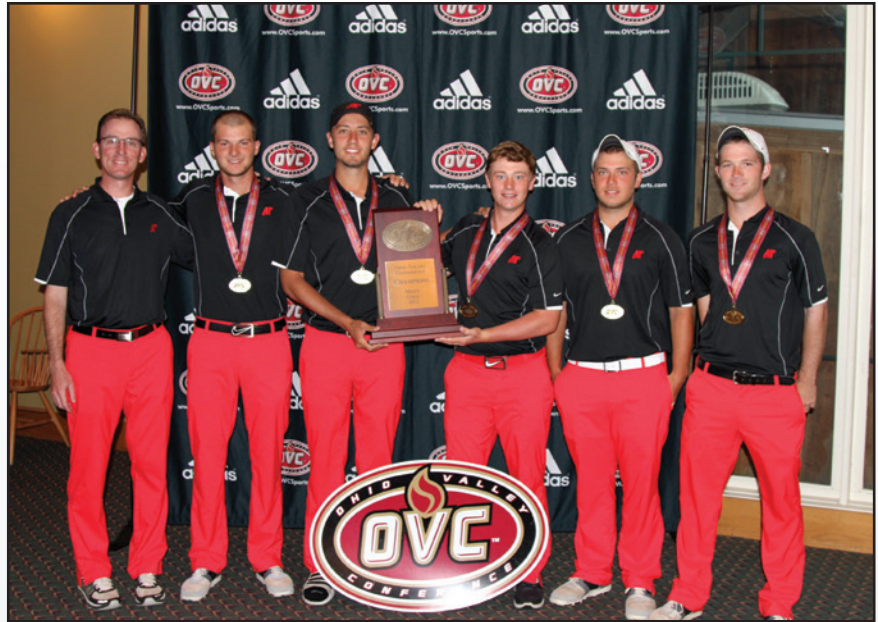
Cathey played in all 12 Lady Govs regular-season matches. She entered the OVC Tournament owning a 78.5 strokes-per-round scoring average. She ended the OVC tourney tied for ninth with senior teammate Lauren Bond.

Jessica Cathey reacts as she makes her first hole-in-one during her college career.



Brad Kitley, Sports Information

GOLF GOVS CAPTURE 8TH OVC CHAMPIONSHIP, EARN BEST NCAA REGIONAL FINISH



Brittney Spain, Sports Information

The men's golf team celebrates 8th OVC title.

The men's golf team captured the program's eighth Ohio Valley Conference championship in a rain-shortened event at GreyStone Golf Course in Dickson, Tenn.

When heavy rains forced cancellation of the final round, April 27, the Governors were declared champions.

The Governors earned the title by being the only team to shoot below par during the tourney's two days, compiling back-to-back 568s. It left them nine shots clear of the field.

With the OVC title, the Governors won a school-record six championships in 2012-13, breaking the mark of the 1978-79 and 2002-03 teams, which won five. As a result of his team's outstanding play this season in addition to the OVC championship, coach Kirk Kayden earned the added bonus of being the OVC Coach of the Year, his first such honor.

In addition, senior Dustin Korte and junior Anthony Bradley, who tied for fifth individually, were named to the OVC all-

tournament team. That duo and junior Marco Iten also were named All-OVC.

After being in third place after the first round of the NCAA Golf Regional in Tempe, Ariz., the Governors could not maintain that momentum. When the three-day event ended the Govs finished in seventh place, two spots from earning a qualifying spot in the NCAA Tournament in Alpharetta, Ga.

It was a bitter sweet ending for the Govs. Although the Govs failed to qualify for the NCAA Championships, senior Dustin Korte did.

Korte shot a final-round 1-under 69 for a three-day 6-under 204 to finish eight individually. As a result, he earned an invitation to the NCAA Championship, May 28-June 2 at the Capital City Club/ Crabapple Course in Atlanta, by recording the best individual score exclusive of the five qualifying regional teams. He was the first Governor to qualify for the championship under the current NCAA Regional tourney format.

Birdseye



Joe Winn's view of history

by Charles Booth

On a quiet morning in 1939, an 18-year-old named Joe Winn ('63) finally had enough. He was working at his father's service station in New Providence, making \$4 a week and bored out of his mind. The hours passed slowly, with only a few customers stopping by for a tank of gas or to have the oil checked. That morning, one of Winn's friends strolled up to the station with drooping eyelids and his hands shoved sullenly into his pockets.

