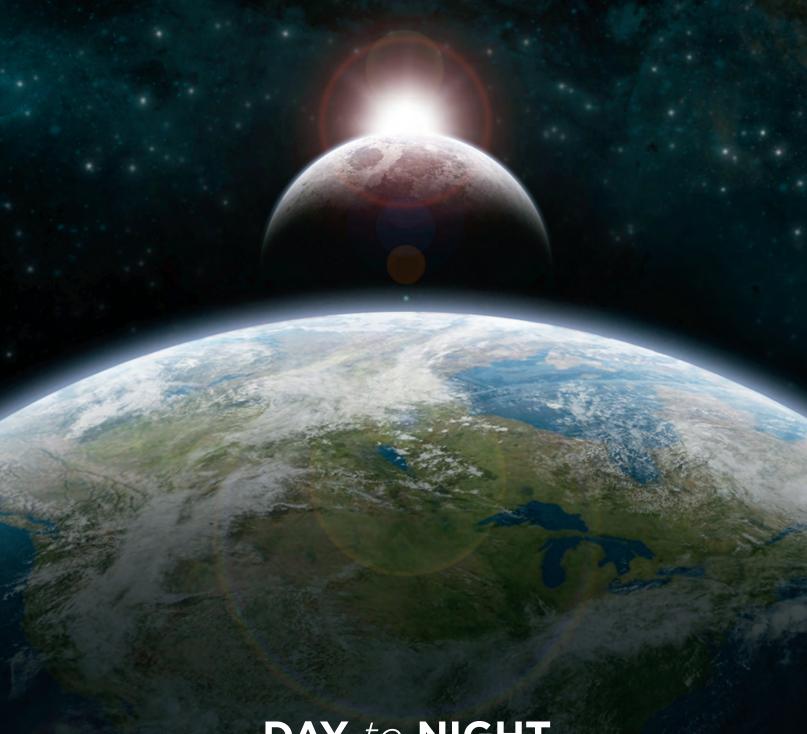
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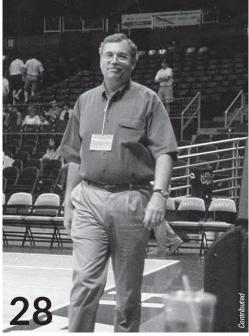
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From the President



Our campus is one of the most beautiful in the state, and many students and parents tell me that a campus visit helped them to choose Austin Peay State University. The campus is rich in history, from the beautiful architecture of the Browning Building, Harned Hall and the McCord Building, to its ties to Tennessee's political history as evidenced by being named to honor past Governor Austin Peay. Over time, this institution has undergone

times of great change. The University was once a normal school, but as it grew, Austin Peay Normal School became Austin Peay State College, and later, Austin Peay State University. Once again the University is a growing institution on the cusp of a major transformation.

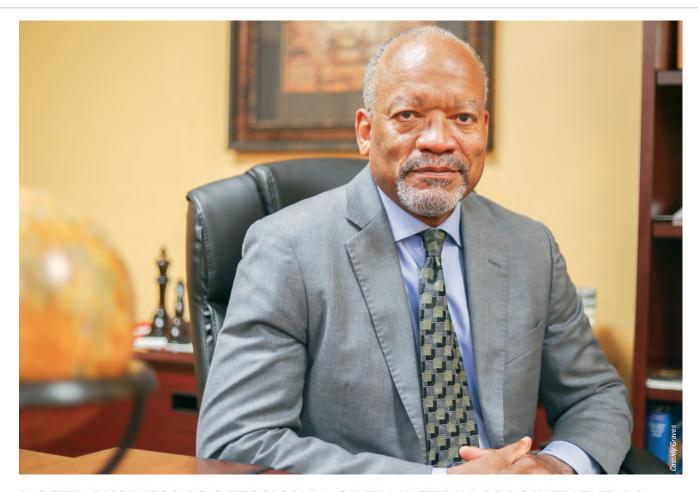
This year, as Governor Haslam's Focus Act is implemented, Austin Peay will transition from being governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents into a university governed by an institutional board. The effect of the change primarily is that the six universities currently operating under the governance of the Tennessee Board of Regents—which oversees 46 institutions, including community colleges and colleges of applied technology—will have the attention of institutional boards that will be able to focus on only one institution. I have formed a Focus Act Transition Task Force to help us prepare for this change in governance. In the coming months, the task force will evaluate our current structure, policies and services currently provided by the Tennessee Board of Regents and make recommendations on how to best shift to an institutional board.

Earlier this semester, we also unveiled our "Leading Through Excellence" Strategic Plan. This ambitious plan will guide us through the next 10 years by setting clear goals, such as growing enrollment, and by supporting Austin Peay's core values of innovation, quality, community, globalization and collaboration. The University community—faculty, staff, students and community members—all helped form this vision for Austin Peay's growth, which maintains the great traditions of Austin Peay's past while helping to define our future.

