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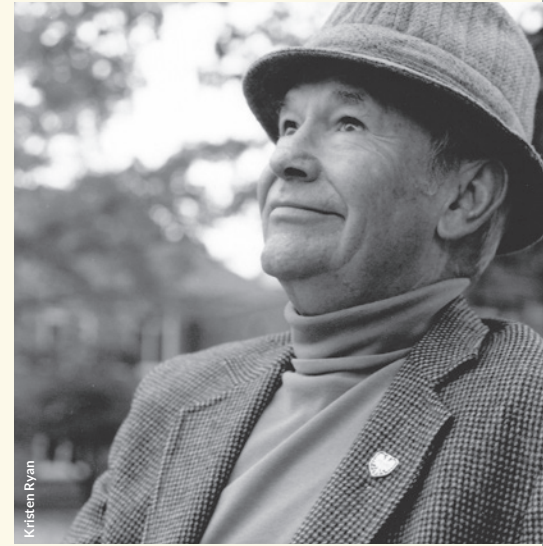
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## APSU CLASSROOM NAMED IN HONOR OF DR. ED IRWIN

**T**he late Dr. Ed Irwin, emeritus professor of languages and literature, had the distinction of being the only faculty member to win the University's Distinguished Professor Award twice. During his long career at APSU, Irwin earned the respect of faculty and students alike, and last year, a group of those individuals decided it was time to honor his legacy. In a few short months, they raised \$50,000 to endow the Dr. Ed Irwin Honors Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a freshman honors student, and that student will then receive the award throughout his or her time at APSU.

On Feb. 11, the University honored this gift and Irwin by naming a classroom after him within the University's Honors Commons. The former APSU professor, who died on Jan. 16, 2013, was the first director of the APSU Honors Program. This endowment, funded by several former students and colleagues, will ensure that Irwin's name is forever associated with the APSU campus. Students interested in receiving the Dr. Ed Irwin Honors Scholarship will have to write an essay interpreting Irwin's famous quote – "Teachers don't create good students; we just try not to mess them up."

Dr. Ed Irwin |



## APSU AWARDED \$100K GRANT TO EXPAND "MY FUTURE" SYSTEM

Austin Peay State University was awarded a \$100,000 grant earlier this year to expand and enhance its innovative My Future system. The system, unveiled in 2012, uses predictive analytics to help students pick majors in fields where they will likely find academic success.

The grant was awarded through EDUCAUSE's Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC) initiative. EDUCAUSE is a nonprofit association that supports the role of information technology in higher education. The NGLC is a collaborative, multiyear initiative focused on identifying and scaling technology-enabled approaches to dramatically improve college readiness and completion, especially for low-income young adults.

Last July, a team of APSU administrators spent a couple of days in Seattle, Wash., to work with the NGLC program. Only seven institutions nationwide were invited to attend.

"Using the principles they learned—specifically the practice of seeking inspiration from comparable situations—the teams either created entirely new plans or refined existing ones," Holly E. Morris, with EDUCAUSE, said. "Knowing that students who adhere to a selected major are more likely to continue studies – and ultimately

to graduate – Austin Peay's Incubator project expands its use of the existing My Future tool to support students in thoughtfully choosing a major that will be a good fit. Using predictive analytics, APSU can empower students with information to guide their choice of majors to align with their academic strengths."

## APSU STUDENT NEWSPAPER NAMED 4TH BEST IN SOUTH; CARTOONIST EARNS FIRST-PLACE HONORS

The All State, APSU's student newspaper, was ranked No. 4 in the South on Feb. 21 at the annual Southeast Journalism Conference, held at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

The newspaper staff also earned individual awards in the annual Best of the South competition. Christy Walker, former cartoonist for The All State, was ranked No. 1 in the South for her editorial cartoons. David Hoernlen was ranked No. 3 in the South in the News/Graphic Illustration Category. Conor Scruton was ranked No. 9 in the South, Page Layout Category, and Josh Vaughn also ranked No. 9 in the South in the News Photography Category.

The All State competes annually with up to 44 other colleges and universities across seven states in the Southeast. In the

2013 competition, more than 440 total entries were submitted in 30 individual and institutional categories covering print, broadcast and advertising.

## APSU BUSINESS FRATERNITY WINS FOURTH BEST CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Earlier this year, business students at a few major universities were feeling optimistic. Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity chapters at the University of Alabama, the University of Mississippi, Vanderbilt University and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, were all vying to be named the best chapter in the southern region. For the last three years, the Austin Peay State University chapter had earned this top distinction, and those optimistic other schools didn't think the Governors could win a fourth time in a row.

But a sense of déjà vu pervaded the southern region's yearly meeting in Atlanta last spring when the APSU chapter was again named "Chapter of the Year."

"I told our members to be humble, but for us to win four years in a row was a bit crazy," Matthew Kilpatrick, chapter adviser, said.

The APSU Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity was founded in 1965, making it one of the older organizations on campus. This

year, the club has about 40 members who participate in numerous outreach activities and collegiate business competitions and host lectures for APSU students.

## APSU GRAD STUDENT ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL CONDUCTING SYMPOSIUM

In early February, Dr. Korre Foster, director of choral activities at APSU, turned on his computer to watch a live broadcast of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir (TMC). The acclaimed 100-year-old choir is one of the largest and most respected choral organizations in Canada, but that evening, Foster was more

interested in watching one of the guest conductors – APSU graduate student Zach Thompson.

“His being there gives recognition to what students in our program are doing, and the experiences they’re having,” Foster said.

Thompson, a Pennsylvania native, was one of only five choral conducting students from across the United States and Canada to be selected for the TMC’s Fourth Annual Choral Conductors’ Symposium. He spent five days in Canada, studying under famed conductor Noel Edison and working with the TMC.

“Every day, we had an hour of podium time, which is rare; especially with these

professional ensembles,” Thompson said. “Every single little movement, they responded to.”

## APSU STUDENT AND GIS CENTER DEVELOP INVENTORY APP

The larger a business or government agency gets, the more equipment it acquires. Keeping track of all those computers, iPads and automobiles can be a nightmare, especially if files are misplaced or if someone’s handwriting is too messy.

Recent Austin Peay State University graduate Lance Batson and the school’s Geographic Information Systems Office

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## TBR PRESENTS BEAZLEY WITH PHILANTHROPY AWARD

**O**n May 20, the Tennessee Board of Regents recognized Dr. Cooper Beazley’s unwavering support of Austin Peay State University over the years by presenting him with the 2014 Chancellor’s Award of Excellence in Philanthropy.

Former APSU President Tim Hall, who nominated Beazley for the award, said, “For almost three decades, this individual has dedicated his time and his own financial resources to helping the young student athletes at Austin Peay. He takes his oath as a doctor seriously, and he has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep these young men and women healthy.”

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

Beazley, an orthopedic surgeon with Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance, serves as the APSU team physician, making himself available for yearly physicals and nighttime and weekend visits whenever a player is injured. What makes him truly stand out is that he refuses to be compensated for his services. Instead, Beazley donates generously to the University, through equipment, services and the establishment of an endowed scholarship.



*John Morgan, TBR chancellor, and Tristen Denley, TBR vice chancellor for academic affairs, present Dr. Cooper Beazley (center) with a philanthropy award.*

In 1987, Beazley made a substantial donation to APSU, allowing the University to have one of the first athletic training rooms in the country to convert to electronic records. This move was instrumental in providing APSU students with high quality medical care. He helped fund the reconstruction of the University’s training rooms and rehabilitation areas, and his

donations allowed APSU to acquire state-of-the-art rehabilitation equipment for that training room.

He used his own money to purchase defibrillators for emergency use in games before the NCAA required this equipment. Beazley also donated the Med-Bed Gator vehicle used to transport injured athletes at outdoor APSU athletic events.

are hoping to eliminate these problems by allowing agencies to go paperless with a new digital asset management system.

“Most places are doing inventory via paper and pencil,” Mike Wilson, GIS director, said. “What Lance has done is build a system that is paperless. It’s more efficient, and there’s more accountability. You can now track who has what equipment.”

Batson created an easy-to-use system with a web interface and mobile application that allows officials to quickly search for equipment and note instantaneously its condition and if it has been moved to another department. Smart phone users can even scan bar codes and QR codes on the equipment to update its status.

“I learned a considerable amount on this project, and gained some real world experience,” Batson said. “I learn a lot in class, but having a real world situation is helpful. This is more intense, dealing with real people and real problems.”

## 16-YEAR-OLD HELPS MATH JEOPARDY TEAM WIN SECOND PLACE

David Zhang’s age seemed problematic. The 16-year-old Kenwood High School student was taking advantage of Austin Peay State University’s dual enrollment program, but instead of signing up for a couple of introductory college courses, he asked to enroll in the most advanced undergraduate mathematics classes offered by the University – differential equations and complex analysis.

“Complex analysis is the highest undergraduate course in the math department,” Dr. Ben Ntatin, APSU associate professor of mathematics, said. “I was scared to give him a waiver at first. But he’s easily the best student.”

Zhang excelled in his upper division college classes last semester, and he even found time to help lead the APSU Math Jeopardy Team to a second place finish at the Mathematics Association of America Southeast Sectional annual meeting in

Cookeville. The three-person team, which included APSU students Dodji Kuwonu and Benjamin D. Firth, beat 26 other teams from universities across Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

“David was the lead team member,” Ntatin said. “I really don’t know how he does it. He was amazing.”

Eligible juniors and seniors in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System’s STEM Academy and Middle College were able to take free classes at APSU for college credit last year thanks to a couple of new grants awarded to the CMCSS. A Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant covered a portion of the tuition. The CMCSS paid the remainder of the tuition for Middle College students, and the STEM Academy students used both the dual enrollment grant and a Tennessee College Access and Success Network grant to pay for classes at APSU. Zhang is enrolled at Kenwood’s STEM Academy.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING RECEIVES \$35,000 GRANT FOR BREAST HEALTH

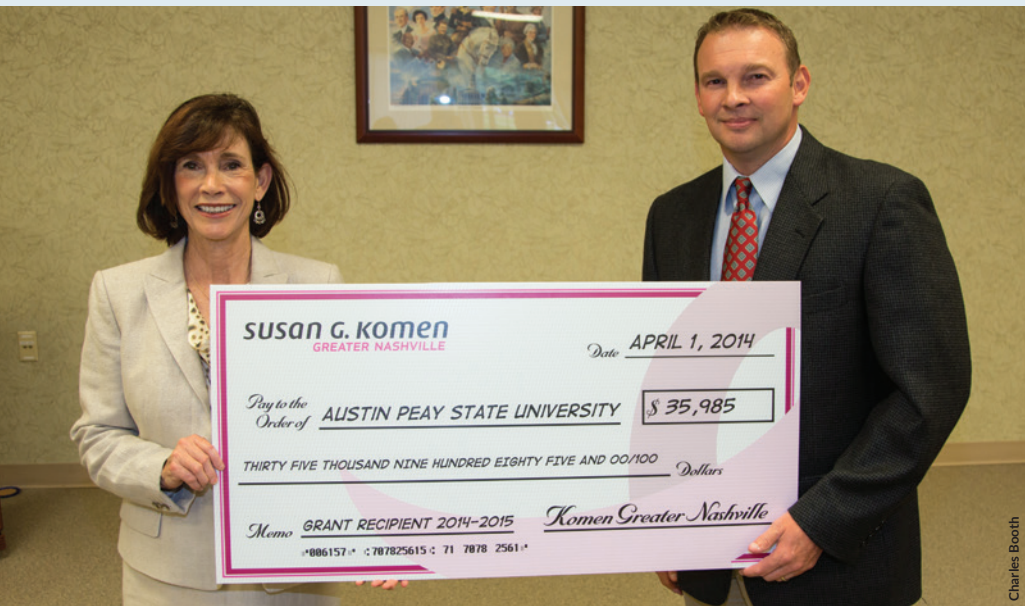
The APSU School of Nursing and the Montgomery County Health Department will continue to support the fight against breast cancer

thanks to a recent \$35,985 grant from the Greater Nashville Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

“This grant helps provide mammog-

raphy services to underserved women in Montgomery County, and it gives our nursing students an opportunity to do community education and service in our community regarding breast health,” said Dr. Patty Orr, director of the School of Nursing and associate professor and occupant of the Lenora C. Reuther Chair of Excellence in Nursing.

Orr wrote the Komen grant with Joey Smith, director of the county health department. The Nashville Komen affiliate awarded several grants to local nonprofits to assist with education, screenings and treatment for breast cancer. Other agencies funded included St. Thomas Hospital and the Tennessee Department of Health, among others.



Dr. Patty Orr and Joey Smith accept a check from Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Charles Booth

# NEW DEGREES AT APSU

## NOW OFFERING GRADUATE DEGREE IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

**E**arlier this year, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission approved a new graduate degree program at Austin Peay State University – a Master of Science in Engineering Technology. The program, developed in response to the needs of industrial employers in this area, is accepting students for the Fall 2014 semester.

“A full-time student can finish in less than two years, and a part-time student probably can finish in three years,” Professor Adel Salama, chair of the APSU Department of Engineering Technology, said.

The new degree program was designed to provide the advanced knowledge and skills needed by individuals in technological careers. The curriculum is built on a foundation of theoretical and applied concepts related to practical problems in the industry.

A unique element of this program is the use of rapid prototyping and additive manufacturing technology. APSU has one of the few undergraduate programs in this field of technology, and the master’s program will expand the knowledge base in this area.

The program will be based at the APSU Center @ Fort Campbell, where the APSU Department of Engineering Technology already serves a mix of traditional and nontraditional students. For this program, the University has made a significant investment in a laboratory equipped with a range of modern, industry-standard

equipment for rapid prototyping and additive manufacturing.

The degree program will be delivered in the traditional classroom format at the Fort Campbell campus, with courses offered in the accelerated eight-week course schedule to align with U.S. Army training and unit rotation schedules.



## COMPUTER NETWORKING CONCENTRATION TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE



**T**ucked down a hallway in the new APSU Maynard Mathematics and Computer Science Building, there’s a little-known computer lab that operates off the main campus grid. The 24 PCs that line the room have access to

the internet, but they are not part of the APSU network.

“They’re totally disconnected from anything on campus,” Dr. Bruce Myers, chair of the APSU Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, said. “We use it to teach computer networking, but to teach that, you can’t just take your typical computer in a lab and let people start working. They’re going to reconfigure things.”

The lab was initially needed to assist with the department’s computer networking minor, but the demand for this skill in the workforce led to more students eager for a degree in the subject. Last semester, their wish came true when the

Tennessee Board of Regents established a new concentration in networking within the University’s existing Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Information Technology degree.

The networking concentration will provide APSU students with an in-depth understanding of the foundations of data communication and modern networking technology. It also will help them develop the technical skills needed to deploy and manage an enterprise network in a secure computing environment.

“We teach programming, but not every business needs somebody to write programs, but every business needs a network,” Myers said.

## NEW BUILDING TO GIVE APSU PRESENCE IN DOWNTOWN CLARKSVILLE

**A**ustin Peay State University is moving forward with plans to have a stronger presence in downtown Clarksville with the recent purchase of a building at 103 Strawberry Alley. The 15,000-square-foot building, which previously housed the nightclubs Joe B's and Bar 103, will likely include an art gallery and museum on the third floor, housing APSU's impressive folk art collection. The pieces in that collection were donated to the University by Ned and Jacqueline Crouch and Dr. Joe Trahern.

"This building provides the University with a much more visible connection with the downtown community, and it offers an opportunity to forge a better relationship between Austin Peay and the downtown, especially the art district," Mitch Robinson, vice president of finance and administration at APSU, said. "We will have a better presence and a better opportunity to showcase what our faculty and students produce, in terms of art."