"I said, 'Bill, let's you and me go to Nashville to join the Navy,'" Winn said recently. "He said, 'I don't give a damn.'"

Bill remained apathetic, but the idea of sailing around the world changed the flavor of that dreary weekday morning for Winn. The two friends hitched a ride to the recruiting station in Nashville and took their physicals. Bill was rejected because of his lazy eye. Recruitment standards were high. It was peacetime in America, though war was just breaking out across Europe and Asia. The recruiting officer casually told Winn to go home. The Navy would contact him soon.

"I went home, but I never went back in that service station again," he said.

Winn is now 94, with thinning white hair and the tan, lean physique of a former sailor. He spent 20 years in the U.S. Navy, participating in two wars and observing some of history's forgotten moments. On May 8, 2013, he put on a dark blue blazer, pinned several of his medals

to his breast pocket, and went to Austin Peay State University, his alma mater, to become the oldest living recipient of the University's new military coin. The coin was created in 2011 as a way of honoring the large number of APSU students with a military connection.

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That job brought him face-to-face with German U-boats, had him hunting Soviet



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submarines off the Alaskan coast and lighting up the skies for pinned down U.S. Marines in Korea. He doesn't consider himself a hero, but about 50 veterans, reservists or active duty military personnel attending the ceremony disagreed. They made sure to shake his hand or get a picture with one of APSU's last remaining members of what national television news reporter and author Tom Brokaw called the Greatest Generation.

Joe Winn shakes hands with APSU military veterans during the Spring Military and Veteran Graduate Recognition Ceremony.







A Navy PB4Y-s "Privateer" bomber

WORLD WAR II

The Navy finally contacted Winn in late 1939. He boarded a train that fall with other recruits and headed north to Norfolk, Va. He planned to put in for submarine school because of the extra money, but he was offered a spot in aviation school. The offer brought back memories of being a boy in 1920s Kentucky, when a daredevil pilot landed

prowled the waters, looking for merchant ships.

"On America's eastern coast, there was a very real submarine threat," Dr. Antonio Thompson, APSU associate professor of history and author of "Men in German Uniform: POWs in America during World War II," said. "The subs were a really big deal, and we see a bigger

Going to aviation school was the best move I ever made because we lost over 200 submarines during World War II." – Joe Winn

his biplane in a nearby field. For \$1, the pilot took Winn and his two cousins high up over those farms. He decided he wanted to get back in the air.

"Going to aviation school was the best move I ever made because we lost over 200 submarines during World War II," he said.

That's how he wound up at a naval air station in Jacksonville, Fla. The German army was rapidly moving its way across Europe, but for Winn, the war didn't seem like some distant event. Just a few miles off the Florida coast, German U-boats

threat off our coast because our ships were less guarded. And they do start sinking American shipping. There are German submarines out there, attacking ships."

Thompson said America's Civil Air Patrol spotted more than 150 German submarines off the East Coast during the war. A few of those U-boats lurked in the waters off Jacksonville. One afternoon, Winn heard an explosion.

"I stood on top of the hanger in Jacksonville and saw the submarine sink two ships," he said. "All I could really see

was flares from the ship firing back. So we started flying antisubmarine flights. All we had was one 30-caliber machine gun. I sat in the gunner's seat, and if we saw them, we reported them. I got an extra bar on my national defense medal for that."

During those early war years, unease grew around the country as word spread of U-boats sending German soldiers ashore. In Florida, immigration officials recruited a few sailors to help them hunt down spies or saboteurs.

"I was assigned, and we worked in pairs with the immigration people," Winn said. "We checked every train and all that came through, and checked every passenger on board. We checked the military passengers. Immigration checked the rest."

Winn spent the rest of the war in California, going up as an observer on patrol flights of the West Coast. This time, he was looking for Japanese ships.

"The Japanese have submarines too, but they have a huge fleet floating out there," Thompson said. "And we have Japanese subs that will pop up and shoot at the West Coast."

A bomb, sent via balloon, actually landed in rural Oregon during the war, killing six people. Winn didn't see any enemy vessels along the West Coast. His close encounters with Japanese soldiers actually occurred after the war.