I am proud of our University's past, and as we enter another transformative period in the history of this institution, please know that we are working to ensure you will also approve of how Austin Peay looks in the year 2025.

Oliva White

Dr. Alisa White APSU President



NOTED BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL GIVEN INTERIM APPOINTMENT AS DEAN OF COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

On May 1, 2016, Dr. Charles T. Moses, an internationally renowned expert in business strategy and entrepreneurship, was appointed as interim dean of the Austin Peay State University College of Business.

Moses previously served as an associate professor of management and interim dean of the School of Business Administration at Clark Atlanta University, where he helped create centers of excellence in Supply Chain and Financial Planning and a Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Development. He also developed new graduate and undergraduate programs and oversaw the school's successful reaccreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the leading accreditation body for university business schools.

"Dr. Moses has one of the most impressive résumés I've seen in my many years working in higher education," Dr. Rex Gandy, APSU provost and vice president of academic affairs, said. "His diverse background in journalism, politics and business, combined with his experience with the AACSB and their accreditation process are tremendous assets for the University."

The APSU College of Business is in the process of pursuing its AACSB accreditation.

Moses began his professional career as a journalist, working as an award-winning business reporter and editor for Newsday and the Rochester Times-Union newspapers in New York. In the early 1990s, he served as a cabinet-level adviser to then-New York Governor Mario M. Cuomo.

In 1996, South African President Nelson Mandela recruited Moses to be the founding dean of Edupark, a graduate school affiliated with the University of Limpopo in Polokwane, South Africa. While in that country, Moses worked as a consultant in the areas of change management and trade, served as a principal with Deloitte and Touche, South Africa, and was named managing director of Labat Africa, a consulting and holding company.

During his long career, Moses has advised several prominent organizations, including the World Bank, and he has presented lectures on international business at the Kenan-Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, the University of the West Indies and the University of Zimbabwe.

ARD AWARDED WITH TBR EXCELLENCE IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

On April 26, Wayne Ard, president of Ard Construction, was presented the 2016 Tennessee Board of Regents' Award for Excellence in Philanthropy, Ard and his late wife, Marianne, began supporting Austin Peay in the late 1980s, when Ard Construction donated the profits from one of its houses to the APSU Foundation.



Over the years, the couple hosted popular gatherings for the University, and Marianne remained a constant presence on several APSU committees, including the Candlelight Ball committee. Last year, shortly after Marianne passed away, Ard made a major financial gift to Austin Peay, which will provide scholarships in Marianne's name for generations of deserving students.

"Austin Peay is a stronger University thanks to the Ards' love and generosity," Dr. Alisa White, APSU president, said. "We are fortunate to have this family as one of our key supporters."

APSU President Alisa White, Wayne Ard and former APSU President Oscar Page

APSU RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING FACULTY WITH AWARDS

At the end of the spring semester, APSU honored several faculty members during the annual Academic Honors and Awards Ceremony. The University's top faculty honor, the APSU National Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award, was presented to Dr. Mike Gotcher ('80), professor of communication. The University's Richard M. Hawkins Award, presented each spring to a faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional scholarly and creative behavior, was presented to Dr. Roman Holovchak, assistant professor of physics.

The University also 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. Korre Foster, associate professor of music: Dr. Melissa Gomez.

associate professor of health and human performance; and Dr. Rodney Mills, associate professor of agriculture.

Each year, the Distinguished Community Service Award recognizes a full-time faculty member or department chair whose service has enhanced or will enhance the quality of life in the Clarksville-Montgomery County area. David Steinguest, professor of music, received the award this year.





NURSING STUDENT WINS THEC COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Navdeep Saini, a nursing student and active duty soldier in the U.S. Army, was one of only five college students from across the state to receive the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's (THEC) Harold Love Outstanding Community Service Award.

"The biggest thing for me is, thanks to the Army, I'm here," he said. "And what the Army instilled in me is service. If I'm not in the field, I should be giving my time to the community."



Saini created a multicultural diversity awareness group within APSU's Student Nursing Association, and that group received the University's 2016 Thousand Points of Light Award for establishing a new standard in APSU campus life. He served as a volunteer ambassador for the APSU Office of International Education, and he regularly helped with American Red Cross blood drives and with food distribution through Manna Café Ministries.

Saini also received the APSU Impact Award, the APSU Outstanding Campus Service Award and the University's Halbert Harvill-Civitan Citizenship Award. With the THEC Harold Love Award, named for a late member of the Tennessee General Assembly, Saini received a \$1,000 cash prize. He has already announced that he will donate the prize money back to the APSU programs he served.

APSU RECEIVES COPY OF RARE 18TH CENTURY BOOK

Few copies of the Pembroke Collection, an 18th century, leatherbound book published in four volumes, still exist, but a complete edition recently found its way to the University Archives and Special Collections at APSU's Felix G. Woodward Library. Alumnus James Kaar ('70), whose late father had purchased it some 40 years ago from an antiques dealer, recently donated the book to APSU.