The three-story building also has the potential to house the University's Tennessee Small Business Development Center and the APSU Department of Art's famed Goldsmith Press. Robinson specified that discussions are still ongoing about what will occupy this new space.

*Artist rendering of APSU's new building and proposed art gallery in Strawberry Alley.*



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### APSU ACUFF CIRCLE ENDOWS NEW SCHOLARSHIP

Last spring, members of the Acuff Circle of Excellence Executive Board presented Austin Peay State University with a check for \$25,000 to endow the new Acuff Circle of Excellence Arts Scholarship.

The mission of the Acuff Circle is to advance the role of arts and culture at APSU and in the Clarksville-Montgomery County community. The Acuff Circle of Excellence Arts Scholarship will be awarded annually to an Austin Peay student who is enrolled full time with a 3.0 GPA and majoring in one of the primary areas

of concentration (music, creative writing, visual arts, dance and theatre) within the College of Arts and Letters.

To donate to the Acuff Circle of Excellence Arts Scholarship fund, contact Susan Wilson, APSU director of major gifts, at 931-221-6357.

### BROWN FOUNDATION ENDOWS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

For several decades, the late Stokes Brown worked to improve the health of his community in Robertson County. He was instrumental in bringing the first hospital to the area, and later as

a member of the hospital board, he supported a special fund that paid medical bills for the impoverished.

In April, the Robertson County community again benefited from his generous legacy when the Brown Family Foundation endowed a six-figure nursing scholarship at Austin Peay State University. The scholarship will be exclusively for Robertson County residents, who must agree to work in that community as nurses once they graduate from APSU.

"We, on the board of the Brown Foundation, are thrilled to help bring this about, and we feel this is entirely in keeping with the vision my father had," Virginia Brown said. "He's with us in spirit. This is



exactly the kind of legacy he wanted to leave and see happening for Robertson County.”

The new endowment will fund scholarships for two different programs within the APSU School of Nursing. New students from Robertson County seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing will be eligible for the scholarship, but they must return to their home community and work for the same number of years that they received this award.

Robertson County nurses with an associate degree can also take advantage of the scholarship for APSU’s RN to BSN program.

## APSU DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION EARNS SEVERAL NBS AWARDS

The Austin Peay State University Department of Communication was well represented at the 51st Annual National Undergraduate Student Electronic Media Competition in Burbank, Calif., on March 15.

The competition was part of the weeklong National Broadcasting Society (NBS) Convention. At this year’s event, APSU students Josh Stephenson and Ethan Schmidt received the Best Audio Sports Program Award for the Gobs Sports Talk show on APSU’s WAPX-FM Radio.

David von Palko, APSU professor of communication, also received several faculty NBS awards at the convention. He was awarded first place in the Audio News Category for his three-part series on tornado safety. He also received a first place award in the Audio Promo Category for his standard-length announcement inviting listeners back to regular programming. He used the song “Smoke on the Water” by Deep Purple and the graduation standard “Pomp and Circumstance” interchangeably to encourage listeners to switch back to WAPX-FM after the commencement ceremony.

## APSU AGAIN NAMED “GREAT COLLEGE TO WORK FOR”

For the third consecutive year, Austin Peay State University is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education. In addition, APSU was the only public university in Tennessee to make the list.

The results were released in July in The Chronicle’s seventh annual report on The Academic Workplace.

“It is a privilege to work with a campus community that has been again named one of the ‘Great Colleges to Work For,’” APSU President Alisa White said.

In all, only 92 institutions achieved “Great Colleges to Work For” recognition for specific best practices and policies. APSU won honors in nine of 12 categories, which put it on the list’s honor roll.

## OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES RECOGNIZED AS LEADER IN STATE OF TENNESSEE

The Tennessee Association of Higher Education and Disability (TN-AHEAD) recognized APSU’s Office of Disability Services as one of the top collegiate service organizations in the state.

During the TN-AHEAD Spring Conference and Business Meeting at East Tennessee State University, Janet Norman, associate director of the APSU Office of Disability Services, was presented with the Dona Sparger Professional Service Award for advocacy, education and service to individuals with disabilities. This is the highest honor in the professional organization.

In addition to this achievement, APSU student Tracy Bettencourt received the organization’s “Outstanding Student Award,” and APSU student James Noar was presented with a TN-AHEAD scholarship for a student with a disability attending a four-year university.

TN-AHEAD is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting professional educators and service providers in higher education through education, communication and professional development.



James Noar (left), Janet Norman (center) and Tracy Bettencourt (right) show off the awards received during the TN-AHEAD Spring Conference.

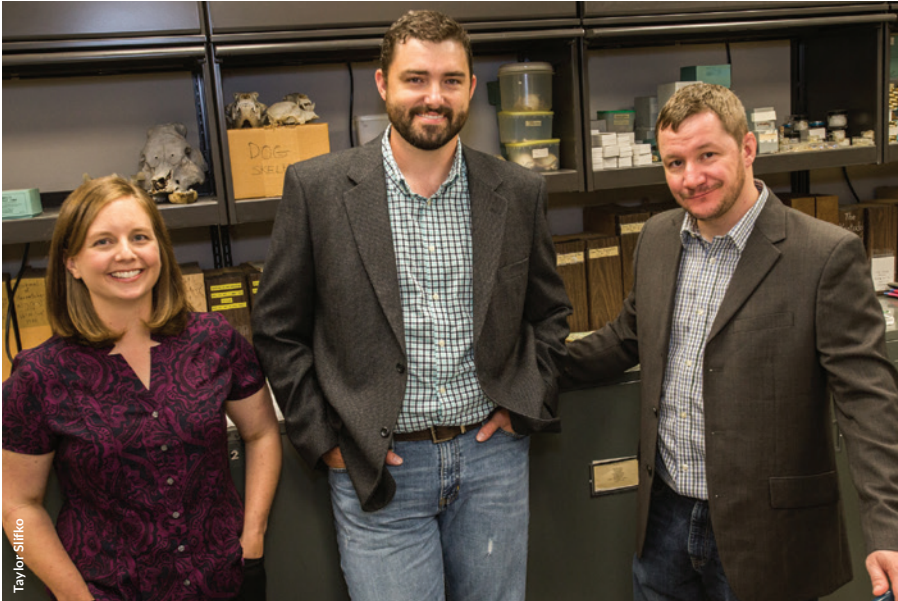
## BIOLOGY FACULTY AWARDED \$300K NSF GRANT

Drs. Rebecca Johansen, Dwayne Estes and Chris Gienger, principle investigators of the Center of Excellence for Field Biology and Biology Department faculty at Austin Peay State University, have

been awarded more than \$300,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to improve the infrastructure, utility and visibility of the APSU Natural History Collection. In addition to teaching and

research activities, Johansen, Estes and Gienger serve as curators of these collections.

The APSU Natural History Collection, located in the Sunquist Science Complex, includes more than 100,000 research specimens representing the state's largest collection of amphibians and reptiles, the second largest collection of plants and a rapidly growing collection of fishes. It also features small collections of birds and mammals from throughout the Mid-south Region. These collections are vital to faculty and student research, serving as the foundation for more than 200 publications, theses, dissertations and online atlases. Additionally, collections are used in public outreach and as instructional materials supporting APSU biology courses.



*Drs. Rebecca Johansen (left), Dwayne Estes (center) and Chris Gienger (right) recently received a \$300,000 NSF grant.*

## ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP HONORS LEGACY OF HOUSTON COUNTY EDUCATOR

In 2011, Dr. Minoa Uffelman ('82, '83), APSU associate professor of history, set out to honor the legacy of her late father, O.S. Uffelman. For several decades, he'd inspired countless individuals as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent of Houston County Schools. Since education was so important to her father, Minoa and her husband, Joel Evans ('80), decided to create the O.S. Uffelman Exemplary History Student Award at APSU.

Three years later, on April 7, 2014, the scholarship became fully endowed. That afternoon, then-APSU President Tim Hall posted his appreciation on his Facebook page.

"It was a great pleasure to finalize the details of a scholarship endowment today established by Dr. Minoa Uffelman of the APSU faculty and her husband Joel Evans, an APSU alum," he wrote. "I couldn't be more grateful for their generosity."

The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a rising junior or senior history major, or a full-time student entering the APSU M.A. in military history program. The money can be credited to the student's account, and

can be used for tuition, housing, books, fees or study-abroad opportunities.

"My dad spent his entire life in education, and he encouraged hundreds, if not thousands of students to get educations," Minoa said. "We just want to continue his goal of education and helping students achieve their degrees."

*Joel Evans (left) and Dr. Minoa Uffelman (right) fully endow a scholarship in honor of her late father.*



## INSPIRATIONAL COACH SPEAKS AT THE APSU PEAY READ EVENT

One afternoon in 2002, Luma Mufleh made a simple wrong turn that ended up changing her life and the lives of an entire refugee community outside of Atlanta. She was on an unfamiliar street in the town of Clarkston, Ga., looking to do a little grocery shopping, when she happened to spot a pickup soccer game in a parking lot. The young players, from war-torn countries like Sudan and Afghanistan, reminded Mufleh of her own childhood playing soccer in Jordan.

"I stayed there for over an hour," she told journalist Warren St. John. "They were barefoot, but they were having such a good time."

Mufleh decided she needed to coach those young athletes, and using borrowed, secondhand equipment, she founded the Fugees soccer team. But the team was never just about soccer. Mufleh also dedicated herself to her players' success off the field, overseeing their education and helping their families adjust to life in America. Her remarkable story was detailed in St. John's 2009 national bestseller, "Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference," which The Washington Post called "An uplifting tale celebrating the most old-fashioned virtues: hard work, self-discipline, regard for others."

This fall, incoming Austin Peay State University freshmen collectively read St. John's book as part of the University's

annual Peay Read, and on Oct. 9, Mufleh visited the APSU Dunn Center to share more of her story as the event's keynote speaker.

The Peay Read is designed to provide a unifying experience and contribute to the academic experiences for freshmen students. However, the reading program also offers opportunities for the entire campus community.

Mufleh's story has been featured in Sports Illustrated, the New York Times and in a documentary by Tom Brokaw. She is currently working to develop Fugees

Academy – a college preparatory high school for refugee boys and girls. She is also a social entrepreneur, creating several businesses to employ refugees and immigrants.

Leading up to Mufleh's visit, APSU freshmen engaged in book talks during their APSU 1000 First-Year Experience classes, composed essays and developed creative interpretations of the work.

For more details about this year's book reading selection or The Peay Read, visit [www.apsu.edu/read](http://www.apsu.edu/read)



## APSU VETSUCCESS ON CAMPUS



Last fall, Tim Schoonover arrived at APSU as the vocational rehabilitation counselor for the University's new VetSuccess On Campus program. Schoonover is now on campus full time, thanks to a partnership between the Department of Veterans Affairs and APSU, to address the needs of veterans and military and family members, and to assist them in achieving their educational and employment goals.

VetSuccess on Campus at APSU is a comprehensive program offering adjustment counseling, support services,

care counseling, peer-to-peer mentoring and tutoring, employment assistance and guidance on the full range of VA benefits and health services available. In a collaborative and cooperative effort, APSU and the VA work together to develop highly innovative and targeted transitional programs, services and activities for veterans, military and family members to assist them with their transition to college life and to maximize their opportunities for success.



# RAGS to RICHES

*New Governors Stadium Opens to Community*

Story by  
Charles Booth, assistant editor  
Photos by Taylor Slifko



In the early autumn of 1964, it was hard to find anyone excited about the upcoming Austin Peay State College football season. The previous year, the Governors had suffered through a humiliating 1-9 season, and an Ohio Valley Conference Coaches Poll predicted the team would again come in last place. So it was a bit of a surprise

that fall when the team easily defeated Eastern Kentucky 26-0 in its first game of the season. The next week, a few skeptical fans watched the local team beat rival Murray State, and then a nearly full stadium cheered on the Gobs during a blowout victory over Carson-Newman. By the end of the season, more than 60,000



people had come to watch the team play.

“We ended up going 8-1-1 that year,” Carlton Flatt, quarterback and a defensive back for the '64 team, said. “I remember we beat Tennessee Tech handily. We did not lose at home that year.”

The 1964 squad, which achieved the best record in the program’s 35-year history at Austin Peay, came to be known as the “Rags-to-Riches” football team.

This year, on the 50th anniversary of that remarkable season, a similar reversal is taking shape in the University’s Athletics Department. This time, the rags-to-riches tale is focused on Governors Stadium, which went from being the worst facility in the OVC in 2013 to one of the best for the 2014 season.

“I have a lot of fond memories at the stadium, but back then, in terms of

dressings rooms, it wasn’t the top of the line,” Flatt said. “But today, more so than when I came along, I think facilities are really important. And a lot of the schools have some nice facilities, so if you aren’t able to hang in there, it’s hard to recruit.”

The new Governors Stadium officially opened to the public on Sept. 13, with an eager crowd attending the first Austin Peay home football game of the 2014 season.

## THE OLD STADIUM

The old Governors Stadium, a plain concrete facility lacking any architectural significance, once served the utilitarian purpose of providing an athletic field for the University and the area's high school teams. But the building didn't reflect the long history of football on the APSU campus, dating back to the late 1880s when a group of Southwestern Presbyterian University students hustled across a grassy field, tossing and kicking a round, leather ball.

The old facility, built in 1946 by the City of Clarksville, also didn't pay tribute to the generations of loyal fans who have long supported their home team. In the 1930s, when Austin Peay Normal School first started a football program, students and local citizens worked themselves into a frenzy over the sport. According to *The All State*, the University's student newspaper, "a bonfire celebrating a 1931 victory partially consumed the southwest stands" at Murtland Field, across from the old Clarksville High School on Greenwood Avenue.

The team moved to Municipal Stadium, at its current location, in 1946. In the decades that followed, the facility underwent several improvements and renovations, and it was purchased by the University in 1993 and renamed Governors Stadium. But by 2013, it had

become a weary, worn-down version of the stadium first erected 67 years earlier. Several visitors to campus quickly noted the building's decline.

## AN EYESORE

In the spring of 2011, a couple of Memphis high school students stopped by APSU to check out the campus. The two seniors came to see if they might want to attend their father's alma mater, and their visit that day started out as a pleasant enough experience. Construction on the new Castle Heights residence hall was coming along nicely, and everyone they met seemed friendly. But then the two young women asked to see the University's football stadium.

"They looked at it and said they didn't wish to attend Austin Peay," Roy Gregory, director of advancement at APSU, said. "They said their high school stadium looked better."

The aging stadium, with its chipping white paint and crumbling concrete walls, had become an eyesore. The structure overshadowed the University's recent improvements, such as the new academic buildings and residence halls going up around campus.

In 2013, when Derek van der Merwe arrived from Michigan as the University's new athletics director, he also took note of the facility.

"A lot of buildings on campus reflect

excellence; a lot of new residence halls and academic buildings reflect the trajectory of the University," he said. "Everything has been a big climb, and I think the thing that when I first drove around the campus, the outlier was the football stadium. I said everything on this campus just reflected excellence. That's the one thing that isn't in line, wasn't congruent with the commitment of the University."

Former APSU President Tim Hall had similar feelings, which is why he spent the last few years securing money through fundraising and budgeting to make the new stadium become a reality. For Hall, the facility was more than just a football stadium – it was a way of improving student success on campus.

"We cannot progress in our recruitment and retention efforts, especially in football, without improving the stadium," Hall said. "What we know is this: if we can engage students by encouraging them to participate in an activity beyond the classroom, we see a direct correlation to their progression. Participation, be it as a student or student-athlete, equates to better retention rates and has a significant impact on student success. The athleticism on the field, the spirit of the band and the chants of the cheerleaders are an incredibly important aspect of the academic experience that students seek."