BETWEEN THE WARS

When World War II ended, Winn was promoted to the rank of chief petty officer and assigned as a flight engineer on a Privateer – the Navy's version of the Army's B-24 bomber. It was a massive, clunky aircraft armed with six machine gun

turrets and four torpedoes.

The plane lifted off out of Kodiak, Alaska, with four pilots and 11 crewmen, looking for Soviet submarines in the North Pacific.

“We’d drop eight sonic buoys around where we thought a submarine was,” Winn said. “Then we could pick up on each submarine and figure out what direction it was heading. We were looking for anything out there.”

After a few years, Winn was sent across the Pacific with the Navy’s Fleet Aircraft Service Unit. This new assignment had him working as a mechanic, repairing aircraft in little machinist shops set up on islands in the South Pacific. Japan had surrendered years earlier, but Japanese soldiers, unaware that the war was over, still lingered in the area.

“We went on one of the islands, and a crewman was telling me that there were Japanese soldiers there,” Winn said. “He took me to their camp. It was empty. They had scattered. I brought back some of their dishes, but they could have been sitting up there with a rifle on me. They lived there a number of years.”



THE KOREAN WAR

Winn was eventually sent back to Alaska and back into the air. This time, he was assigned as a flight engineer on a new, state-of-the-art aircraft. The P-2V Neptune was a sleek, Navy patrol bomber used at the beginning of the Cold War to hunt down Soviet submarines. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, the planes regularly flew over the icy North Pacific, lighting up miles of ocean with 70-million candlepower searchlights.

“The idea was to catch the

submarines on the surface, recharging batteries, and that light would blind the gun crew long enough for us to drop the fish (torpedo),” Winn said.

In late 1950, during the Korean War, the bombers were given a new assignment. That December, about 67,000 soldiers from the People’s Republic of China had surrounded a much smaller force of United Nations troops, including several U.S. Marines. A fierce, 17-day battle took place in the cold, winter weather.

“Somebody had the idea of calling us in,” Winn said. “We had this search light on the wing, and somebody got the idea that the Marines would like to see us at night. And they did. They loved it. We came in and lit up a 10-mile area like it was daylight.”

The trapped U.N. forces eventually broke free of the Chinese lines.



APSU

In 1959, Winn left the Navy and returned home to Clarksville. He bought a farm with his brother and used the G.I. Bill to enroll at Austin Peay State College. He’d participated in so

many classes as both a student and instructor during his time in the Navy; he decided to pursue a teaching career.

Winn graduated in 1963, and he took a job teaching history at the old Clarksville High School. He switched over to technical arts, which was similar to the machinist work he did in the Navy, and he taught at the new Clarksville High School and the Tech School in New Providence.

Today, he lives quietly in a quaint older home in north Clarksville. It’s not unusual to see the 94-year-old out working in the yard, or inside the house, reading a Clive Cussler or Tom Clancy novel. He likes to laugh and reminisce about his days in the Navy. The only things that seem to bother him are those persistent, old memories of working in his father’s service station.

“I picked up the money bag that day, walked across Highway 41 and said to my dad, ‘here’s the proceeds from yesterday. You better send someone over to run that service station,’” Winn recalled. “He said, ‘Where in the hell you going?’ I said, ‘I’m going to Nashville to join the Navy.’”★



APSU President Tim Hall and Joe Winn during the 50-year reunion at APSU.

APSU GRAD LIVING WRITER'S LIFE IN NYC



Contributed

Raven Jackson ('12) in her new hometown, New York City.

In 1996, a group of about 26 African-American poets met in Esopus, N.Y., to work and discuss literature. The gathering was the beginning of the Cave Canem Institute, a nonprofit, according to its website, dedicated to providing “a home for the many voices of African American poetry” and cultivating “the artistic and professional growth of African American poets.”

In the last 17 years, the organization has mentored some of the nation’s top poets, with its fellows garnering numerous awards and publishing more than 170 books. Last year, poet and Austin Peay State University graduate Raven Jackson joined the organization as an intern. Recently, she was promoted to Marketing and Communications Fellow.

“Working at Cave Canem has helped me immeasurably,” she said. “Since starting, I have worked with poets I have admired for years, and gained skills that will be invaluable to me in the arts management field.”