"I thought that, because of the book's rarity, it might be an object of interest and curiosity to people who may have never seen a 270-year-old book, and that because so few libraries own an original copy, it would be nice for the Woodward Library to have its own," Kaar said.

The rare collection depicts illustrations of 11 coins used as currency in the then-American colonies – among the earliest such images known to historians.



"As far as we can determine, just six other libraries in the United States have a copy of the Pembroke Collection, including the University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Chicago, University of Kansas, Pennsylvania State University and the New York Public and Metropolitan Museum of Art," Sean Hogan, APSU special collections librarian, said.



FORMER AG STUDENTS HONOR PROFESSOR WITH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Last March, a group of former APSU agriculture students met at the APSU Farm and Environmental Education Center to announce they had raised more than \$32,000 to create the Dr. Gaines Hunt Endowed Scholarship in Agriculture.

"We are forever indebted to Dr. Hunt for his countless contributions to APSU, our agriculture program, our Ag alumni and community, and now for this lasting legacy to our current students," Dr. Don Sudbrink, chair of the APSU Department of Agriculture, said.

The effort was spearheaded by Steve Settle ('83), Betty Hadley Barnett ('82), Keith Hunter ('84), Jeff Winningham ('95), Kerry Smith ('86) and Chad Pugh ('04).

The new scholarship will be awarded every academic year to an undergraduate agriculture major with at least a 3.0 GPA. To be eligible for the renewable scholarship, students must be enrolled full time and be a rising sophomore, junior or senior at APSU.

"For an educator like Doc. who dedicated his life's work to educating, developing and helping students, the greatest gift we can give is to keep that work going," Settle said.

> Top: Lynda Hunt ('85) hugs Steve Settle as he honors her husband, Dr. Gaines Hunt.

Right: Dr. Gaines Hunt ('66) spent 35 years at APSU.



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BUILDING a dream factory



Story by Colin Harris

In 1995, Pixar and Walt Disney Animation Studios brought computer animation to the mainstream with the release of "Toy Story," and what began as a curiosity quickly replaced the more traditional "cel," or hand-drawn, animation that brought classic characters like Bugs Bunny, Mickey Mouse and Fred Flintstone to life.

As Pixar and Disney expanded their operation into the early 2000s, competing studios like DreamWorks, Illumination and 20th Century Fox entered the industry, giving countless digital artists an opportunity to bring their vision to the big screen. But one such creator, former DreamWorks animator Scott Raymond, recently chose family over Hollywood, and he has brought his talent and experience to Austin Peay State University.

Raymond made the 2,000-mile trek from Los Angeles to Clarksville in July 2015 because he needed a change. A husband and father, Raymond had spent the better part of 10 years in the industry as an animator for DreamWorks Animation. Among his credits, Raymond worked on major motion pictures, including "Shrek Forever After," "Kung Fu Panda 3" and "The Penguins of Madagascar."

But as Raymond admits, life in the industry can be tough on families, and after a decade, he and his, wife Heather, began to look east.

"I've always aspired to teach and (going into education) was always a part of my 10-year plan, so we just bumped up the timetable a little early," Raymond said. "It's a tough world out there these days, and if we were younger and didn't have kids, it'd be a great adventure to be had. But when the focus shifts from career ambition to a quality home life, something has to give."



- 1. Scott Raymond came to Austin Peay in 2015 following a successful career in the film industry working for DreamWorks Animation on films such as "Kung Fu Panda 3" and "The Penguins of Madagascar."
- 2. Raymond and APSU Department of Art and Design Chair Barry Jones ('95) stand in front of what will soon become the department's new building. Set to open in 2017, the 46,000-square-foot Art and Design Building will include expanded room for all of the department's programs, including Raymond's computer animation courses.



We're always at our AP Day recruitment events, and we're asking high school students what they want to do, what interests them, and they were always saying, 'Oh, I want to be an animator.' We'd always have to tell these prospective students, 'Oh, well, we don't offer that,' but it eventually became a discussion of, 'Well, why don't we offer that?'"

~Barry Jones

Raymond's wife, Heather, a Tennessee native, suggested they explore the area for opportunities when a position opened in APSU's Department of Art and Design. A few months after his first interview, Raymond and his family packed up and said goodbye to the West Coast, trading cold sushi for hot chicken.

Barry Jones ('95), chair of APSU's Department of Art and Design, said the department had considered adding computer animation to its list of offerings for a number of years. But the combination of the department's new Art and Design Building, set to open in 2017, along with the sudden availability of a creator with Raymond's experience created the perfect opportunity.



Top: Raymond poses for a photo alongside Po from the Kung Fu Panda series. During his time at DreamWorks, Raymond worked on the third movie in the long-running franchise.