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### RAGS TO RICHES

On a hot afternoon in June, van der Merwe put on a hardhat and orange vest and walked through the unfinished facility. Sparks from a welding torch rained down around him as he headed up the stairs. He emerged into a long, open room that would become the 8,000-square-foot Club Level. The finished space now offers catered meals to Governors Club members on game days, and it opens to a commanding view of the field.

“You want people to see and experience an institution that has a broad-based commitment to excellence, and I think that’s what you see in this facility,” he said. “It reflects a vision for where the University is going and what it’s becoming.”

The new Governors Stadium, designed by Rufus Johnson and Associates, is now more emblematic of APSU’s status as a thriving, nationally recognized university. The \$19 million facility, with its brick and synthetic stucco façade, is also in harmony with the architectural style of the campus. After demolishing the west side of the old stadium in November 2013, crews with Bell Construction erected a facility for the 21st century football fan while retaining the rich history of the school’s football program. The structure surrounds the same field where the ’64 team beat Tennessee Tech

29-0 at Homecoming, but now fans have different options for watching the games.

In addition to the student section, general admission and the Club Level, the new stadium features 13 skyboxes, each equipped with a bar, a glass window at the front of the viewing room, a push button to control a public address speaker and a flat screen television. All 13 boxes were sold within a few weeks.

“The entertainment space at the suite and club levels gives us the opportunity on big recruiting weekends to bring people into a really neat environment and experience campus from a different perspective,” van der Merwe said. “The club area will host a lot of events and receptions. It will be a location where people can congregate and talk about the campus community and offer great sight lines of the campus community.”

### THE EXPERIENCE

In June, APSU starting punter Ben Campbell kept pulling up the University’s website on his computer to watch a webcam broadcasting updated images of the stadium’s construction. He was in Washington, D.C., interning for U.S. Rep. Phil Roe (’67), but his thoughts kept turning to this fall, when he’d finally get to run onto the field in that new stadium.

“Congressman Roe, almost every day he’s asking me about the stadium,”

Campbell said in June. “But I love to talk about it because it’s so exciting. I’m really excited to play my last season there.”

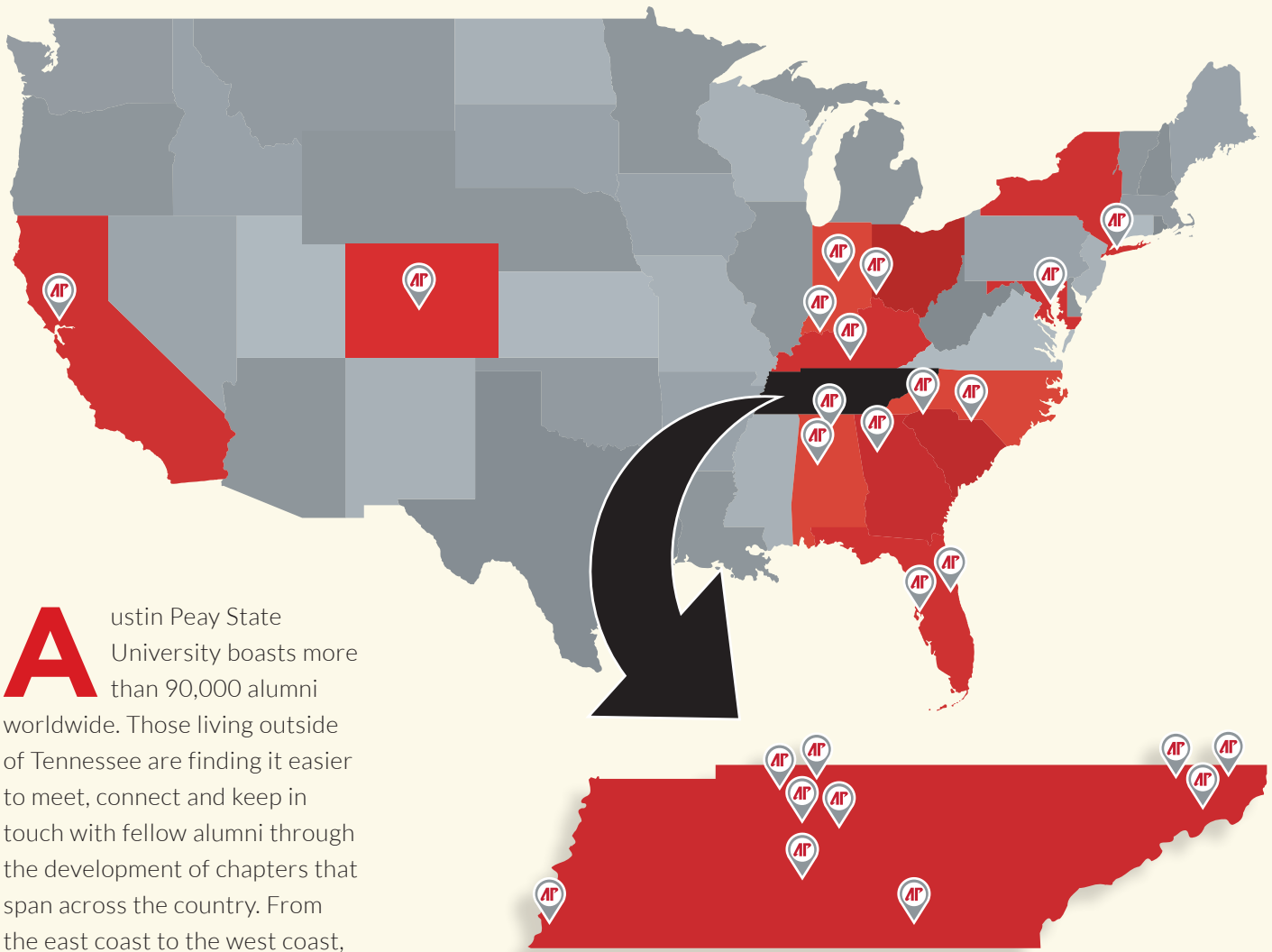
Campbell’s excitement isn’t just about the new stadium. The atmosphere around campus these days is similar to that fall in 1964, when a new energy surrounded the football program. People are talking about the changes taking place at the University, with a new president, Dr. Alisa White, attending the games and a new competitive-looking mascot exciting the fans within this community.

The renovated Governors Stadium is building upon this energy, but it’s also only a building. For van der Merwe, there must also be excitement in the game day experience.

“Anymore, sporting events are not just about what’s happening on the field,” he said. “It’s about the entertainment value of the experience and the community interaction and socialization of that. We want to provide that opportunity for our fans. It’s going to help you connect with your community.”

At 4 p.m. on Nov. 8, the APSU Gobs will play Tennessee State University as part of the University’s Homecoming celebration. It will be a great time to reconnect with the school, honoring the successes of the past while experiencing the excitement of a University moving into the future. **AP**

## ALUMNI CHAPTERS SPREADING ACROSS THE COUNTRY



**A**ustin Peay State University boasts more than 90,000 alumni worldwide. Those living outside of Tennessee are finding it easier to meet, connect and keep in touch with fellow alumni through the development of chapters that span across the country. From the east coast to the west coast, the Alumni Association is made up of over 35 geographic and specialty chapters. Twelve new alumni chapters have been established since the year 2010, and we are looking to expand into more areas.

Since January 2014, representatives from the offices of Alumni, University Advancement and the President have visited 19 cities in seven states. Types of events held throughout the year include alumni receptions and

*The graphics above illustrate the APSU alumni geographic chapters across the United States.*

gatherings, pregame/sporting events and chapter-sponsored activities. Most recently, alumni gathered in Memphis for the APSU vs. Memphis football game and pregame tailgate.

There are no fees associated with membership in the National Alumni Association or specific alumni chapters. To find out if there is an alumni chapter in your area, or if

you'd like to start an alumni chapter, call the APSU Alumni Office at 931-221-7979.

For a complete look at our upcoming events schedule, visit [www.apsu.edu/alumni](http://www.apsu.edu/alumni). If you are interested in ways to become involved in the National Alumni Association, call 931-221-7979 or email [alumni@apsu.edu](mailto:alumni@apsu.edu)



## CAREER NETWORKING EVENT

The APSU Career Networking Event will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 25, 2015, in the ballroom of the Morgan University Center. This event is sponsored by the National Alumni Association, Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center and the APSU offices of New Student Programs, Career Services and Student Life and Engagement.

The Career Networking Event brings successful alumni back to campus to meet with students in one-on-one, small-group or roundtable discussions to share their experiences, offer practical advice and give students a realistic picture of their respective fields.

For more information, call the APSU Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or email [keanr@apsu.edu](mailto:keanr@apsu.edu)

APSU students connect with alumni at the 2014 Career Networking Event.



Taylor Slifko

## APSU ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP CARD

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 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 from the APSU 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, Customs House Museum, The Runner's Hub, The Alley and The Gilroy, just to name a few. For a complete list of supporters, visit [www.apsu.edu/alumni](http://www.apsu.edu/alumni)

For information on the APSU National Alumni Association or to sign up for your APSU alumni membership card, visit [www.apsu.edu/alumni](http://www.apsu.edu/alumni) or call the APSU Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979.

## 2014-15

## ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the most up-to-date alumni event information, visit [www.apsu.edu/alumni](http://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](http://www.apsu.edu/creativearts)  
For the most up-to-date athletic event information, visit [www.letsgopeay.com](http://www.letsgopeay.com)

**Nov. 1**  
**Homecoming Scholarship 5K Run**  
Kick-off to Homecoming Week!  
For more information, call 931-221-1279.

**Nov. 2**  
**Miss Austin Peay Scholarship Pageant**  
Music/Mass Communication Building  
For more information, call 931-221-7431.

**Nov. 7**  
**President's Emerging Leaders Program**  
**25th Reunion Dinner**  
Governors Stadium, Club Level

**Nov. 3-8**  
**HOME COMING 2014**  
For a complete listing of events, visit [www.apsu.edu/homecoming](http://www.apsu.edu/homecoming)

**Nov. 8**  
**Homecoming Game**  
APSU vs. TSU, 4 p.m. Kickoff  
For ticket information, call 931-221-7761.

**Dec. 6**  
**Music Department Holiday Dinner**  
7 p.m., Morgan University Center Ballroom  
For more information, contact the Music Department at 931-221-7818.

**January TBA**  
**Florida Alumni Receptions**  
For more information, call 931-221-7979.

**February TBA**  
**Texas Alumni Receptions**  
For more information, call 931-221-7979.

**Feb. 25**  
**APSU Career Networking Event**  
To RSVP or for more information, call 931-221-1277 or email [keanr@apsu.edu](mailto:keanr@apsu.edu)

**March TBA**  
**Virginia/Washington, D.C., Alumni Receptions**  
For more information, call 931-221-7979.

**March 14**  
**31st Annual Candlelight Ball**  
Hilton Downtown Nashville  
For more information, call 931-221-7979.



# Homecoming CALENDAR OF EVENTS



A detailed schedule  
is available at  
[www.apsu.edu/  
homecoming](http://www.apsu.edu/homecoming)



## SATURDAY, NOV. 1 Scholarship 5K Run

Kickoff to Homecoming Week!  
9 a.m., Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill, 751 N. Second St.  
5K Run registration \$30 advance, \$35 day of race; APSU student with valid I.D. \$15 advance, \$20 day of race. Military with valid I.D. preregistration \$25, race day \$30. Open to the public, all ages. Fee includes T-shirt, goodie bag and refreshments. Sponsored by APSU National Alumni Association. Contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

## MONDAY, NOV. 3 Homecoming StepSync

5 p.m., Foy Center. Free; open to the public. Student organizations present a step show or lip sync based on GOV Strong Homecoming theme. Contact Student Life and Engagement, 931-221-7431.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 4

**APSU Apollo (Student Talent Show)**  
7 p.m., Foy Center. Free; open to the public. Sponsored by Gobs Programming Council. Students amaze audience with their talent. Contact Student Life and Engagement, 931-221-7431.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5 APSU Gobs Basketball vs. Bryan College (exh.)

7 p.m., Dunn Center. For more

information, call 931-221-PEAY or visit [www.LetsGoPeay.com](http://www.LetsGoPeay.com)

## THURSDAY, NOV. 6 Student Concert

Valid APSU I.D. required.  
7 p.m., Foy Center. Nationally known artist performs for APSU students.

## Military Alumni Chapter Dinner and Scholarship Endowment

6-8 p.m., Morgan University Center Ballroom. \$25 per person/ \$40 per couple. Open to all. Portion of proceeds benefit Military Scholarship Endowment. For information on membership in the APSU Military Alumni Chapter, contact Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or email [leszczakto@apsu.edu](mailto:leszczakto@apsu.edu)

## City Lights Homecoming Concert

7-11 p.m., The Gilroy parking lot, corner of University and Main streets. No cover charge. Open to the public. Gates open at 6 p.m. Sponsored by Coors Light, Sam Adams and The Gilroy. Beverages for sale. Randy Huth ('01), chair.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 7 36th Annual Homecoming Golf Tournament

10 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.

## Soul Fest

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Browning Drive in front of Morgan University Center. Free; open to the public. Teams of Greek and non-Greek, students and alumni compete in a stroll-off competition. Sponsored by African-American Alumni Chapter and WNDAACC. For information or to sign

up, contact Jasmine Jones at [jonesj@apsu.edu](mailto:jonesj@apsu.edu) or 931-221-7210.

## 48th Annual Alumni-Varsity Golf Match

12:30 p.m. shotgun start; Clarksville Country Club. Men's varsity golf alumni compete against the current men's golf team. Includes lunch at 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 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 and Student Homecoming Mixer

2-4 p.m., Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center, Clement 120. Free; open to all alumni and current students. Food will be catered by Monell's of Nashville. Contact Henderson Hill at [hillh@apsu.edu](mailto:hillh@apsu.edu) or Tammy Sanchez at [sanchezt@apsu.edu](mailto:sanchezt@apsu.edu) or 931-221-7120, for more information.

## Fight Song Competition

5 p.m., Foy Center. Free; open to the public. Student organizations perform traditional "Smash Bang" fight song and an altered rendition based on GOV Strong Homecoming theme. Contact Student Life and Engagement, 931-221-7431.

## School of Nursing Alumni and Friends Reception

5-7 p.m., McCord Building lobby. Free event with reception, tour of the Nursing Department and demonstration of simulation mannequins. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Nursing Alumni Chapter and Nursing Department. For more information, e-mail Linda Darnell at [darnell@apsu.edu](mailto:darnell@apsu.edu)

## Study Abroad Alumni and Student Reception

4-6 p.m., Harned Hall Gallery. Free. Connect with study-abroad scholars, faculty coordinators and current students. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Office of International Education and the Department of Languages and Literature. RSVP at [internationalead@apsu.edu](mailto:internationalead@apsu.edu) or call 931-221-6851.