Being associated with such an organization is a major accomplishment, but it’s simply one of the many artistic achievements Jackson has had since leaving APSU. She graduated in 2012 with a degree in corporate communication and enrolled

that fall in the Master of Fine Arts program at the famed New School in New York. Not a bad move for someone who wasn’t sure what she wanted to do when she first entered college.

“I often think of the day my undergraduate fiction professor, Barry Kitterman, pulled me aside and asked if I had ever thought of going for an M.F.A.,” Jackson said. “Until then, I’d never seriously considered making writing my career. And I’ll always be indebted to Barry for giving me the extra push I needed to pursue things I had previously believed were unobtainable.”

Jackson recently finished her first year at one of the top M.F.A. programs in the country. Several graduates of the program have released books through major publishers, such as HarperCollins, Knopf, Viking and Simon and Schuster.

“Studying in New York City has helped my writing immensely,” Jackson said. “When I moved up here, I told myself I’m going to do this – move to a city I’ve never been to, leave my friends and family, quit my job – I was going to do it right. And I’ve kept that vow I’ve made to myself. I came to New York to write. And I’m in love with the fact that I’m up here doing exactly that.”

1970s

THE REV. JO CLARE WILSON ('70), of Hamden, Conn., received the 2013 ACPE Distinguished Service Award. She is director of pastoral care and education at Griffin Hospital in Derby, Conn.

JACK JACKSON ('74) will be inducted into the Eastern Kentucky University Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 2, 2013.

1980s

LYNN AVERY HAILSTOCK ('81) was inducted into the Lawrence County Historical Society Sports Hall of Fame in April 2013 in New Englander, Pa.

PITNER PEALS ('81) is a teacher for the Monroe County Schools in Madisonville, Tenn.

JANA DAVIDSON BRANHAM ('87) was promoted recently to chief information officer at ACH Food Companies in Memphis, Tenn.

1990s

COL. TROY L. DOUGLAS ('90) took charge of the 3rd Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Brigade, headquartered at Great Lakes Naval Base in Great Lakes, Ill., during a change of command ceremony held June 11, 2013, at Pritzker Military Library in Chicago.

J. DANIEL CLOUD ('95), of Hattiesburg, Miss., recently was certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as an emergency medical technician after graduating from the EMT program at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Miss. He works for ASAP EMS in Mississippi.

KRISTIN GWALTNEY ('96) owns and operates the Kristin Gwaltney Team, a top real estate firm in Clarksville, Tenn.

ANDREA BROWN ('98), former director of the Governors’ Own Marching Band at APSU, recently was named assistant director of the marching and athletic bands at the University of Michigan. She most recently served as director of orchestra and assistant director of bands at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

2000s

RHIANNON MASON ('01), of Dickson County, Tenn., recently was named principal at Stuart-Burns Elementary School, where she previously was assistant principal. She also is working on her doctoral degree in education administration at Trevecca Nazarene University.

RUSTY HAGENBUCH ('02) is chief financial officer of E5 and AISG, a leading cloud and managed service provider. He previously was the regional operations director at VPS Convenience Store Group.



Beth Liggett

APSU Class of 1963 graduates enjoyed a day filled with reconnecting, story sharing, lunch and campus tours during their Class of 1963 50-year reunion. The event took place this past April.



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The Annual Career Networking Event took place this past February. Alumni from across the country returned to APSU to mentor current students. Alumni shared their experiences and provided practical advice about their respective fields and occupations.

JAMIE DEMPSEY ('03) received a Ph.D. in cell biology in 2013 from Harvard University.

BRANDON M. HARRISON ('04) is senior manager of the Southeast Reimbursement Group LLC, a national consulting firm that assists hospital providers with their Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and cost reporting life cycle.

TREVA GORDON ('05) has published a new book, titled "Leading Ladies Sharing Our Stories of Inspiration and Faith." The foreword is written by Tennessee state Sen. Thelma Harper, and the book features more than 50 women.

CAPT. GREGORY A. BIRCH ('06) was sworn in June 18, 2013, as the new commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Company at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. This is his first command.