Bottom: Raymond stands between two characters from the film "Almost Home," another of the many productions he worked on during his time at DreamWorks.



"We're always at our AP Day recruitment events, and we're asking high school students what they want to do, what interests them, and they were always saying, 'Oh, I want to be an animator,'" Jones said. "We'd always have to tell these prospective students, 'Oh, well, we don't offer that,' but it eventually became a discussion of, 'Well, why don't we offer that?'

"When we began the discussion on what to do with a faculty line that had opened with my becoming the department chair, it didn't take long to decide to focus on finding an animation professor," Jones added. "That said, we were anticipating some trouble finding the right person because people with that kind of background are in high demand in higher education, so how wonderful that we were able to find Scott."

When most students enroll in college, they pick a major that's always been there. If you want to be a teacher, you study education. If you've dreamed of being a nurse, you find the nursing program famous for turning out talented caregivers. For as far as anyone knows, your program has always been there.

So what, then, is the blueprint for building a program from scratch?

"The amazing thing is that when I talked with Barry and the rest of the department, they more or less said, 'Go make an animation program. We trust you,'" Raymond said. "My mind immediately went to wanting to teach the students a million different things, but I quickly realized that I had to really focus in on a handful of topics."

The foundation of what will one day become APSU's full-service animation program began in Fall 2015, as Raymond taught Electronic Imaging and Digital Media III: Animation. Over 15 weeks, Raymond gave students a crash course in how to be animators, directors, writers, editors and actors. The program has continued to evolve, with Animation I, II, III and IV courses on the books to ensure a more thorough education for students.

The program's development is due for a major kick-start with the opening of the Art and Design Department's new 46,000-square-foot Art and Design Building, set to open in Spring 2017. The new building will feature faculty office space, general purpose classrooms, a multifunction room, art studios, a photographic studio, a general art gallery and a student gallery.



Austin Peay students in one of Raymond's animation courses look on as a class project is displayed through a projector.

We're expecting this department to really grow, and my vision for the future is to see a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in animation to go along with our concentrations in studio art and graphic design."

While not in the initial plans, Raymond's arrival brought a change as the department elected to convert one of the multipurpose classrooms into a full-fledged animation studio—a perfect space for Raymond and his growing number of students.

"I've been super lucky with the new building, and I've been even more lucky that Barry went to bat for the program to get one of the classrooms turned into an animation lab," Raymond said. "We're already planning for the space and getting things like a green screen to do some live-action compositing, stop-

motion equipment for our students interested in sculpture and ceramics and even some Oculus Rifts so that we can play around with using virtual reality in our animation projects."

The combination of Jones and Raymond is the perfect fit to shape the future of APSU's Department of Art and Design. While not an animator by trade, Jones was able to spot the dreams of the next wave of students, and Raymond is the right teacher at the right time to make those dreams a reality.

"Animation is a program that needed the extra space in a new building because we'll have the (traditional art) students we have now, but I really see, in a few years, a lot of students coming into the department to become animation students," Jones said. "We're expecting this department to really grow, and my vision for the future is to see a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in animation to go along with our concentrations in studio art and graphic design.

"Right now, we don't have the faculty for that concentration because Scott can only teach so many classes, but we're hoping in a year or two, we can get an additional faculty line and the program can continue to evolve organically."

Alumni Awards

OUTSTANDING SERVICE



James Holleman

James Holleman, a
Clarksville native, did not
attend Austin Peay State
University, but he has
dedicated much of his adult
life to furthering the Austin
Peay mission of enriching
the Clarksville community
and beyond. Holleman, a
successful businessman,
has served as an important
link to the local business
community as a member, as
well as a former president
and chairman, of the APSU

Foundation, the University's nonprofit fundraising organization. Upon graduating from Vanderbilt University in 1958, Holleman returned to Clarksville, where he began a 55-year career in the real estate and insurance industries as president of Conroy, Marable & Holleman Inc. Holleman also served on a number of boards, including CMH Commercial Properties, Inc., Heritage Bank & Heritage Financial Services, Inc., Guaranty Federal Savings Bank and Queen City Communications.

He served as a councilman for the city of Clarksville, as well as a past vice president for Leadership Clarksville and president of the Clarksville Rotary Club. He is a former board member of multiple organizations, including Baptist Health Care Systems, Inc., Nashville Baptist Hospital (now St. Thomas Hospital), Baptist Three Rivers Hospital (Waverly, Tennessee), Belmont University and Clarksville Academy. Holleman is a life-long member, deacon and past chairman of deacons and Sunday school at First Baptist Church, Clarksville.



Roy Gregory

On June 30, 2015, Roy Gregory retired from Austin Peay State University, ending a remarkable 24-year-career at the institution. A 1968 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Gregory first arrived at Austin Peay in 1991 as head coach for the Governors football team. He led that program while undergoing chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, but he only missed one day of practice during his tenure as coach.

As assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions, Gregory helped start the athletic department's successful dinner, concert and auction series. Later, as executive director of University Advancement, he helped bring scholarship football back to campus, and he oversaw Austin Peay's first capital campaign. That campaign, which had an initial goal of \$15 million, ended up netting \$39.5 million for the University. Gregory also started the popular Governors Bass Tournament.

In 1991, he was named Tennessee's Football Coach of the Year and coach of the Tennessee Football All-Stars. In 1997, he received the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's Joe Morrison Award for notable accomplishments and life experiences. He is a former board member of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, and he is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Board. Gregory is also a deacon, Sunday school teacher and a current or former member of several committees at First Baptist Church, Clarksville.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS



George Leavell ('84)

George G. Leavell has served as executive vice president, chief operating officer and shareholder of Wepfer Marine, Inc. and its affiliated companies since 1994. In 1984, Leavell graduated from Austin Peay State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, and he would go on to graduate with honors from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis in 1987.

Leavell is an active member of several marine industry and charitable organizations, and he currently serves on the Ohio Valley Board of Directors for the American Waterways Operators. He previously served on the organization's executive committee as chairman of its Midwestern region. He also serves as chairman of the Inland Region Harbor and Fleeting Coalition, chairman of the harbor sector for the Memphis Area Maritime Security Committee and co-chairman of the Memphis Blue Stream Task Force Transportation Committee.

A member of the APSU College of Business Advisory Board, Leavell is also an elder at Independent Presbyterian Church and is a board member of Street Ministries, a Memphis-based organization dedicated to helping underserved youth in some of its toughest neighborhoods through a wide range of educational, athletic and mentor-based programming.

Contributed

Maxie McClintock ('02)

The United States Army brought Maxie McClintock to Austin Peay State University, but it was her time at Austin Peay that helped bring McClintock to the world. The daughter of a serviceman, McClintock's family was relocated from Schweinfurt, Germany, to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, during her senior year of high school. After graduating from Northwest High School, McClintock auditioned for

a performance scholarship at Austin Peay and was awarded the Tammy Milliken Memorial Scholarship.

As a student at APSU, McClintock studied all areas of performing arts, including acting, stage management, box office management and set building. As a junior, with the knowledge gained as a student, she booked her first professional acting job in a commercial for Motorola pagers. As a senior, McClintock received an internship with The Walt Disney Company in the communication program at MGM Studios. Upon completing her internship, McClintock graduated from Austin Peay in 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts in corporate communication.

Since graduation, McClintock has acted in several short films and has produced three short films. She recently appeared on season four of Aspire TV's "ABFF Independent," a weekly two-hour show presenting the best independent shorts and documentaries from emerging African-American artists. More recently, McClintock starred as Alice in 2015's "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip."

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNAE-



Anastasia Lynch ('10)

First Lieutenant
Anastasia Lynch is a leader
in all aspects of her life, and
the Clarksville native has
a list of accomplishments
to reinforce that point.
A former member of
the women's golf team
at Austin Peay State
University, Lynch's honors
include Ohio Valley
Conference Co-Freshman
of the Year, All-OVC
First Team and an NCAA
Sportsmanship Award. As a

servicewoman in the U.S. Army, Lynch's commendations include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and Army Overseas Service Ribbon.

Upon completion of the Air Defense Artillery Basic Course in 2013, Lynch served first as a Fire Control Platoon Leader in Alpha Battery, First Battalion, Seventh Regiment Air Defense Artillery. She currently serves as the Brigade Adjutant for the 108th Brigade. Additionally, Lynch is a graduate of the Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention program, which allows her to serve as a certified victim advocate for sexual assault victims. In 2015, she deployed to Jordan.

Lynch graduated from Austin Peay in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in communication and minors in general business and graphic design, and she is currently working to earn her master's degree in management and leadership at Webster University.





Wilma Newton ('73)

Wilma Newton is vice president of Ascension Health, the largest nonprofit health system in the United States and the world's largest Catholic health system. Ascension Health has more than 2,500 sites of care, including 142 hospitals and more than 30 senior care facilities, across 24 states and Washington, D.C. Ascension's health ministries have more than 160,000 associates and 36,000 affiliated providers.

Newton has served in an executive capacity for numerous healthcare providers, including roles as executive vice president and CFO at both St. Thomas Hospital (Nashville) and St. Mary's Medical Center (Evansville, Indiana).

A 1973 graduate of Austin Peay State University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Newton received her Master of Arts in Accounting from The University of Alabama in 1976. Upon receiving her master's degree, Newton returned to Austin Peay, where she worked as an assistant professor of accounting from 1976-78. Newton currently serves on the APSU College of Business Advisory Board, a "sounding board" for present and proposed programs and activities of the College, as well as identifying opportunities for business students to enrich their education through internships, mentorships and other practical work experiences.