## Governors' Own Alumni Band Rehearsal and Cookout

5:30-8 p.m., Governors Stadium. All former Governors' Own Band members welcome. Rehearsals at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., alumni and current band members gather for cookout in the MMC building choir room. Free for band alumni. For information or to RSVP no later than Oct. 30, email Vanessa Cobb at [vcobb1@my.apsu.edu](mailto:vcobb1@my.apsu.edu)

## 50-Year Reunion Dinner (Class of 1964)

5:30-7:30 p.m., Morgan University Center, room 305. Join us to celebrate the Class of 1964. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or email [keanr@apsu.edu](mailto:keanr@apsu.edu)

## President's Emerging Leaders Program Reception

6:30 p.m. cocktail hour, 7:30 p.m. dinner. Governors Stadium, Club Level. \$50 per person. For information, contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586 or email [leszczakto@apsu.edu](mailto:leszczakto@apsu.edu)

## African-American Alumni Mixer

8-11 p.m., Riverview Inn, 50 College St. Free. Light refreshments, cash bar. Sponsored by the African-American Alumni Chapter. For more information,



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contact the Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

**Block Party @ the Pea Patch**  
9 p.m. - midnight, Pea Patch, 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, NOV. 8**  
**Governors Football Alumni Breakfast**  
8-9:30 a.m., Governors Stadium, Club Level. 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.

**Greek Alumni – Parade "Watch Party"**  
9:30 a.m., Clement lawn, off College St., Greek Tent. Free. Join current APSU Greeks and reconnect with your fraternity brothers and sorority sisters during the Homecoming Parade. For more information, contact Victor Felts, Greek Alumni Chapter President, at 931-221-7431 or feltsv@apsu.edu

**College of Science and Mathematics Alumni Reception**  
9:30-11:30 a.m., Maynard Mathematics and Computer Science Building, Ken and Amy Landrum Courtyard. Reunite with alumni, faculty and staff of the college for Homecoming and parade. For more information, contact Tami Fraley at fraleyt@apsu.edu or 931-221-7971.

**Homecoming/Veterans Day Parade**  
10 a.m., APSU campus/downtown route. Free; open to the public. Gather to celebrate Homecoming 2014. Tailgate

alley opens at 2 p.m. Contact Athletics to reserve a spot, 931-221-7904. Contact Student Life and Engagement for parade details and information, 931-221-7431.

**Education Alumni – Parade "Watch Party"**  
9:30 a.m., Clement lawn. Join the Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education in celebrating its 60th year during the Homecoming Parade. Free event with refreshments and tours of the College. For more information, contact Tammy Cunningham, University Advancement, at 931-221-7130 or CunninghamTL@apsu.edu

**Alumni Awards Lunch**  
1 p.m., Morgan University Center Ballroom. \$25 per person. Open to the public. Meet and mingle with alumni and friends as we honor this year's outstanding alumni award recipients. Advance reservations required by Wednesday, Nov. 5. Contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

**Governors' Own Alumni Band, Rehearsal and Social**  
11 a.m., MMC Building, choir room. All former Governors' Own Band members meet for final rehearsals, followed by the parade, tailgate alley and game performances. Free event for band alumni. For more information, email Vanessa Cobb at vcobb1@my.apsu.edu

**Alumni Hospitality Tent**  
2-4 p.m., Tailgate alley. Alumni chapters represented at the alumni tent are listed. Meet and mingle, 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.

- **Governors' Own Alumni Band Chapter**  
Vanessa Cobb ('10), president
- **Hispanic Alumni Chapter**  
Rosa Ponce ('03), president.
- **Nursing Alumni Chapter**  
Linda Damell ('88), president.
- **African-American Alumni Chapter**  
Makeba Webb ('00), president
- **Montgomery County Alumni Chapter**  
Kevin Fee ('09), president
- **Lady Govs Softball Alumni Chapter**  
Jessica Ryan ('11', '13), president
- **Lady Govs Soccer Alumni Chapter**  
Sarah Broadbent ('06), president
- **APSU Pom Squad Alumni Chapter**  
Nicole Aquino Williamson ('04), president
- **Education Alumni Chapter**  
Tammy Cunningham ('86), contact

**Homecoming Game – APSU vs. TSU**  
4 p.m., Governors Stadium. Open to the public. Presentation of 2014 Homecoming King, Queen and court at halftime. For admission prices, contact Athletics Ticket Office, 931-221-7761.

**Homecoming Step Show**  
7:30 p.m., Red Barn, Memorial Health Gym. \$10 APSU students with I.D.; Others \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Contact Fraternity and Sorority Affairs at 931-221-6570 or www.apsugreeks.com for more information.

## STAYING OVERNIGHT?

Enjoy the Homecoming/Alumni discount rate at the following hotels:

**RIVERVIEW INN**  
50 College St.  
\$80 (plus tax) per night  
931-552-3331

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290 Alfred Thun Rd.  
\$110 (plus tax) per night  
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Beth Liggett

A NEW  
ADVENTURE



# ALISA WHITE

## BECOMES 10TH APSU PRESIDENT

Story by Charles Booth, assistant editor

On an overcast morning in the late 1980s, Dr. Alisa White arrived in Chitina, Alaska, to try her hand at dipnet fishing. The nearby Copper River's opaque, gray water, loaded with glacial silt, looked thick like wet cement, and someone told her if she fell in, they'd never find her body. The truth is several bodies have been recovered from that river over the years, which is why fishermen now tie themselves to rocks or trees. Once they're properly secured, they lean out over the treacherous river and try to catch salmon by dipping a large net into the water.

"No matter where you are it's dangerous," Mark Hem, a dipnetting charter operator, told the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner in 2011. The previous day, two of his clients had died while fishing in the Copper River.

"Anytime you're standing next to a river averaging 12 or 13 mph that's full of glacial silt, and the water temperature is 42 or 43 degrees, that's a recipe for disaster."

White, a woman of average height with short blond hair, stood on a rocky ledge that day next to the rushing water, scooping king salmon into her net. At the time, she was an assistant professor of journalism and broadcasting at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, but her propensity for adventure pushed her to move quickly through the academic ranks at schools across the country to become, earlier this year, Austin Peay State University's 10th president.

White's visit to the Copper River that day was no fluke; she is an adventurer and an avid fisherman. Over the years, she has visited all 50 states, braved arctic winters and fished in some of the more picturesque locations in the country. Her father is a minister who also taught her how to catch and clean fish at an early age. His job took him to churches around the country, moving the family every few years from Montana to Arizona to West Virginia, and wherever they landed, the family quickly unpacked their belongings and set out to explore their new community.

"We always fished with my dad and grandmother when I was little," White said recently from her office in APSU's Browning Building. "We used to fish for brim, or perch as they call it in some places. My grandparents lived on a ranch in Texas with a couple of ponds, and I would go there on vacation and fish crappie, bass and catfish. At Christmas time, we used to have family fishing tournaments."

*"When I got into my Ph.D. program, it was the most intellectually stimulating experience I ever had. I would take a class at night, finish at 9:30, and it would take me the entire hour and a half to make it back to Cleveland. But I was so curious and so challenged by the field, that my adrenaline would be pumping when I left."*

*—Alisa White*

When White was 15, the family moved to Cleveland, Tenn., where she finished high school and then enrolled at nearby Lee College. She took a break from fishing to major in business, thinking she wanted to get a job near her extended family in Texas.

"A lot of my family – my aunt and uncle and great aunt – worked for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company," White said, "and I wanted to be a manager for Southwestern Bell."

After earning her bachelor's degree, she moved to Birmingham and Atlanta, trying to find the right position, and moved to Dallas to sell ads for Southwestern Bell. By the mid-1980s, she decided to try a new adventure – graduate school.



While White was pursuing her master's degree in library and information science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, she worked in the Squires Library in Cleveland and in her family's radio station. The hour and a half commute didn't bother her because she enjoyed both academia and her job at the station. She was so captivated by the two fields that after graduating, she applied to the doctoral program in mass communications at UTK.

"My Ph.D. program was the most intellectually stimulating experience I ever had," she said. "I would take a class at night, finish at 9:30, and it would take me the entire hour and a half to settle down on my way back to Cleveland. But I was so curious and so challenged by the field that my adrenaline would be pumping when I left."

While still pursuing her doctorate, White took an instructor position at her alma mater, Lee College. That experience helped her figure out what to do next.

"I loved it so much, I knew I wanted to finish my degree and get a tenure-track job," she said.



In 1987, White's father took her and her brother on a fishing trip to Alaska. In Seward, she caught a 64-pound halibut, and a few days later, the family stood along the banks of a river trying to catch salmon.

"When we went fishing, I was so taken by the beauty of Alaska that I called the University of Alaska at Anchorage to see if they had a job opening," she said. "They did not."

White returned to Tennessee and later heard about an opening at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. In 1988, she moved to the remote state for her first tenure-track job. That's where she went dip net fishing – a sport only legal for Alaska residents – and hiked through mounds of snow to teach class every day.

"The weather didn't bother me that much. It was an adventure," she said. "It was cold, but it was also dark, and I did not like the darkness."

In Alaska, she learned that when the temperature drops below -20 degrees Fahrenheit, a car's tires flatten on the bottom. At colder temperatures, the air may go out of the tires completely. She also discovered that if she wanted her truck to start in the morning, she had to keep it plugged in overnight to an engine block and oil pan heater.

"I thought life should not be this hard," she said, referring



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- 1 | *President Alisa White tours the new Governors Stadium with APSU Athletics Director Derek van der Merwe.*
- 2 | *White congratulates graduates at her first APSU commencement ceremony.*
- 3 | *Don Sudbink, chair of the APSU Department of Agriculture, shows White around the APSU Farm.*
- 4 | *White speaks at her first convocation with the faculty and staff.*

to a particularly rough day of flat tires, low gas and lost keys.

White decided to leave Alaska, and she went on to have a successful academic career at institutions such as Louisiana State University in Shreveport, University of West Georgia, University of Texas at Arlington and Midwestern State University. In that time, she worked as an assistant and associate professor, a department chair, graduate adviser and a dean. By 2014, she was living happily in Texas, serving as provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Texas at Tyler, and waiting for a new adventure to present itself.



On Jan. 2, 2014, former APSU President Tim Hall announced he was leaving the University to lead Mercy College in New York. The Tennessee Board of Regents quickly initiated a national search that resulted in 79 highly-qualified applicants from around the country. White was one of the few contacted about the position, but she wasn't sure if this was the right adventure for her.

"I knew that I wanted to be a president, but the timing was really critical," she said. "I loved being a provost at UT Tyler. It's just a great culture there. So it was critical to me that I not just leave to be a president somewhere. If I made a decision to leave a great environment, I wanted it to be to a great environment."

Dr. Rodney Mabry, UT Tyler president, believed White was a gifted leader who would find a similar atmosphere at APSU, so he nominated her for the position. That spring, the search committee invited her to visit Austin Peay.

"When I visited campus and learned more about Austin Peay, it was really clear that this was the same kind of culture that UT Tyler had," White said. "The people I met here were really warm. They're not just nice and gracious and warm, but they also demonstrate such pride in Austin Peay. I could bottle that. There's something about their engagement, their loyalty, their investment that really made it the kind of university I wanted to join."

On June 2, the Tennessee Board of Regents named White as APSU's 10th president. TBR Chancellor John Morgan believed she was the perfect candidate for this University.

"Dr. White is the right fit for Austin Peay, and she will be an excellent leader for this progressive university," he said. "She is committed to the student success efforts that have already demonstrated a positive impact at Austin Peay. The breadth and depth of her teaching, administrative and management experiences allow her to bring a unique and enthusiastic perspective to the leadership role."



White arrived at APSU on June 30, bringing with her the enthusiasm of an adventurer and the calm, patient demeanor of a seasoned fisherman. This dynamic personality was evident one afternoon when a new student unexpectedly walked into her office. The student simply wanted to meet the new president.

"We're very happy you are here," White said. "This is a good place, and you will find a great community."

When the young visitor, a nontraditional student, expressed concern about being older than her classmates, White nodded. "Although you may be older, still jump into campus activities," she said. "That will make it a better experience for you."

The encounter seemed to please White. Talking with the student reminded her how fortunate she is to be here in her new position as president. She is learning about Austin Peay's history, noting what works well and what can be improved upon, while looking to expand the University's presence within the community.

"This is a beautiful, beautiful area of town, and when you think of campus, and the downtown and the river all right there, I see great opportunity," she said.

When White mentioned the Cumberland River, she glanced toward her window, as if hoping to see the waterway beyond the campus' front lawn. She has already read up on the area's rivers and lakes, and when her husband, Elliott Herzlich, joins her from Texas later this year, the couple might just buy a boat. **AP**

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*—Alisa White*





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## OUTSTANDING SERVICE



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### Don Jenkins

Don Jenkins didn't attend APSU, but that hasn't stopped him from supporting the local university. In addition to finding him at APSU basketball games, he has served as past president of the APSU Foundation, co-chair of the APSU "Changing Minds, Changing Lives" Capital Campaign and a member of the APSU Presidential Circle of Advisers.

Jenkins attended Clarksville High School, and he later earned his Bachelor of Arts at Rhodes College in Memphis. He returned to Clarksville

to work in a family business that, under his leadership, would become Jenkins & Wynn Ford-Lincoln-Honda – one of the top automobile dealerships in the nation. He is also co-owner with Clay Smith of Pennyryle Ford in Hopkinsville, Ky., and Purchase Ford in Mayfield, Ky.

For six years, Jenkins served as Region 7 Commissioner for the Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission. He is an organizer and director of Cumberland Bank, vice chairman of the bank's executive committee, 2013-14 chairman of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Industrial Board, 2014-15 chairman of the Economic Development Council, co-chair for two building campaigns at First Baptist Church and two-time chairman for Military Affairs at the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce.

Jenkins is often recognized for his business and philanthropic work, being named Tennessee's Time Dealer of the Year in 2010, 13-time winner of the American Cancer Society's "Best of Clarksville" award, six-time winner of the Honda President's Award and 10-time winner of Ford's President's Award. He was also presented with the 2013 Lincoln President's Award and the Ben Park Award.



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### Len Rye

Len Rye attended APSU for only one year, but he has remained a lifelong fan of the University where he attended ball games with his father. He currently serves on the University's Governors Club.

Rye graduated from Clarksville High School in 1974 and headed to APSU that fall. He left school to

start working in construction, obtaining his contractor's license in 1986. He is currently a residential contractor, specializing in custom homes.

In addition to being a successful businessman, Rye has more than 35 years of volunteer work. He has served on the Montgomery County Rescue Squad and Dive Team and the East Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department. He worked as a coach and president of Clarksville National Little League, and he was the Habitat for Humanity recipient of the Dr. Ed Atkinson Volunteer of the Year award in 2000.

Rye has been a lifelong member of Madison Street United Methodist Church, where he currently serves on the Board of Trustees. He has been married to Melessa Rye since 1978, and has two sons, Leonard and Michael, who both graduated from APSU. He is also a grandfather of two, Emma and Henry.

## OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA



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### Angelica Suffren ('99)

Angelica Suffren made it to the NCAA basketball tournament as a member of the APSU Lady Gobs, and you can still see her at some of the more high-profile college basketball games in the country. That's because Suffren is now a basketball official, making sure SEC, ACC, Atlantic 10 and other conference teams follow the rules of the court.

Nicknamed "Jelly" by her Lady Gobs teammates, Suffren played women's basketball all four years while she was at APSU on a full scholarship. She was a member of the 1995-96 OVC championship team and earned All OVC honorable mention as a junior and senior.

Suffren got her start officiating in Indiana with the Cherokee High School Association. In 2003, she was an official for a celebrity all-star game held in conjunction with the NBA's All-Star Weekend. In 2005, she was named a NBA D-League referee, as well as a FIBA/USA Basketball official. She joined the WNBA in 2006, officiating professional games until 2013. She is currently a basketball official for several major college conferences.

She is a member of the National Association of Sports Officials, and she has officiated important collegiate games during the NCAA tournament and the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

## OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



### Dr. Jaime Taylor ('90)

Dr. Jaime Taylor, interim provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at APSU, has worn many hats during his time at Austin Peay. He started in the late 1980s as a gifted physics and mathematics student, and after earning a Master of Science and a Ph.D. in Engineering Science from the University of Tennessee Space Institute, he returned to his alma mater as an assistant professor of physics.