REGINA G. GOLDWIRE ('06), of Clarksville, Tenn., was one of seven nurses from across the nation selected by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to participate on the NCLEX licensing exam item development panel of registered nurses subject matter experts held April 29-May 2 in Chicago, Ill. She was nominated and approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing for this assignment. In addition, she received a postgraduate certificate with the distinction of family nurse practitioner in May 2013 from Tennessee State University.

DR. MELONY SEMBERGER ('06), former assistant director of communication in the APSU Office of Public Relations and Marketing, is now assistant professor of journalism and mass communication at Murray State University in Murray, Ky.

Births

KEVIN BUCHANAN ('95) and **ASTRID BUCHANAN ('05)**, of Cedar Hill, Tenn., announce the birth of their daughter, Katarina, on Jan. 29, 2013.

Marriages

HUGO CHAVEZ ('09) and **TRACY BISQUERA ('08)** were married on June 28, 2013, on the lawn in front of the Browning Administration Building at APSU.

KELLY MAZURKIEWICZ ('06) and Tim Schultz were married May 17, 2013, at Pearl Street Grill and Brewery in Buffalo, N.Y., with the Rev. Scott Thomas of United Church of Christ, Amherst, officiating. Tim is a senior consultant at Freed Maxick CPAs P.C. The couple reside in Hamburg.

Anniversaries

FREEMAN FOSTER ('00) and **ADRIENNE QUALLS FOSTER ('98)**, of Bartlett, Tenn., celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on July 19, 2013.

APSU GRAD SPENT SUMMER AT ROBERT FROST'S FARMHOUSE



Chase Davenport ('13) spent his summer at Robert Frost's farmhouse in New Hampshire.

During the summer months, the great American poet Robert Frost liked to stay in a small, white clapboard farmhouse in rural New Hampshire. According to the website www.literarytraveler.com, he later wrote to a friend about his first experience at the farm.

"Our summer was one of the pleasantest we have had for years... There is a pang there that makes poetry," Frost wrote.

He spent 19 summers at the farm, and in 1977, 14 years after his death, the farmhouse was transformed into The Frost Place — a retreat for emerging American poets. Last summer, recent Austin Peay State University graduate Chase Davenport stayed at Frost's former summer home to study the craft under some of the nation's top poets.

"I'm going July 14 to their Conference on Poetry, and that's basically an intensive workshop that lasts an entire week," Davenport said in the spring. "I get to work with well-established poets like Kevin Prufer, Cleopatra Mathis and Martha Rhodes. I get to be around 60 or 70 poets and in workshops all day long, writing poetry all day long."

Davenport attended this exclusive residency because he received the APSU Bravo Award earlier this spring. Each year, the University's Office of Academic Affairs presents the award to a high-achieving student with an interest in research or creative work. The award pays

for the recipient to attend a professional conference or workshop related to his or her research.

"I'd never be able to go without this Bravo Award," he said.

Davenport arrived at APSU four years ago from Humboldt, Tenn., planning to study music composition. Then he took a class taught by poet and former APSU associate professor Dr. Blas Falconer, which inspired him to change his major to English. In the years that followed, he has become a guiding force in the campus' creative writing community.

"We're very proud of him here," Dr. Amy Wright, associate professor of English, said. "He has been such an inspiration for our local writing community, providing them with a writing role model, demonstrating what it means to be a serious writer is to engage community, give and receive feedback, organize local readings, and of course, invest in the work itself."

Davenport served as the inaugural president of the APSU Creative Writing Club. After only two years, it is now the largest collegiate-based student writing organization in Tennessee. He was also editor-in-chief of the student literary magazine, "The Red Mud Review," which received more than 200 submissions from across the country this year.

APSU STUDENT PRESENTS RESEARCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Eva Grebe at the Posters on the Hill Convention in Washington, D.C.

Last spring, a bidding war erupted on the Austin Peay State University campus. Specifically, several different departments were fighting over the honor to pay for biology student Eva Grebe to attend the annual Council on Undergraduate Research's Posters on the Hill Convention in Washington, D.C. Only 60 out of 800 applicants nationwide are accepted to attend the convention. Grebe was the only Tennessee college student to be invited.

Dr. Don Dailey, chair of the APSU Department of Biology, sent out an email in March congratulating Grebe and telling her the Department would be able to cover her travel expenses. Then, Dr. Steve Hamilton, director of the APSU Center of Excellence for Field Biology, sent an email.