Alumni **Events**

33rd Annual Candlelight Ball set for March 11, 2017

Hilton Nashville Downtown

For more than 30 years, one event has brought alumni and friends of Austin Peay State University together to support the University's mission of educating tomorrow's leaders. The 33rd Annual Austin Peay State University Candlelight Ball, hosted by President Alisa White and husband Elliott Herzlich, will be held at the Hilton Nashville Downtown on Saturday, March 11, 2017. As a part of the evening's festivities, Austin Peay will recognize two individuals for their contributions to the University with the Wendell H. Gilbert and the Spirit of Austin Peay awards.

Much more than an evening of dinner and dancing, the Candlelight Ball aids in providing scholarships for deserving students. Gifts received are added to a scholarship endowment for the Candlelight Ball Scholarship and also allow Austin Peay to increase the scholarship award in the years to come.

The Candlelight Ball is made possible by the support of area businesses and underwriters, as well as the work and service of the Candlelight Ball Committee, led by co-chairs Fran Jenkins and Christina Clark.

Tickets for Austin Peay's 33rd Annual Candlelight Ball are \$150 per person. To make your reservation or for more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979, or visit www.apsu.edu/alumni.









APSU alumni and friends traveled with Dr. Timothy Winters, APSU professor of languages and literature, to Greece in the summer of 2011. Each year, alumni have the opportunity to travel overseas at discounted prices. For more information on these upcoming trips, visit www.apsu.edu/alumni.









SEPT. 30- OCT. 1, 2016 '72-'84 COACH ELLENBURG BASEBALL REUNION

OCT. 14, 2016 VARSITY MEN'S GOLF REUNION

OCT. 21-22, 2016

HOMECOMING/BLOCK PARTY
WATCH APSU VS MERCER HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME!

JAN. 21, 2017

GOVS BASKETBALL REUNION
CHEER ON THE GOVS AS THEY PLAY MURRAY STATE IN THE DUNN CENTER!



Sept. 30-Oct. 1

APSU Baseball Reunion ('72-'84)

Oct. 14

Men's Golf Alumni Reunion (Celebrating 50 years of APSU Men's Golf)

Oct. 17-22

HOMECOMING WEEK

Oct 18

APSU Agriculture Alumni Harvest and Open House

Oct. 22

HOMECOMING (APSU vs. Mercer)

Oct. 28

APSU Basketball Fundraiser

Dec. 2-3

APSU Choir Holiday Dinner

March 7

Governors Gathering Atlanta, Georgia

March 11

33rd Annual Candlelight Ball

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Thirty Years of Excellence in the Creative Arts

For the last three decades, the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts (CECA) has offered APSU students the opportunity to work one-on-one with nationally acclaimed artists, including National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich and famed composer Lee Hoiby. The CECA—the only program of its kind in the state—was established during the 1985-86 academic year by the Tennessee General Assembly, and it received a major boost just a few months after its founding when country music legend Roy Acuff generously endowed a chair of excellence. That chair allows the center to bring regionally and nationally acclaimed artists to campus each year to work with students and the surrounding Clarksville community. Last year alone, the CECA hosted more than 90 events in the areas of music, art, creative writing, theater and dance. For updated information, visit www.apsu.edu/creativearts.





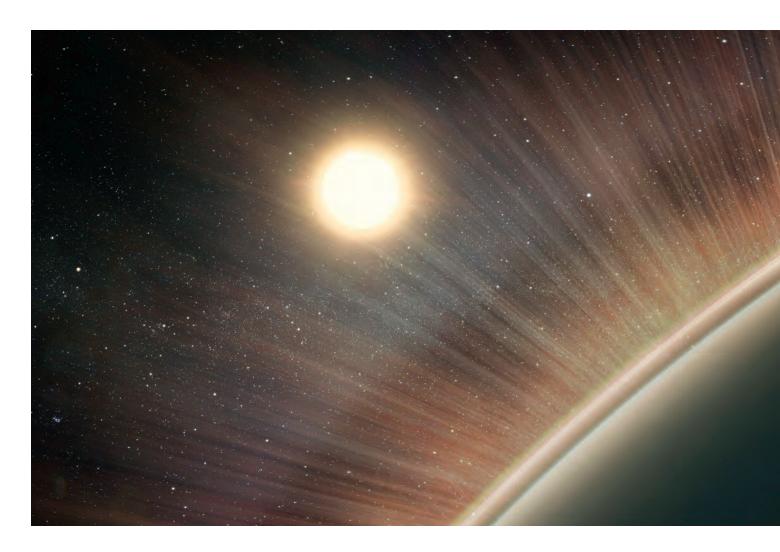








- 1. Sam Washington performs at the Department of Music's Sixth Annual Holiday Dinner.
- 2. Posters are displayed during a Sawtooth Press workshop in the Trahern Gallery.
- 3. APSU student Amy Duncan's charcoal drawing was part of a 2015 student art showcase in the Morgan University Center Design Gallery.
- 4. Conor Scruton represented APSU at the prestigious Frost Place Conference on Poetry in 2015.
- 5. Members of the Axis Dance Company, from Oakland, California, served as guest artists of the 2015-16 Roy Acuff Chair of Excellence in the Creative Arts program.
- 6. Jumila Hunter, Briar Moroshack, Ashley Knowles and Allison Ferebee act in a production of "Footloose" in Spring 2016.