In his first years as a faculty member at APSU, following two summers as a NASA Faculty Fellow at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama, Taylor spearheaded the move to a new "applied" physics major in that department. As an associate professor, he developed two new courses, computational methods and theoretical methods, which became the core of the APSU physics program. He also developed a dual degree program in physics and engineering with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

After a research sabbatical to the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Redstone Arsenal and another NASA Faculty Fellowship, Taylor was named a full professor and chair of the APSU Department of Physics. In that role, he helped secure funding for APSU's first Governor's School.

In 2008, Taylor was named Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. Under his leadership, the University produced its first four Barry Goldwater Scholars.



### Dr. Warren Chaney ('64)

Dr. Warren H. Chaney is an American author, filmmaker, behavioral scientist, business executive and a pioneer in early television. In a career spanning five decades, Chaney wrote 21 books, 15 screenplays and more than 260 professional and nonprofessional magazine and journal articles. He wrote nine songs used in feature films and eight for theatrical productions. Chaney produced 11 motion pictures,

wrote 15 and directed nine. He wrote, produced and directed two miniseries and 150 episodes of television.

Chaney is probably best known for his films "America: A Call to Greatness," starring Charlton Heston; "Behind the Mask," starring Roy Alan Wilson and Deborah Winters; "Aloha Summer," starring Chris Makepeace and Tia Carrere, and the '60s television series, "Magic Mansion."

During a lengthy business and academic career, Chaney established the first University Health Services Administration program for the state of Texas, served on multiple boards of directors and advisory boards of public companies, including the Mind Technologies Institute and Profit Financial Corporation. He has held major executive positions with such national companies as Frito Lay Inc., The Western Company of North America and World Trade Enterprises Inc.

He earned his Ph.D. in Behavioral Science from the University of North Texas and his MBA from St. Mary's University.

## OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS



### Shawn Kelley ('06)

Shawn Kelley's reputation as a pitching legend was forged on June 1, 2007 when he hooked up with Vanderbilt All-American and future Cy Young Award winner David Price in an epic College World Series Regional contest.

He opened OVC tournament play by throwing a complete-game 5-1 victory against Samford. He paced a pitching staff that allowed just four runs and one walk in three tournament contests. The Governors then were assigned to the NCAA Regional in Nashville—Kelley's second NCAA tournament appearance in three seasons.

It was in Nashville where Kelley not only earned his reputation as an APSU pitching legend but soared up the major league draft charts as well. Going against Vanderbilt's Price, the country's No. 1 pitching prospect and the No. 1 pick in the Major League Baseball Draft, Kelley pitched 10 innings, allowing just one run on five hits. He left with the game tied 1-1, and even though the Gobs lost in the 11th inning, it was the jump-off point of Governors baseball to its most recent NCAA tournament baseball successes.

Kelley is one of two athletes to leave APSU with four championship rings. He was a 13th-round selection in the Major League Baseball Draft by the Seattle Mariners. In 2013, he was traded to the Yankees.

## APSU RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING FACULTY AT ANNUAL AWARDS

On April 15, APSU recognized several outstanding faculty members during the annual Academic Honors and Awards Ceremony in the Mabry Concert Hall. During an emotional presentation, the University's top faculty honor, the APSU National Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award, was presented posthumously to **John Moseley ('94, '96)**, associate professor of communication. Moseley died on Feb. 9, after an 18-year career as an active faculty member at APSU. He played an integral role in establishing many of the broadcast efforts at APSU, including the establishment of GovTV Channel 99 and live broadcasts for APSU commencements and sporting events. He was also instrumental in establishing APSU's sports broadcasting program.

The University presented three tenure-track faculty members with the Socrates Award, which recognizes those instructors and professors who are known around campus for their ability to inspire and motivate students. This year's recipients were **Dr. John Nicholson**, associate professor of computer science and information technology; **Dr. Tim Leszczak**, associate professor of health and human performance; and **Dr. Osvaldo Di Paolo ('06)**, associate professor of Spanish.



Dr. Carrie Brennan (top) and John Moseley



From left, Dr. Tim Leszczak, Dr. Osvaldo Di Paolo and Dr. John Nicholson

The University's Richard M. Hawkins Award, presented each spring to a faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional scholarly and creative behavior, also went to **Di Paolo**. He was named by the Argentinean press as one of the top 10 literary critics of contemporary hardboiled fiction.

The Distinguished Community Service Award, which recognizes a full-time teaching member or departmental chair whose service has enhanced or will enhance the quality of life in the

Clarksville-Montgomery County area, went to **Dr. Carrie Brennan**, associate professor of chemistry, for her work as a volunteer Hazardous Materials Technician with the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency and her participation in science outreach activities throughout this area and in Nashville.

## PROFESSOR'S NEW BOOK EXAMINES HEALTHCARE LAW

A few years ago, students in **Dr. Chinyere Ogbonna-McGruder's** administrative law class kept asking her questions about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare." The APSU associate professor of public management and criminal justice saw the situation as an ideal teaching opportunity.

"That's all they wanted to talk about. What is it? Is it socialized medicine?" Ogbonna-McGruder said. "So I told them to go research it themselves."

During the next class period, the students reported back that the bill was too large and confusing, and the only information they could find was politically biased.

"I thought about it, and I thought, 'You know what, I could do something toward that angle,'" Ogbonna-McGruder said.

In the summer of 2012, she began reading through the bill and taking notes for a new project. Then in November 2013, after several late nights of writing and editing, the University Press of America published her book, "A Different Perspective on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act."

"This book is a well-written, concise yet comprehensive update on changes within the healthcare system in America," Dr. Thomas Nicholson, professor of Public Health at Western Kentucky University, wrote in a review of the book.



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## RAY NAMED VISITING SCHOLAR TO THE EISENBERG INSTITUTE



**Dr. Kristofer Ray**, associate professor of history, was named a visiting scholar to the University of Michigan's

Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies. He spent the summer at the Institute, working on his next book titled "Cherokees, Europeans and Empire in the Tennessee Corridor, 1670-1763."

The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies aims to stimulate imaginative new scholarship and innovative teaching, contributing to the study of history nationally as well as transmitting new modes of historical understanding to successive generations of students. It is envisioned as a place where faculty, graduate students and visitors can draw on common scholarly ground to examine diverse approaches to the study and the teaching of history.

While at the University of Michigan, Ray also served as an Earhart Foundation Fellow at the university's William L. Clements Library.

## HEUSTON WINS AWARD FOR DOROTHY DIX DOCUMENTARY



In 2010, an APSU professor named Inga Filippo approached **Kathy Heuston**, associate professor of communication,

about producing a short video on the famed advice columnist and Clarksville native Dorothy Dix. The University's Felix G. Woodward Library houses the Dorothy Dix Collection, the most comprehensive collection available on the journalist, but after looking over the material, Heuston proposed something a little more ambitious – a short documentary on Dix.

During the next few years, she wrote a script, enlisted the aid of APSU student Joseph Mendes and traveled to New York City and New Orleans to film interviews and collect footage. Last July, "An American Journalist, Dorothy Dix" premiered on Nashville's NPT 2. Earlier this spring, Heuston learned that the film had received a prestigious Broadcast Education Association (BEA) Award of Excellence for short form documentary.

## STARNES WRITES BOOK ABOUT CITY OF CLARKSVILLE



"It's all about soul," **Dr. Becky Starnes**, professor of public management, said, referring to her recently

published book, "Challenges in City Management: A Case Study Approach."

"I believe that people often lose touch with their cities," she said. "We may grow complacent and take the cities we live in for granted. For example, we drive on our city roads almost every day. Yet, have we ever stopped to think about the history of that road? When was it built, why was it built, what's the story behind its name or how does it contribute to the quality of life in our community?"

"Challenges in City Management" is a compilation of case studies linking academic principles with practice.

The cases consist of real issues that confront Clarksville's city administrators, politicians and citizens. Topics include attempts to upgrade the city's charter and city policy regarding synthetic drugs.

## ESTES PARTNERS WITH FAMED TEXAS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

**Dr. L. Dwayne Estes**, associate professor of biology and principle investigator for the APSU Center of Excellence in Field Biology, was hired as a Biodiversity Explorer for the southeastern U.S. by the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT). That organization is now paying a portion of Estes' salary at APSU, allowing him to continue his work with the Center of Excellence for Field Biology, while also employing him as a botanical explorer and curator of the 400,000 plant specimens in the Vanderbilt Herbarium, which moved to BRIT in 1998. BRIT is also helping fund some of Estes' research.

BRIT, based in Fort Worth, Texas, is one of the world's leading botanical research institutions and has led botany projects in the Amazon, Polynesia, Hawaii and Mexico.



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Will McClatchey (left), vice president and director of research at BRIT, joins APSU interim provost Dr. Jaime Taylor (center) and Dr. Dwayne Estes (right), APSU associate professor of biology.

## ITEN DAZZLES WITH SHORT GAME AT NCAA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

**BY BRAD KIRTLEY**  
**Sports Information Director**

Jerry Haas high-stepped across the green and delivered a high five to Austin Peay golfer Marco Iten. The Wake Forest

seen a lot of great golf and golfers during his many years around the sport. He realized he watched something special during the NCAA championship, perhaps something he will watch again sometime in the

and an iron game he was unable to control. His work off the tee improved but his iron play continued to be a mystery. Still he was able to shoot 4-over 154, including an even-par 70 in the final round that saw the

Niederglatt, Switzerland native birdie his final college hole.

Iten dazzled Haas and others who watched with a brilliant short game. He saved several pars with precise sand-wedge play and rescued other stray iron shots with head-shaking chips from seemingly impossible lies. His green play was nearly flawless—he had just two three putts in 54 holes—knocking home multiple 15-to-20 foot putts with the flat stick.

“It obviously was good to see all those big names and schools,” Iten said. “But I think we all could have wished for a smoother way for this tournament to go—the delays, the in and out of the clubhouse, the early mornings... but when I look back it was a good experience, although I wish I could have played better.”

“I was close in the final round. But in saying that I kind of started out (the final round) where I left off (Round 2), hitting some weird shots with my irons—some bad misses that should have been in the middle of the green. But my scoring was good and then I picked up a couple of birdies. It was a try for a bid at a comeback.”

Although Iten was unable to reproduce the magic that saw him win a school-record four Spring medalist honors, that radar blip can't diminish his unprecedented Gobs run that saw him named to the Division I Ping All-Southeast Region team by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA).



*For a second straight season, Austin Peay had one of its golfers participate in the NCAA Golf Championship. Senior Marco Iten, who captured the NCAA Auburn Regional against an extremely formidable field, played in the championship at Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kan., in late May.*

coach just watched his own junior stand-out, Cy Stewart, chip in from behind the green for a birdie 4 on the par-5, 512-yard No. 7 hole at the NCAA Golf Championship at Prairie Dunes in Hutchinson, Kan.

As Haas slapped hands with Iten he blurted out: “He (Stewart) was channeling his inner Marco.”

Quite the compliment by a former PGA tour player, whose brother Jay has tallied 31 tour wins and is captain of the United States 2015 Presidents Cup team. In other words, as head coach of one of the nation's most storied golf programs, Jerry Haas has

future when the stakes are even higher.

Iten finished tied for 55th out of 165 golfers at the NCAA golf championship. After a nearly unprecedented spring in APSU's illustrious golf history, Iten was unable to find his “A” game at the NCAAs. Rain and lightning constantly interrupted play in the area previously battling drought conditions. As a result, Iten, known for his rhythm and routine, was unable to gain any real momentum.

In the first round, Iten was frustrated by inconsistent play off the tee that left him in the long grass on too many occasions

## JONES' LONG STRIDES TAKE HER TO NCAA TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

**BY COLBY WILSON**  
**Sports Information Coordinator**

In just her second season at Austin Peay, Breigh Jones already stands as one of the greatest sprinters in Austin Peay history.

A quick rundown of the highlights: Two trips to the NCAA East Preliminaries, where she's advanced to at least the quarterfinals on both occasions. School records in both the indoor and outdoor 400m dash events, as well as legs of the record-holding outdoor 4x100m and indoor 4x400m relays. Six medals in Ohio Valley Conference Championship action, including gold in the 400m outdoor in 2014. A trip to the US Junior Nationals and subsequently, a spot on the US Junior Pan-American Games team in 2013. And she topped it all with a 20th-place finish at the 2014 NCAA Outdoor Championships, becoming the first Austin Peay athlete to compete in the event since 2001.

The Memphis native is as relentless off the track as she is on it. A psychology major with a communication minor, Jones carries a 3.91 grade-point average after two collegiate seasons. She's the perfect self-starter, a student-athlete that needs no incentive to succeed in competition or in the classroom.

Her accomplishments as a freshman would fill the career bio for many, with an NCAA Preliminary and U.S. Junior National appearance under her belt after her first season. For Jones, it was no doubt a tremendous achievement; it also presented her with a daunting task – how best to follow one of the best seasons in Austin Peay history?

She had some frustrating moments early in 2014. After hitting a bit of a rough patch during indoor season, she rallied late to snag silver in the 400m dash at the OVC Indoor Championships with a school-record 55.27 run, then reeled off five wins

to advance to the national level.

After garnering a bit of exposure last season, Jones stepped squarely into the glare of the national spotlight this season to run in the nation's top collegiate meet. With two seasons remaining, Jones' work



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in a row to begin her outdoor campaign. Jones topped out at 54.08 for most of 2014 after hitting 53.75 last season.

That is, until the last weekend in May. In the toughest opening-round heat at the NCAA East Preliminaries, which saw six of the eight competitors move to the quarterfinals, Jones was second with a 52.82 run and then backed that up the following day with a 52.65 that put the OVC record out of its misery and sent her on to Oregon thanks to a seventh-place overall finish in the quarterfinals. Entering the event ranked 42nd among qualifiers, Jones was one of only two competitors ranked outside the top-40

*Breigh Jones running in the Division I Track and Field Championship at the University of Oregon*

ethic (unparalleled) and talent level (high and possibly still rising) could take her to heights unseen in Austin Peay history. The question of 'How good can Breigh Jones become?' may have to be put off for another day, but her opening arguments have been pretty convincing.

## HANKINS SELECTED TO MIDWEST LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME



Jordan Hankins, a Kane County Cougars third baseman and 2013 Austin Peay alumnus, was named to the Midwest League All-Star Game. The 2014 event was held June 17 and hosted by the West Michigan Whitecaps in Grand Rapids, Mich. Hankins was one of four Kane County Cougars players named to the team.

Hankins was a three-year starter as a second baseman/third baseman for the Governors. He was drafted in the 11th round of the 2013 amateur baseball draft. He was a two-time All-OVC selection for the Governors and earned All-America honors in his final Govs season.

## APSU ATHLETES EARN TOP AWARDS

Two Austin Peay men's golfers were honored with the athletics department's highest honors. On the women's side a multitasking softball player and a Lady Govs soccer player, who brought nationwide attention to her country, herself and APSU, earned similar honors at the annual APSU's Athletics Banquet, held in the Dunn Center in late April.

Senior Marco Iten, who captured OVC Golfer of the Year honors after earning league medalist honors and later won the NCAA Auburn Regional, was chosen APSU's Most Outstanding Male Athlete. Teammate Anthony Bradley, who was a four-time All-OVC selection and earned OVC all-tourney honors three times, was selected the 2013-14 Male Legends Award recipient as the most valuable senior male athlete. Lauren de Castro, who has starred both on the mound and with the bat, was named the Most Outstanding Female Athlete. And Tatiana Ariza, who rewrote the APSU record book while bringing national acclaim to her native Colombia by playing in the 2012 London Olympics and in the World Cup, has been named APSU's Female Legends Award recipient as the most valuable senior female athlete.