"Being that Eva is a Center undergraduate research assistant, I think we can pitch in some money," he wrote. "Somebody tell Eva that she is the sort of student over whom we fight to spend money!"

Both departments ended up splitting the cost, allowing Grebe to present her research to members of the U.S. Congress and other high-level government officials. Grebe spent the last year studying the scales of small freshwater fishes called darters, and her work could show that North America has a much more diverse fish fauna than is currently known.

"With this project she has been able to contribute to this area of ichthyology that's very important to understanding the relationships of these fish to one another, but also in the project she's been able to develop skills on an important kind of tool that's applicable to many areas of biology," Dr. Sarah Lundin-Schiller, APSU professor of biology, said.

Grebe used the University's new confocal microscope, which allows users to see three-dimensional details in biological specimens. The microscope, funded by the University's technology access fees, is the type of tool usually reserved for professionals and graduate students.

"Our undergraduates get to use it, and this gives them a skill set that sets them above undergraduates coming out of bigger institutions," Lundin-Schiller said.

Dr. Rebecca Johansen, APSU associate professor of biology, praised Grebe as "being very well organized" and a self-starter, and said she represents a new class of student at APSU.

"We're trying to make Austin Peay recognized as the place to come for undergraduate research in science and mathematics," Dr. Christopher Gentry, director of the APSU Office of Undergraduate Research, said. "And we can show externally these are the things you can do here that you might not be able to do somewhere else."

Grebe went to Washington, D.C., last Spring and spent several hours showcasing her research and promoting the University and its efforts to elected officials. She met briefly with Tennessee Sens. Bob Corker and Lamar Alexander and U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn. She also spent some time with U.S. Rep. Phil Roe, an APSU alumnus.

"Congressman Roe was very engaging," Grebe said. "He had done undergraduate research at Austin Peay, so he was very enthusiastic."

Grebe's undergraduate research experience at APSU has also helped with her future academic aspirations. She received a competitive National Institute of Health Fellowship for \$36,000, which will cover her tuition and cost of living while attending graduate school at San Francisco State University.

"I think there are more opportunities for undergraduate research on this campus, and I think there are more faculty members pushing undergraduate research," Gentry said. "And for all the students that want to go to graduate school, this is the key to getting in. Otherwise, you're a nameless face in a crowd of applications."

In Memory

IONA MAXINE (WHALEY) STONE ('45), 88, of Brentwood, Tenn., died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012. She taught first through fifth grades during her teaching tenure in Metro Nashville Schools before retiring in June 1986.

BEN FENDLEY ('51), 84, of Clarksville, Tenn., died Sunday, June 30, 2013, at his residence. He is buried at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-West in Hopkinsville, Ky. He was a basketball coach and history teacher at Clarksville High School. He began his teaching and coaching career at Stewart County High School in Dover, Tenn., in 1954. In 1957, he began coaching at CHS until 1992. While at APSU, he played both baseball and football, and was inducted into the APSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1979. He was a U.S. Marine veteran, having served in the Korean War.

RETIRED COMMAND SGT. MAJ. ROY J. HAYNES ('80), 80, of Cape Coral, Fla., died April 19, 2013 at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral. He served 24½ years with the U.S. Army before retiring in 1976 at Fort Campbell, Ky. Upon retirement, he went on to serve as director of veterans affairs at APSU and later as director of minority affairs at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He was buried with full military honors at Fort Donelson National Cemetery in Dover, Tenn.

DR. WILLIAM KENNETH POOLE ('60), 73, died April 6, 2013, at his home in Rougemont, N.C. He joined Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina, where he served as senior statistician, chief scientist and center division vice president. He assisted in the development and maintenance of SUDAAN, a software product designed and developed by RTI statisticians for analyzing clustered data arising in many applications. He made significant contributions towards RTI's reputation as a nationally recognized organization in two areas of public health—epidemiological studies and multisite clinical trials. Of the 22 Data Coordinating Centers projects supported by the National Institute of Health at RTI since 1974, Poole was directly involved in 14 of those projects, serving as the principal investigator on 10 DCCs, as co-principal investigator on one other DCC and as senior statistician on three other DCCs. Poole was a fellow of the American Statistical Association. His collaborative work with a large number of researchers in leading U.S. institutions resulted in around 100 publications in leading scientific journals.