DAY to NIGHT

The 2017 solar eclipse is headed for APSU

By Charles Booth

When Dr. Spencer Buckner first arrived at Austin Peay State University in the fall of 1999, a colleague in the Department of Physics and Astronomy handed him an eclipse map and said if he stuck around for another 18 years, he might get to see a total solar eclipse without having to leave campus.

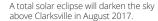
"That's when I first learned about it," Buckner, an associate professor of astronomy, said. "I stuck the map on the wall and have had it there ever since." Next summer, on the afternoon of Aug. 21, 2017, the moon will pass between the earth and the sun, and the satellite's massive shadow will fall almost directly over Clarksville, turning day into night for more than two minutes.

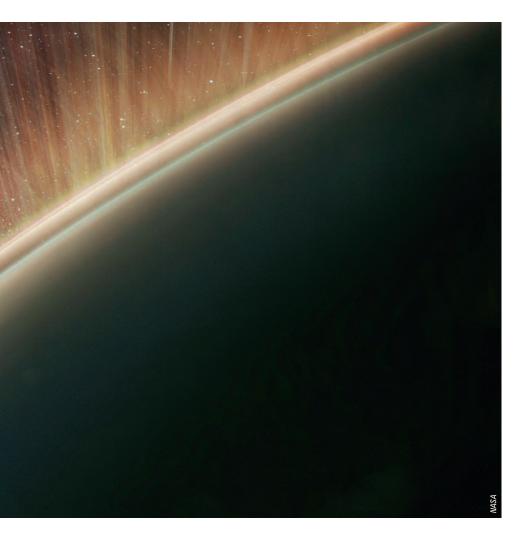
"From what I've read, it does go from day to night," Buckner said. "Birds will go back to their nests, cows will go back to their barns. Animals and critters will all think it's nighttime. The temperature will drop. If it's really dry,

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~Dr. Allyn Smith, APSU professor of astronomy





it could drop as much as 15 degrees really quickly. And the emotional things going on with people—it's going to be interesting."

In February 1979, when America's last total solar eclipse of the 20th Century sent thousands of people to a remote hill in Washington State, ABC News Correspondent Jules Berman told viewers, "People are hushed in what seems almost like a ritual thing that mankind has been silenced by, in awe, since the beginning of civilization."

In ancient China, eclipse watchers made noise to scare away the dragon they believed was eating the sun. The Greek historian Herodotus claimed that an eclipse in 585 BCE caused the Medes and Lydian armies to immediately end a bloody battle, and when the first solar eclipse appeared in the American colonies during the

Revolutionary War, Harvard University sent an expedition behind enemy lines to record the event.

"I've never seen a total solar eclipse; I've seen a partial," Buckner said. "I've heard it's definitely a very personal kind of experience."

When a total solar eclipse caused the Faroe Islands to go dark in March 2015, the English poet and novelist Lavinia Greenlaw wrote in The New Yorker magazine that, "However prepared the mind is for a total eclipse, the body has its own response. The throwing of the celestial dimmer switch confounds the senses. Light drains away, silence falls. For me, it was as if the world were withdrawing from contact. I felt something of the terror that lies in tranquility—how much I depended on natural laws that, right then, on an immense scale, were being broken."

More than 11,000 people traveled to the remote, North Atlantic islands in 2015, "laden with meteorological and camera equipment," Greenlaw wrote, "their mood a mixture of businesslike intent and deep yearning." For the last few years, Buckner and his colleagues in the APSU Department of Physics and Astronomy have been organizing events to educate and entertain the large crowd that will converge on Clarksville next year.

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At 7 p.m. on Aug. 20, 2017, the night before the eclipse, Dr. Rhea Seddon will visit the APSU Dunn Center to deliver a free talk about her life as one of NASA's first female astronauts. Seddon served as a mission specialist and as a payload commander on several space shuttle flights.

The University will also spend the next year training students and other astronomy enthusiasts so they can help guide visitors that summer.

"We want to get with the Clarksville Astronomy Club and Del Square Psi, the student physics club, and get them trained, make sure they have equipment and then disperse them to parks and places around town," Smith said. "We're trying to keep the observatory to the more professional community. We'll probably have two or three universities that will want to come in and set stuff up."