In addition to the Outstanding Athlete and Legends Awards, volleyball's Liz Landon, who has a 4.0 GPA as a health and human performance major, was named the 2014-15 Perkins Freeman Governors Club Academic Scholarship recipient for owning the highest GPA of a rising senior. Track and field's Molly Basch, who has a 4.0 GPA in psychology, and football's Ben Stansfield, who had a 4.0 GPA in psychology, were named the Perkins Freeman Governors Club Academic Achievement Award recipients for possessing the highest GPA of graduating senior student-athletes.

In addition, Basch and Landon shared the Women's Scholar-Athlete Award while football player Ben Stansfield, who graduated in December, was named the Male Scholar-Athlete.

## LADY GOVS TRACK ENJOYS MEMORABLE SEASON

The 2014 season will go down as one of the greatest in Austin Peay track and field history, from both an individual and team standpoint. The Lady Govs finished third at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships and followed that with a runner-up finish at the Outdoor Championships, Austin

Peay's best team finish since winning the indoor title in 2001. Individually, sophomore Breigh Jones and freshman KayLinn Pitts advanced to the NCAA East Preliminaries, with Jones moving on to the NCAA Championships.

## RUSSELL ATHLETIC BECOMES ATHLETICS FIRST OFFICIAL OUTFITTER

For the first time in its athletics history, Austin Peay has an official uniform and apparel outfitter of its athletic teams.

APSU announced in May it had signed a five-year contract with Russell Brands LLC, parent company of the Russell Athletic® brand. APSU athletes and teams will use Russell Athletic® apparel, accessories and other items through 2019.

"Russell Athletic couldn't be happier to partner with such a tremendous university like Austin Peay State University," Russell Athletic Senior Vice President General Manager Robby Davis said. "We look forward to being able to showcase Austin Peay athletes in the best that Russell Athletic has to offer."

The five-year contract is worth more than \$500,000 in product, sponsorship and additional benefits. APSU's new



Russell apparel will be distributed on campus through the Ann Ross Bookstore and Govs Game Day locations in the new Governors Stadium, the Dunn Center and Hand Park, with parent company Nebraska Book Company (Neebo), handling all online sales via GovsGear.com.

In addition, the new Austin Peay Athletics/Russell apparel will be available for sale at Walmart store locations and at Academy Sports + Outdoors. Both Walmart and Academy Sports recently entered into multiyear partnership agreements with Austin Peay athletics and will be carrying branded apparel line.

"We are excited about this relationship with Russell Athletic," said Derek van der Merwe, APSU's athletics director. "Russell's rich history in sports and its longstanding culture of excellence makes the brand a perfect partner for APSU athletics. The quality of their products will provide our athletes confidence that such a strong and trusted brand is behind their every step.

"Not only will our student-athletes benefit from an outstanding product that will brand the entire Athletics Department as one team, but our local partners will be able to extend this brand into our entire community of alumni, fans and supporters."

## BASKETBALL GOVS ADD FIVE IN SPRING SIGNING PERIOD

Austin Peay men's basketball team will have six new faces on the floor in the 2014-15 season.

In the spring, APSU signed five of those recruits, including two junior college transfers and three high school talents. The junior college transfers signed were Assane Diop, a mobile 6-8, 230-pound forward who hails from Dakar, Senegal, and averaged 7.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per game at Cloud Community College in Concordia, Kan., and Khalil Davis, a 6-4, 190-pound guard who was the Alabama Community College Conference Player of the Year and third-team Junior College All-American at Lawson State Community College, averaging 17.7 points and 8.8 rebounds per game. Diop will have three seasons of eligibility remaining while Davis will have two.

The three prep spring signees all will play along the perimeter. The Governors added a pair of 6-4, 195-pound performers in Domas Budrys, a guard from Krentinga, Lithuania, and Chris Porter-Bunton, a guard from Warren Central in Bowling Green, Ky.

As a junior at Kretingos Jurgio Pabrezos High School in Lithuania, Budrys averaged 11 points, 6.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game, scoring a career-29 points along the way, after averaging 10 points per game as a sophomore.

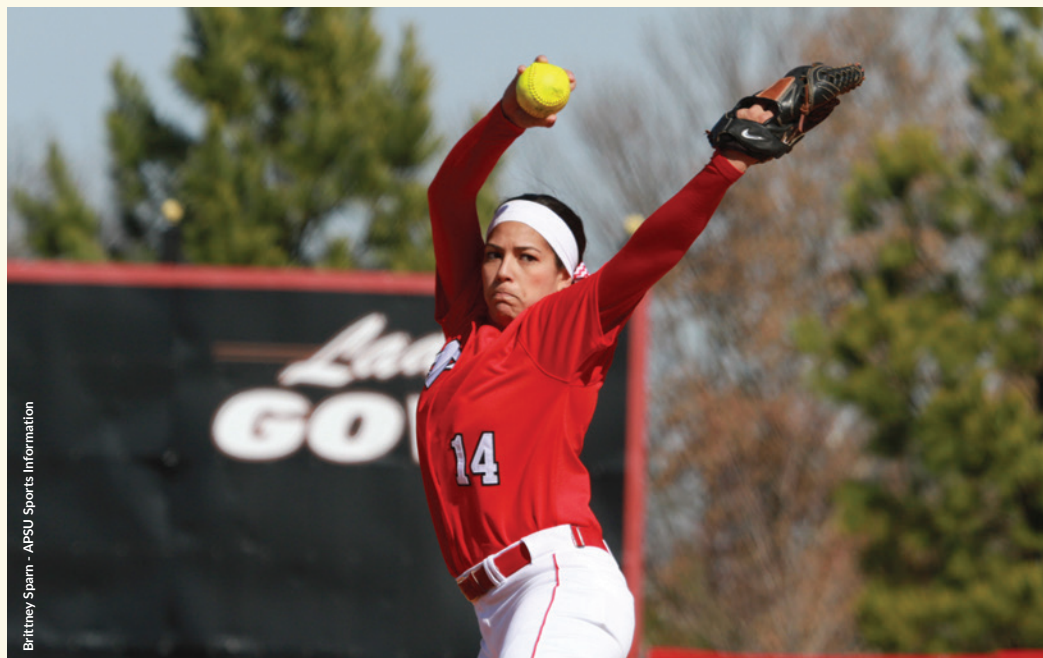
Porter-Bunton was named to the Kentucky All-Star team that played the Indiana All-Stars this summer. He also was chosen to play for the Kentucky All-Star team that played Ohio earlier in the spring, capping an outstanding senior season. Porter-Bunton averaged 16 points and seven rebounds and four assists a game his final prep season.

APSU also added a second Kentucky prep star when it signed 5-10 point guard Tre' Ivory, the son of former Gov forward Willie Ivory (1996-98). The younger Ivory led Louisville Trinity High School to a 30-5 record in 2013-14, averaging 10.6 points, 5.7 assists and 3.0 rebounds per game as the Shamrocks advanced to the Kentucky state semifinals. He was chosen to the 2014 Kentucky State All-Tournament team. In the fall, the Governors signed 6-3 guard Josh Robinson. The St. Mary's High School All-State performer led the St. Louis Metro Area in scoring at 35.8 ppg.

## DE CASTRO EARNS THIRD STRAIGHT ALL-OVC SOFTBALL HONOR

Austin Peay softball senior Lauren de Castro was named first-team all-conference for a third straight season. The Torrance, Calif., native joins APSU Athletics Hall of Fame member Andrea Miller as the only Lady Govs softball players to earn three All-OVC first-team selections.

Overall, de Castro was the 14th player in school history to earn first-team honors since the OVC started sponsoring softball as a conference sport in 1994. It is also her second straight season earning the first-team slot in the utility/designated player position, after her first All-OVC selection in 2012 as an infielder.



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## SEVEN FOOTBALL GOVS HONORED BY HAMPSHIRE SOCIETY

Seven senior Austin Peay State University football players were named part of the 2014 National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) Hampshire Honor Society, comprised of college football players from all divisions who maintain a 3.2 GPA or better.

Defensive lineman Reese Bulmash, linebacker/fullback Josh Carroll, offensive lineman Kyle Harrison, linebacker Jared Sexton, defensive end Josua Siliva, offensive tackle Ben Stansfield and offensive tackle Gavin Willisson were chosen.

Qualifications for membership in the NFF National Honor Society include being a starter or a significant substitute in one's last year of eligibility at a NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision, Football Championship Subdivision, Division II, Division III, or an NAIA college or university; achieving

a 3.2 cumulative grade-point average throughout entire course of undergraduate study and meeting all NCAA-mandated progress toward degree requirements.

## LADY GOVS GOLF EARNS OVC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

For a third straight year Austin Peay has been named recipient of the OVC Women's Golf Team Sportsmanship Award.

Voted on by the student-athletes and coaches of the respective sports, the team awards are bestowed upon Conference squads deemed to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior as outlined by the OVC and NCAA. Included in the areas for evaluation are the conduct of student-athletes, coaches, staff, administrators and fans.

## LADY GOVS GOLF EARNS NCAA APR RECOGNITION

For the second consecutive season, Austin Peay women's golf team has earned a Public Recognition Award from the NCAA based on their most recent multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR). The awards are given to teams scoring in the top 10 percent of the multiyear Academic Progress Rates (APR), which is part of the NCAA's academic reform program.

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. The most recent APRs are multiyear rates based on scores from the 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years.

## BRADLEY EARNS FOURTH STRAIGHT ALL-OVC HONOR

For a fourth straight season Austin Peay State University golfer Anthony Bradley earned All-Ohio Valley Conference, while fellow senior Marco Iten earned such honors for a third straight time.

In earning his fourth All-OVC honor, Bradley joined former APSU great Erik Barnes (2007-10) with such distinction. The Devonshire, England, native had a trio of Top 10 finishes in the fall, including fifth at the Bearcat Invitational. He also finished fifth in the 2014 OVC championship, earning him OVC all-tourney honors. He was the 2012 OVC Golfer of the Year, earning medalist honors at the league championship and a berth in the NCAA Bowling Green Regional.

Iten, meanwhile, was the OVC's best golfer in the spring, including medalist honors in four events. He not only won the OVC championship and league Golfer of the Year honors, he later captured the NCAA Auburn Regional against a star-studded field.



Senior Anthony Bradley was a four-time All-OVC selection and named the 2014-15 Male Legends Award recipient as the most valuable senior male athlete.

## CATHEY MAKES IT TWO STRAIGHT ALL-OVC SELECTION

For a second straight year, Austin Peay's Jessica Cathey was selected to the All-OVC women's golf team. Cathey was one of 10 members chosen All-OVC. The Hixon, Tenn., sophomore also was chosen to the OVC All-Newcomer team a year ago.

This season, Cathey again was APSU's top performer, playing 26 rounds and averaging 77.8 strokes per round. She had 15 rounds below 80 in 2013-14, including two below-par rounds.

*Sophomore golfer Jessica Cathey was named All-OVC for a second straight year.*



## APSU ATHLETES POST 2.9-PLUS GPA FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT SEMESTER

Austin Peay's 313 student-athletes posted a 2.914 grade-point average during the Spring 2014 semester.

The 2.914 cumulative GPA accumulated by the department's student-athletes was the eighth-best mark in program history. It also is the fifth consecutive semester the group posted a 2.90 GPA or better.

"Our culture of excellence in the classroom is the most important measure of what it means to be a student-athlete" said Austin Peay Athletics Director Derek van der Merwe. "Our foundation of success will always be academic excellence. We are proud of these student-athletes. We are proud of what this says about our commitment to student-athlete success."

## FIVE BAT GOVS EARN FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Pitcher-infielder Alex Robles led a group of five Bat Govs to be recognized as Freshman All-Americans. Robles was named to a pair of first-year teams—a first-team selection to the 2014 National

Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Freshman All-America.

He was joined by four teammates—first baseman Dre Gleason, shortstop Logan Gray, outfielders Cayce Bredlau and Ridge Smith—as members of the 2014 Louisville Slugger Freshmen All-American Team, selected by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper. It is the first time in program history five Govs earned such honors.

## CANNON LOOKS INTERNALLY TO HIRE EADDY, JORDAN

Kirby Cannon turned inside the program to hire the latest Austin Peay football assistant coaches.

Brandon Jordan, who played for Cannon at Missouri S&T and then served as graduate assistant a year ago, was hired as defensive line coach, while Leron Eaddy, who followed Cannon to Clarksville from Central Michigan to play his final football season, is the program's defensive back coach.

Jordan replaced Pat Donohoe while Eaddy took the spot formerly held by Granville Eastman. Both Eaddy and Jordan served in their respective coaching positions in the spring and impressed

Cannon, who chose to elevate them after spring practice concluded.

"Leron and Brandon are going to give this program something it needs," Cannon said. "We expect great things from them. They both were outstanding players and had respect from their teammates. That is what gives them a good chance of being able to coach effectively at such a young age."

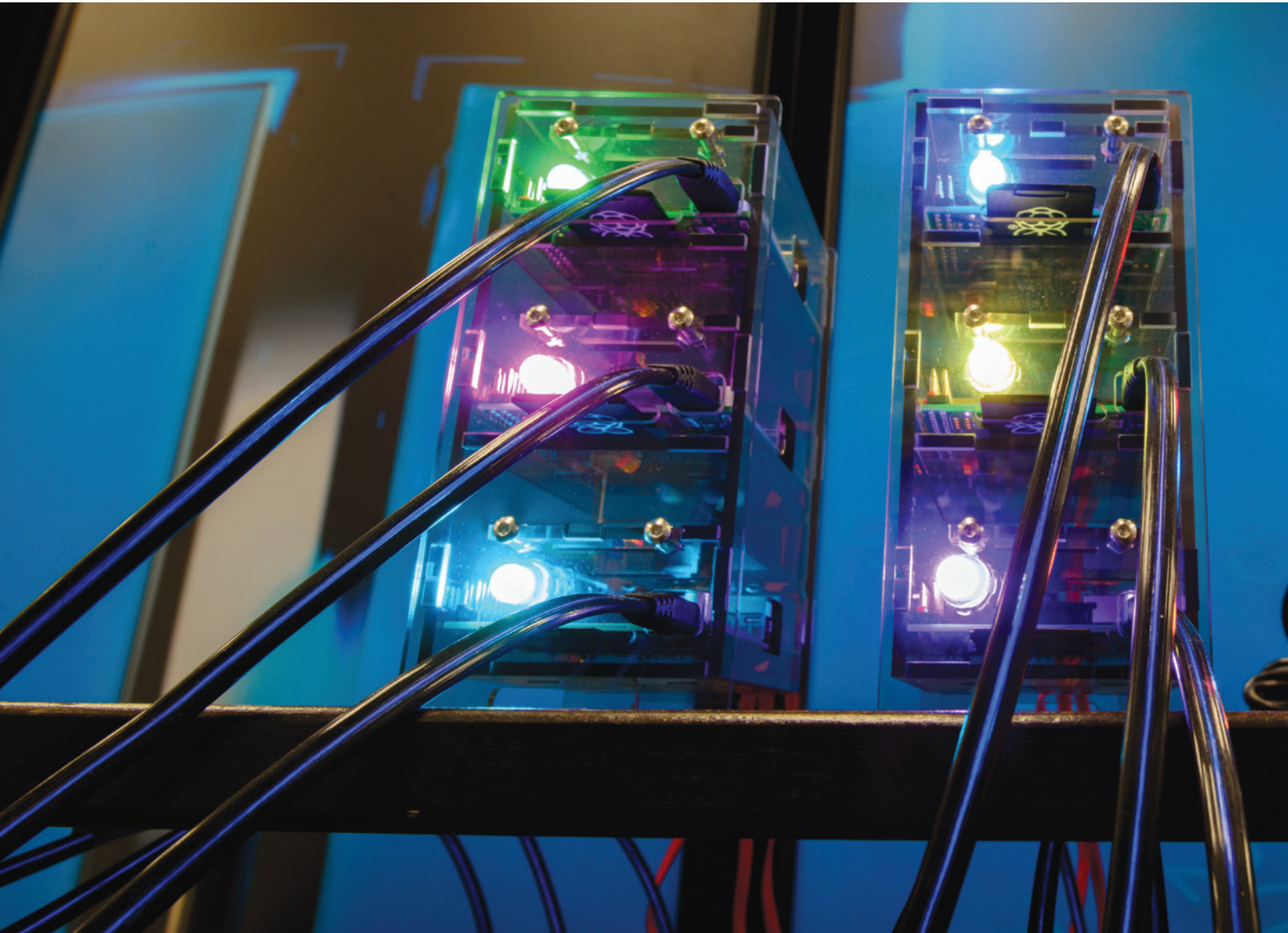


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# TINY TITAN

*Bringing small supercomputers into public schools*

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**TITAN**, the world's second fastest supercomputer, is a behemoth. The sleek, black machine, which can perform more than 20,000 trillion calculations per second, takes up eight, long rows in an area roughly the size of a basketball court. In an age when small, handheld devices such as cell phones and tablets perform tasks in an instant, the

Titan still elicits wonder in many adults. Whenever they visit the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, these visitors often crowd against a small observation window, trying to get a glimpse of the fabled supercomputer.