RACHEL CORLEW TATE, 86, of Clarksville, died Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville. She retired from APSU as a certification analyst in teacher education.

JAMES MILTON CROWE ('57) of Columbia, Ill., died June 27, 2013. He retired from the U.S. Department of Defense's Mapping Agency.

APSU LEGENDS: THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED



APSU Yearbook Archives

Three members of the band Lynyrd Skynyrd, including lead singer Ronnie Van Zant, died in a plane crash weeks before an APSU concert.

On Oct. 2, 1977, Austin Peay State University announced the headlining act for that year's homecoming concert. Many students were shocked to learn that the legendary southern rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd would be playing hits like "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Free Bird" in the Dunn Center.

"The Peay was ready for a good rock and roll homecoming," then-student Brian Nobes wrote in the 1978 edition of "Hail and Farewell," APSU's yearbook.

Booking such a big name, it turns out, wasn't so unusual for the University at the time. David Watson ('64), APSU assistant to the vice president for student affairs in the 1970s, brought several major performers to Clarksville in those years.

"We had some interesting times," Watson said. "The big sellout I had was the Doobie Brothers. We sold out and the fire marshal said we couldn't let anybody else in. It was packed, all the bleachers were pulled out, chairs on the floor."

Watson, as coordinator of the University's student activities, also brought in KC and the Sunshine Band, Willie Nelson and Friends, Wild Cherry and Blood, Sweat and Tears.

"I booked this one guy to play, and I gave it away as a free concert in the ballroom," Watson said. The performer was a no name at the time. "It cost me \$300 for the entertainer. It was Jimmy Buffet. About a year after, he was playing for \$50,000 a night."

Still, getting Lynyrd Skynyrd in 1977 was a big deal. The band was in the midst of what some critics refer to as its "peak years," having just started its most successful tour yet. But Lynyrd Skynyrd never made it to APSU's homecoming.

In the 1978 "Hail and Farewell," Nobes wrote, "on Thursday, 20 October, about 7:30 p.m., a news bulletin came on the T.V. that put me in a state of shock for about half an hour. The bulletin said something to the effect that 'the rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd was involved in a plane crash near McComb, Miss. There is no definite information about injuries.'

"After a very sleepless night, I got up early the next morning to see if there was any more information about the accident – unfortunately there wasn't. Later that day, when the paper came out, the title read 'Crash Kills Three Rock Members,' and as I read on I found out that the members killed were lead singer Ronnie Van

Zant, guitarist Steve Gaines and vocalist Cassie Gaines (Steve Gaines' sister). From this point on I must admit my homecoming was not the celebration it should have been."

That plane crash was one of the defining moments in rock history – the equivalent to a previous generation's loss of Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper in a 1959 plane crash. At APSU, the incident left University officials scrambling.

"We had already sold about 6,500 tickets, and then the plane crashed right before they were suppose to play our gig," Watson said. "It was an interesting time. We had to refund a whole bunch of tickets. There was no big concert that year."

The duo LeBlanc and Carr, members of Lynyrd Skynyrd's back-up band, ended up coming to campus on Oct. 29 to host two free concerts. The band, made up of Lenny LeBlanc and Pete Carr, were well-known studio back-up musicians at the time, and they did their best considering the somber circumstances.

"I think if you asked anybody who was at the concert," Nobes wrote, "they would tell you that they did indeed play."

If you know of any APSU legends, either true or unconfirmed, please contact Charles Booth at boothcw@apsu.edu.

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Earlier this year, Florida businessman Lars Eriksson decided to honor his late wife with a generous donation to her alma mater, Austin Peay State University. With that gift, which will provide needed scholarships for generations of deserving students, the APSU College of Education and one of the new Governors Terrace residence halls were named after Martha Dickerson Eriksson. She now will forever be associated with generosity and excellence in teaching.

That gift created a fitting legacy for Mrs. Eriksson, but other naming opportunities exist on the APSU campus. Listed are several venues still in need of a name. These names will be remembered, the same way many of you look back fondly when you hear someone say "McCord" or "Harned." But ultimately, these gifts allow countless students to fulfill their dreams of earning a college degree. Please consider making a difference in their lives and creating a wonderful legacy for yourself or a loved one.

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