"You can't actually see it because there's all this storage and big gray air conditioners and all these

other supercomputers in front of it," Robert French ('12), a high performance computing support specialist at the lab, said. "Kids are a little disappointed."

Elementary and middle school students, unable to stand on their toes and see the very top of the machine, yawn or tug at their parents' hands. They want to see this massive supercomputer, but all French can do is tell them how scientists use Titan to predict changes in the world's climate. When he explains that the supercomputer has helped the trucking industry redesign 18-wheelers to be more fuel efficient, the youngsters nod their heads without much enthusiasm.

"Kids want to understand computer science at a fundamental level, but computers are so fast and so complicated these days, it's really hard to get in on the ground floor and understand how things work in a simple setting," he said.

Earlier this year, French joined a project initiated by two of his colleagues - Adam Simpson and Anthony DiGirolamo - to simplify the concept of supercomputers for a younger generation. To do this, Simpson and DiGirolamo developed Tiny Titan, a small-scale version of the famed computer. The team originally conceived of the project as a means of showing visitors how Titan works, but as French demonstrated the machine to teachers and elected officials, they soon realized the technology would be ideal for school curriculums.



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## ORNL

The Oak Ridge National Laboratory is situated within a 58-square-mile reservation along the Clinch River in east Tennessee. The facility opened during World War II, providing the U.S. Government with a remote location to develop the atomic bomb, and it remains somewhat secluded, with deer or wild turkeys still trekking across the main campus' manicured lawns.

On a muggy morning in June, French headed to the Lab's Center for Computational Science with his I.D. badge dangling from a lanyard around his neck. He's a 27-year-old Springfield, Tenn., native with dark brown hair and a deep, reassuring voice ideal for explaining the complexities of supercomputers.

"It's a pretty cool job," he said. "I wanted to work with Titan because there's a lot of stuff we can do in terms of climate science, in terms of nuclear astrophysics. There's no way we can build a laboratory and witness a star exploding. It's only something we can study through simulation, and we need these giant computers to do that."

The more than 60-year-old national laboratory still has armed guards

stationed at each entrance, but the inside feels like the campus of a major tech company, with hyper-intelligent young people pushing themselves to develop innovative technologies. French is a good fit in this environment, having prepped for a career in the computational sciences while a mathematics student at Austin Peay State University.

"Robert is an outstanding programmer and computational mathematician," Dr. Samuel N. Jator, APSU professor of mathematics, said. "While at Austin Peay, he was involved in undergraduate research under my supervision. His research was interesting and of great scientific significance - it was published in the journal Numerical Algorithms. He is very talented and will contribute significantly to the computational work that is being done at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory."

## A SIDE PROJECT

In late December 2013, French, Simpson and DiGirolamo went to work developing a scaled-down version of the lab's supercomputer. The trio, all under the age of 35, carved out time for the project whenever they

weren't helping international scientists conduct research on Titan.

DiGirolamo built the hardware, designing rows of upright cases to mimic the look of the Titan's eight rows of refrigerator-like units. Inside each case, he placed a Raspberry Pi single board computer - cheap, small computers used to teach basic computer science to students. The Tiny Titan consists of nine of these computers.

"In concept, it models all the big concepts of Titan," French said. "We wanted to convey to students that it's just like Titan, but smaller. And we want to encourage them that if they have success on Tiny Titan, they should pursue a career in computational science."

## INTERACTION

The small supercomputer, arrayed with different colored lights, sits beneath a flat screen television in an alcove of the Center for Computational Science. To the right, an observation window allows visitors to see all the technical equipment that effectively obscures Titan.

French, in jeans and a polo shirt, picked up an Xbox video game controller, and for a moment, he resembled a young gamer preparing for a little leisure fun. But the game on the screen, developed by Simpson, was designed to teach children how supercomputers work.

"Students don't often know what it means for multiple computers to work together on one project," French said. "Browsing the web, getting on Microsoft Word, one computer can handle that."



Robert French ('12), (left) and Anthony DiGirolamo show off Tiny Titan on a trip to Washington, D.C.

Simpson's simulation, however, allows Tiny Titan's nine different computers to work together. To demonstrate, French turned off all but one of the computers. On the screen above, he used his controller to manipulate a red ball through a blue liquid.

"You can see it's running slow on one computer," he said. "It's pretty lagging. If this were an actual game, you'd want your money back because it's not running very fast."

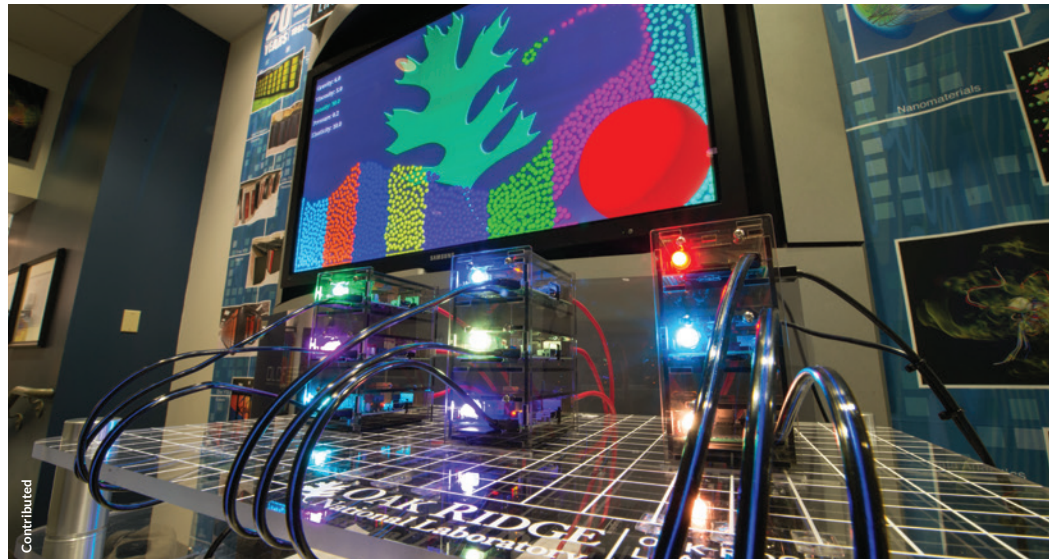
He pressed a button on the control, causing the liquid on the screen to split into multiple colors. The other eight computers were now on, and the colors on the screen corresponded with the colored light on each Raspberry Pi unit.

"We add more computers to the simulation, and if you move the ball around, the liquid is a lot more reactive," French said. "We just wanted to show students what it means for multiple computers to work together on a problem."

The game became faster, but the simulation also demonstrated how networking boundaries operate. When French moved the ball through the liquid, the displaced particles crossed these boundaries, changing colors.

"It's moving over the network, from one computer to another," he said. "As the liquid moves left and right, those particles are being communicated through these red cables, down to this switch and then back up to different computers."

Tiny Titan has since helped students as young as six understand how the larger supercomputer works. They picked up the concept so quickly, the team of Oak Ridge programmers realized they'd actually developed a powerful teaching tool.



*Tiny Titan is helping to teach students about the complexities of supercomputers.*

## INTO THE SCHOOLS

"Initially, I think we just wanted to have a cool demonstration," Simpson said. "It was after the fact that we saw it could be useful in a school setting."

Tiny Titan was one of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory's smaller projects last year. The machine cost around \$1,000 to build, but French believes they can get it down to around \$500.

"This is fairly cheap, and one of our goals with this is we want to see if we can get it into high school computer science curriculums, or maybe after school programs," he said. "We want Title 1 schools to be able to offer this to their students."

A few years ago, the idea of building a small-scale supercomputer in a high school would have been simply a novelty. But as more devices enter the marketplace, redefining how people interact with the world, the need for these types of classes is becoming more important.

"As devices become more computerized in the future, if we don't do something to teach students these skills, they'll have a vital gap in their skill set when they enter the

workforce," French said. "Some of this stuff is really complicated, but there are simple aspects to it, and if we can teach kids about the simple areas at the high school level, they'll be much more prepared to do the more difficult stuff later on in life."

The team is working to provide the plans for Tiny Titan to interested teachers and school systems, such as the STEM School Chattanooga in East Tennessee. A teacher at Bert Lynn Middle School near Los Angeles visited the lab as a Siemens STARS fellow, and he is also interested in bringing a Tiny Titan workstation to his school.

"We have a website set up with all the parts they have to buy, and how to construct it," Simpson said. The team believes that if they provide the plans, allowing the students to build their own Tiny Titan supercomputers, then it will give those students more ownership over the project.

"It's more of a technology transfer thing, which is what national labs are supposed to do - invent cool stuff and then move it out into society," French said. **AP**



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- 1 APSU alumni and friends take part in the annual Card Party held each spring. This May, more than 80 participants gathered together for a day filled with food, fun and card playing. For more information on this event, email [alumni@apsu.edu](mailto:alumni@apsu.edu). Photo by Taylor Slifko.
- 2 The 30th Annual APSU Candlelight Ball was hosted at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville in March. Alumni and friends enjoyed a night of dining and dancing while supporting the scholarship endowment for deserving APSU students. Photo by Tony Centzone.
- 3 Lawanda "MeMe" Gustus ('01) and Shanelle Muse Page ('99) (top left to right) join Joselyn Stout Morris ('98), Latonya Alexander ('97), Velisha Daniel (bottom left to right) and other alumni and friends to celebrate APSU Homecoming 2013. Photo by Beth Liggett.
- 4 APSU Future Alumni Member (FAM) Jordan Burns takes part in the annual GOV Run, a 1.5 mile color run sponsored by FAM and the Student Government Association, on the new GovTrails located throughout the APSU campus. Photo contributed.
- 5 A "Future Gov" enjoys his first APSU football season and tailgating experience on the campus of APSU. Join us for tailgating in a family-fun environment filled with music, food, inflatables, school spirit and much more! For a complete football schedule, visit [www.letsgopeay.com](http://www.letsgopeay.com). Photo by Beth Liggett.
- 6 Current soccer players joined former Lady Govies in a reunion during the "Kickin' It with Emma" event. The Lady Govies raised awareness about pediatric brain tumors with their 7 v 7 tournament in April at APSU in honor of Emma Curran, the daughter of former Lady Govies soccer player, Amanda Curran, and former Gov football player, Pat Curran ('04, '08). Photo contributed.



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## GRAD STUDENT AWARDED NSF FELLOWSHIP

Dustin Owen didn't spend much time outside as a child. While other boys stomped through creeks chasing lizards and frogs, he stared out the window of his parents' Indiana home, wishing away the severe allergies that kept him trapped indoors.

As he slowly grew out of these allergies, allowing the 10-year-old Owen to finally venture outside, he decided to make up for lost time. He threw himself into the wild, tracking down turtles and snakes and other creatures his mother appreciated but didn't particularly care for. This fascination with the natural world never left him, prompting Owen to travel south to Tennessee last year to conduct fieldwork as a graduate student with the APSU Center of Excellence for Field Biology.

"The Center of Excellence for Field Biology is what drew me to Austin Peay," he said. "I saw the (Sundquist) building, met all the faculty and I thought this is exactly the kind of place I want to be."

The Center has allowed him to grow as a scientist, and last spring, Owen was awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship. According to the NSF, "The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based

master's and doctoral degrees at accredited U.S. institutions.

"Fellows benefit from a three-year annual stipend of \$32,000, along with a \$12,000 cost of education allowance for tuition and fees (paid to the institution), opportunities for international research and professional development, and the freedom to conduct their own research at any accredited U.S. institution of graduate education they choose."

As an NSF fellow, Owen will be able to expand the important fieldwork he is currently undertaking at APSU. His research focuses on how environmental disturbances impact stress physiology in bats and snakes.

"What I do is look at their stress hormone levels, and I can tell how stressed one group is compared to another," he said. "With the bats, I'm looking at bats captured in harvested forests versus bats in natural forests, and seeing if the bats in the harvested forests are more stressed out or sick, and I'm doing the same thing with snakes in burned and unburned forests. If you're more stressed out, you're more prone to diseases, you're more prone to all sorts of bad things."

With the fellowship, Owen plans to broaden his research by visiting Florida to study stress physiology in pythons and other invasive reptiles.

## 1970s

### DR. JACK W. SITES, JR. ('73, '75)

completed three weeks of field work in the Amazonian regions of Peru and Ecuador with students and colleagues in April and May of 2014. The team was sampling lizards and frogs to study thermal physiology and tolerance to assess likelihood of adaptation or risk of extinction associated with climate warming. His work is also focused on the discovery of new species in poorly known tropical groups; the "cryptic diversity" that has been missed in field surveys conducted decades earlier. Sites is part of a multi-investigator team funded by the National Science Foundation's Emerging Frontiers Program.

**JACK JACKSON ('75)** received the Willis "Bing" Davis Lifetime Achievement Award during the Sinclair Community College's 18th Annual Appalachian Unsung Hero Awards. An "unsung hero" is someone who performs good deeds and builds pride and self-esteem within the Appalachian community, but has gone unnoticed or unrewarded for his or her exceptional efforts.

## 1980s

### CHRISTIAN BEDARD ('80)

was named Ferrum College's first energy manager. Bedard previously worked as an energy manager for the Roanoke County School System, where he increased energy savings by some \$4.3 million over four years.

## 1990s

**CHRIS CAMPBELL ('97)** was recently named a "Rising Star" by Law360, a national legal publication. He was one of only six lawyers in the United States selected in the area of product liability law. Campbell is a partner in the New York office of DLA Piper, where he represents leading pharmaceutical, automotive and other corporations as a part of the DLA Piper's Mass Tort and Product Liability Group.

**JOHN LANHAM ('99)** had his first book, "Seventy-Seven Years in Dixie," published by Page Publishing.

## 2000s

**AMY PERIGO VALLE ('00)** was awarded a Doctor of Musical Arts degree by The



Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where she studied piano with Maurice Hinson.

**BRAD LOOS ('02)**, former Division II National Champion Assistant Coach (University of Central Missouri), was recently hired as the new men's basketball assistant coach at University of Missouri (Southeastern Conference). Loos is the son of current APSU men's basketball coach, Dave Loos.

**DR. BRYAN JOHNSON ('04)** was named Director of High Schools for the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System. He previously served as principal of Northwest High School and was assistant principal of West Creek High School for two years. He has worked in the local school system since 2007, beginning his tenure as an assistant football coach at Clarksville High, then as head football coach at Northeast High School, where he taught special education.

**NOEL BAGWELL ('06)** recently became President of the social enterprise startup Commerce Summit Company, L3C®, a low-profit limited liability company that seeks to promote business education and economic development. Commerce Summit Company organizes and produces the TN Commerce Summit®, an event promoting business growth and stability in Middle Tennessee. The TN Commerce Summit® will be held for the first time on May 9, 2015, at the Music City Center.

**COLBY WILSON ('09, '10)** won a 2014 Tennessee Sports Writers Association's Best Feature Award in the Division IV Sports Information Category for his work with the APSU Sports Information Office. Judges commented on the "great detail" employed in his work.

## IN MEMORY

**BETTY JOE WALLACE ('55, '59)** died on Friday, April 11, 2014, at her residence. She was a retired professor of history at Austin Peay State University. Wallace also earned her bachelor's degree and her master's degree at APSU.

**LOUISE BUCKNER COTHRON ('59)**, a former librarian and art teacher, died on March 19, 2014, in Iowa City, Iowa.

## BOOK PUBLISHED BY ZONE 3 WINS PEN AWARD

Earlier this year, the famed American poet Richard Blanco became a fan of a young poet named Karen Skofield. After reading her debut collection, "Frost in the Low Areas," he admitted to falling "in love with poetry all over again."

"She understands that poetry does not exist independently; it is pulled out of all we see, without pretense or artifice, and not in the obvious and expected ways either," he said.

Blanco's enthusiasm for the book led him to select it as the recipient of this year's PEN New England Award. Previous winners of the award, which is presented to New England authors, include such literary luminaries as E.B. White, Andre Dubus and Anita Shreve. Skofield currently lives in Massachusetts, but the book garnering all the praise was published last year by Austin Peay State University. In 2006, APSU moved into the book publishing business with the founding of Zone 3 Press. The literary press's mission is to promote the work of emerging writers and to develop an audience for contemporary poetry and prose.

Skofield's collection won the 2012 Zone 3 First Book Award for Poetry, an annual award hosted by the Press and the APSU Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts.

"Her poems surprise with each turn of the line; they foray into the unexpected discoveries and dimensions," Blanco said. "After reading her poems, I will never again look at a baby, a fossil, a painting, a key, a homunculus - or myself - as I had before. If poetry is meant to challenge and change our perceptions of the world and ourselves, then Karen is by all means an extraordinary poet."

The book is currently available at amazon.com, spdbooks.org and the Zone 3 Press store, apsu.edu/zone3.

Skofield teaches travel writing and technical writing at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she also earned her Master of Fine Arts. She is a contributing editor at the literary magazines *Tupelo Quarterly* and *Stirring*, and her poems have appeared in 2011 Best of the Net Anthology, *Cave Wall*, *Memorious*, *Painted Bride Quarterly*, *Rattle*, *Tar River Poetry*, *Valparaiso Poetry Review*, *Verse Daily*, *West Branch* and others.

"Frost in the Low Areas" was also a finalist for the Massachusetts Book Award.



**CAROL JEAN KIMMEL** died on May 6, 2014, at St. Thomas Medical Center. Kimmel worked as a library assistant at Austin Peay for 24 years, having served in that capacity from December 1985 until her retirement in June 2009.

**ALTON DUDLEY "A.D." CALDWELL ('58, '71)** died on April 18, 2014, at his home in Clarksville. He was a former high school teacher and principal, Savannah, Tenn., city manager, Shelbyville city manager and executive vice president of Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool.

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## CLASS TAKES SERVICE LEARNING ABROAD

On a cold, overcast morning in November, hundreds of well-dressed shoppers huddled against the wind outside a west London British Red Cross store. In America, this type of establishment is simply referred to as a thrift store, but in England, these shops tend to be a little swankier.

“What we think of as a thrift store is not really the same as their thrift stores,” Tracy Nichols, APSU communication instructor, said. “Some of their stores are like upscale, New York boutiques.”

much of the semester working with the local Red Cross, the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity. Then, for a week during Spring Break, the class traveled to London to study how these three organizations operate on a global scale.

“It’s the first class that’s ever been designated as service learning and study abroad by APSU,” Nichols said. “And the students really had an amazing experience. Instead of just having speakers come to class, they actually did these things and worked with the organi-



From left, Instructor Tracy Nichols, Carlos Chavez, Victoria Broderick, Tori Tarter, Deya Ortiz, Kaylee Jones and Bonnie Boggs. Photo by International Education Director Marissa Chandler.

The customers that morning were eager to peruse the store’s high-end merchandise donated by soccer star David Beckham and his wife, Victoria. The money raised that day would support the British Red Cross’ relief efforts in the Philippines following the deadly typhoon that struck that country in November.

“Thrift stores are huge in London for the Red Cross,” Nichols said. “They have over 300 stores in the UK. Every single penny that’s made goes back into the Red Cross. I wanted our students to compare how these organizations operate there.”

Last semester, Nichols did just that with the creation of a unique, hybrid service learning and study abroad class for the APSU Department of Communication. The class, Communication in Organizations, spent

zations and made tangible contacts and connections. When they go out into the real world, they already have this practical experience working internationally with these organizations.”

The students volunteered locally to get a feel for how these organizations operated, and then they developed communication plans and radio spots. With Habitat for Humanity, the class created a public service announcement promoting the organization’s ReStore. A few weeks later, they arrived in London and spent their days renovating a 19th century Victorian home for the British Habitat for Humanity, visiting the upscale British Red Cross boutiques and touring the headquarters for the International Salvation Army. For some of Nichols’ students, it was their first trip abroad.

*In Memory (continued from page 41)*

**BILLIE ELLIOT KEMP ('54)**, a retired teacher, died on April 9, 2014. She taught for 30 years, spending the majority of that time at Buchanan Elementary School.

**HUGH BRYANT HUGGINS** died on April 6, 2014. A Korean War veteran, Huggins worked as the APSU farm manager for 15 years.

**VALERIE LYNN OYEN LARSEN**, adjunct professor of voice, died on April 20, 2014 at her home. She worked as an adjunct professor at APSU, Belmont University and Trevecca University. She was also the director of the Clarksville Community Chorus for 10 years.

**WILLIE B. DAVIS ('55)** died on April 30, 2014. She taught for 32 years in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System. She was also a member of the Retired Teachers Association and a founding member of Hilldale Church of Christ.

**JESSIE NELL YOUNG ('42)**, a homemaker and retired social worker, died on May 20, 2014, at Signature Health Care. She was a member of Allensville United Methodist Church.

**SARA CLAIRE CREER ('59)** died on June 3, 2014. She taught in the Montgomery County School System for 41 years. In 1974, she was honored as one of the Outstanding Secondary Educators in America.

**GLORIA COTTON LOGAN ('63,'75)**, a former superintendent of schools for Humphreys County, died on May 31, 2014. She also served as a student teacher supervisor at APSU.



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# A BEACON in the STORM

On a bitterly cold November night, members of the Austin Peay State College Governors' Own Marching Band (GOMB) sat shivering during a Springfield High School football game. They'd traveled to Robertson County on a recruiting mission, and when the whistle blew ending the second quarter, the students marched onto the frozen football field for one of their famous halftime performances. That's when the snow started falling.

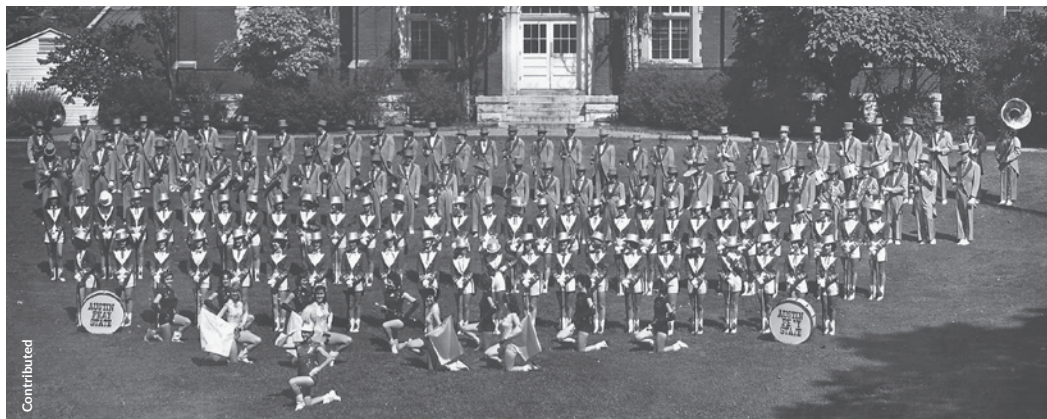
"By midway through the show, our feet and legs were numb, and the snow was coming down so thick and fast, we could not see the stripes on the field, or see more than one or two band mates in our formation," Dr. Ron Miller ('65), a former GOMB member, recalled.

Most of the people in the stands couldn't make out what was happening on the field, but Miller and the others knew that hardly mattered. It was the early 1960s, which meant Dr. Aaron Schmidt was standing on the sidelines, watching the band as it trudged through the snow.

Schmidt, the band's famed director, was known around campus as a perfectionist. He held long, grueling practices before the start of each fall semester to make sure his students knew the entire season's halftime music by heart. When he told the band members assembled on those August afternoons that they would have a cleaner, more precise look without carrying sheet music, they stared back at him, dumbfounded.

**"Some of you are under the impression you live in a democracy. You are wrong. This is a dictatorship, and I am the dictator. If you can't live with that, you can leave now."**

**-Dr. Aaron Schmidt**



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"In order to maintain that kind of discipline over 50-60 band members," Miller said, "many of whom were music majors with sizeable egos, Schmidt always started the first rehearsal with these sentences: 'Some of you are under the impression you live in a democracy. You are wrong. This is a dictatorship, and I am the dictator. If you can't live with that, you can leave now.'"

His discipline is what led the Governors' Own Marching Band to be considered one of the premier marching bands in the region. But this reputation was in jeopardy on that cold night in Springfield. The musicians on the field, blinded by the snow, were in danger of colliding with each other.

"This situation quickly led the otherwise precise and disciplined APSU band into complete chaos," Miller said. "But a hero emerged. Eddie Cary, a trumpet player from Erin, had a Conn trumpet with a bright red Coprion bell."

In the midst of the performance, Cary made his way to the middle of the football field and began swinging his trumpet in the air.

"Eddie stood in the center of the field holding up his trumpet and yelling 'red light' whenever two squads of marchers were about to collide," Miller said. "That saved the potential destruction of many instruments, and injury to band members."

The performance wasn't a disaster, but it didn't live up to the standards set by Schmidt. That's why few people ever mentioned it again.

"Since that was the most disastrous show the Governors' Own ever marched, it was soon forgotten," Miller said.



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# From the President



When I first arrived on this beautiful campus in June, I quickly discovered what a special place Austin Peay is. Everything, from the maintenance of the grounds to the architecture of the buildings to the enthusiasm of the faculty and staff, communicated to me that this was a school destined for great things. But I already knew that.

For the last several years, I've read about the fine programs offered by Austin Peay's Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts. I've watched the National Science Foundation award grants to students and professors. I even took notice when Austin Peay received four Goldwater Fellowships in two years. For the last three years, The Chronicle of Higher Education has named Austin Peay as a Great College to Work For, and now that I'm here, I see why we keep earning this national recognition. There's a culture among the people associated with this University that is unlike anything I've witnessed before.

As I've been meeting with many of you, I've been struck by your affection and loyalty to Austin Peay. You are proud of this University, and as someone new to this community, I can say that your support is what sets us apart from other schools. Our faculty and students are studying around the world and engaging in exciting new research thanks to your generosity. Bill Gates and President Obama are singling us out as a place where innovation happens because of the gifts you've bestowed.

We are entering an exciting and challenging time for higher education. In the last several years, high school graduation rates have steadily decreased, and universities across the country are suffering from large drops in enrollment. We're happy to say that Austin Peay continues to attract high-caliber students because of the reputation we've built over the last few years. We want to continue strengthening this reputation, and we can't do it without your help. I encourage you to continue supporting this University. Your gifts, both large and small, provide extraordinary opportunities for our students, and they help make Austin Peay an example of what a college should be.

Thank you for helping create such a wonderful institution. Your contributions are critical to the University's success, and I am honored to serve as your new president.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alisa White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Austin Peay State University Legacy Society signifies a new era in the University's effort to recognize, in a meaningful way, those who share a commitment to the institution through planned and estate giving.

If you have already made provisions for APSU in your will or through another type of planned gift, or you would like more information about how to include Austin Peay in your estate plan, contact the University Advancement Office at 931-221-7127.

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# Charitable Gift Annuity

In 2010, Dr. Harold S. Pryor – an Austin Peay State University alumnus who served Tennessee higher education as professor, administrator and volunteer for nearly four decades – established APSU's first gift annuity. Now, the APSU Foundation is excited to offer all alumni and friends the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of APSU students through a gift annuity.

## What is a charitable gift annuity?

A charitable gift annuity is a simple combination of two concepts, a charitable gift and income for life. Think of it as the gift that gives back. A gift annuity allows you to make a gift to the APSU Foundation and the program of your choice while benefitting from the following:

- Safe, fixed income for your life and the life of a loved one
- Tax savings—immediately and in the future
- Favorable treatment of capital gains, if funded with appreciated assets
- Membership in a giving society at the level of your gift

## How does a charitable gift annuity work?

In exchange for an irrevocable gift of cash, publicly traded securities or other assets, the APSU Foundation agrees to pay one or two individuals a fixed annual income that is backed by the resources of the APSU Foundation.

The minimum age to establish a gift annuity is 65. If you are using interest from CDs or dividends from other investments to assist in your living expenses, a gift annuity may be a perfect fit for you.

Your income from a charitable gift annuity will never decrease—nor can you outlive it. This one-time purchase can provide a stable annual income.

The annuity rate depends on the age of the annuitant(s) at the time of the gift.

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

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

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## **CREATING A LEGACY THROUGH BEQUESTS AND ESTATE PLAN GIFTS**

Austin Peay State University students have benefited in recent years from the tremendous generosity of alumni such as **Hendricks Fox ('51)** and **Dr. Karen Stubenvoll ('80)**. These two individuals, like many others, have chosen to support the University through gifts made as part of their estate plans. With these planned gifts, they are able to extend their support to their alma mater beyond their lifetimes.

For Fox, setting up a bequest in his will lets him know that future students will have the same great opportunities he did as an Austin Peay student-athlete.

"I had four great years down there, from '47-'51," Fox said. "I loved it, and I wanted to give back to Austin Peay."

Stubenvoll also wanted to give back to her alma mater, and by setting up an endowed scholarship and planned gift, she is able to honor the memory of her late parents.

"My parents, Bobby ('57) and Sue Pitts, valued education a great deal and always encouraged me, and my three brothers, to strive for higher education," she said. "By creating an endowed scholarship in my parents' memory, I can help a student each academic year. By creating a planned gift which will add funds to the scholarship from my estate, I can help several more students each year achieve a college education, which is what I believe is the best way for me to honor my parents' legacy."

Designating a future scholarship gift allows donors to control assets while they are living and helps students far into the future. Some planned gifts can provide a life income to the donor as well as tax advantages.



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