At the Austin Peay Observatory, Buckner and Smith plan to replicate an experiment conducted more than 100 years ago by the famed English astronomer, Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington. Eddington, with his thinning hair and spectacles, didn't look much like an adventurer, but in 1919, the Cambridge-educated scientist traveled to the Isle of Principe off of West Africa. The Royal Astronomical Society sent him on an expedition to the distant island to witness a total eclipse and make the first test of Einstein's theory of general relativity. Principe, like Clarksville in 2017, was deemed one of the best places in the world to view the solar event.

That steamy morning in 1919, as the sky darkened, Eddington and his fellow scientists busied themselves with their experiment.

"We have no time to snatch a glance at it," Eddington wrote in his book, "Space, Time and Gravitation: An Outline of the General Relativity Theory." "We are only conscious of the weird half-light of the landscape and the hush of nature, broken by

the calls of the observers and beat of the metronome ticking out the 302 seconds of totality."

The experiment was a success, confirming Einstein's theory, and in 2017, Buckner and Smith will use Austin Peay's fortunate position in regards to the solar eclipse to recreate Eddington's experiment. Earlier this summer, Buckner attended an American Association of Physics Teachers workshop in California to learn how to replicate and improve upon Eddington's research.

"We're trying to organize people all along the eclipse path to use the same types of telescopes, the same types of cameras, so we can pool our data," he said. "The idea is to get better results than Eddington got."

NASA will set up a live feed at the University's observatory—which houses a 20-inch Ritchey-Chrétien telescope, featuring the same optical design as the Hubble Telescope—to give viewers across the country an opportunity to see the eclipse. Locally, the Department of Physics and Astronomy has partnered with



The eclipse occurs on the second Monday of the school year, so students will have been in school for a full week," Buckner said. "We're raising money right now to buy eclipse glasses. The idea is to put eclipse glasses in every kid's hand in Montgomery County."

 Dr. Spencer Buckner, associate professor of astronomy

- 1. The eclipse's path of totality will cross the country, including Clarksville.
- 2. The APSU Observatory at the University's Environmental Education Center will serve the scientific community during the 2017 eclipse.
- 3. APSU students will serve as guides for anyone interested in viewing the eclipse in Clarksville.
- 4. The Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education is preparing local teachers to help students during the eclipse.





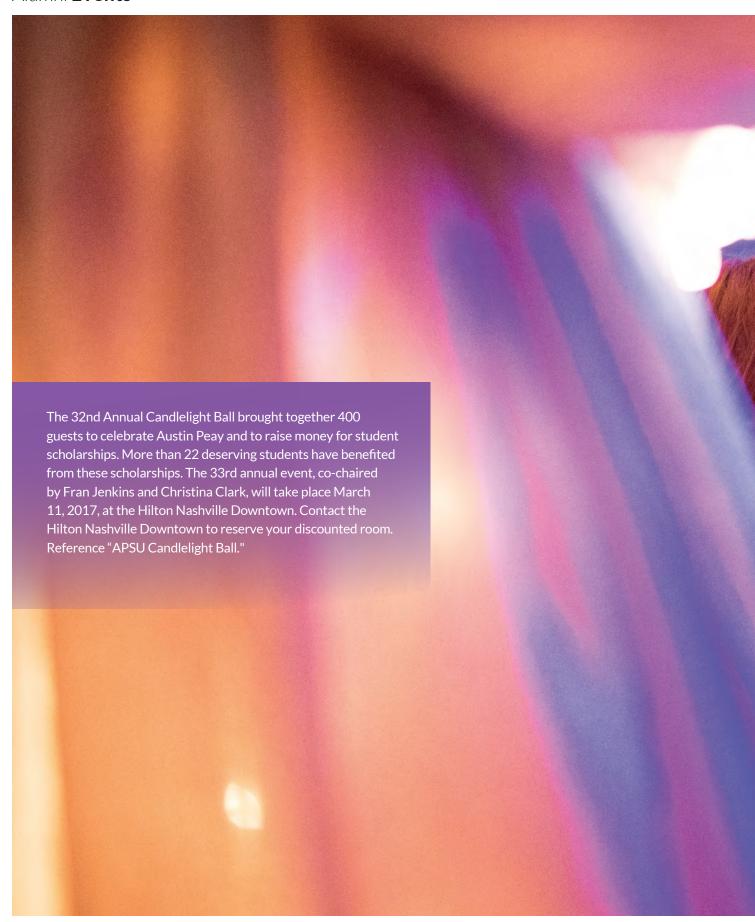


APSU's Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education to make sure all area students get to safely witness this celestial event. Over the summer, the college hosted an educational summit to train teachers on how to integrate the eclipse into their lesson plans. The college will host another summit next year.

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Next year, when the day finally arrives, students and adults will likely pause as the sky darkens. In those two minutes, as their bodies struggle to understand what is happening, they might experience the same emotions that overcame ABC News Correspondent Ron Miller in February 1979. As Miller watched the moon pass over the sun, he exclaimed to millions of viewers, "This is just the most exciting thing I think I've ever participated in. I can't tell you how lucky we are."

Alumni **Events**

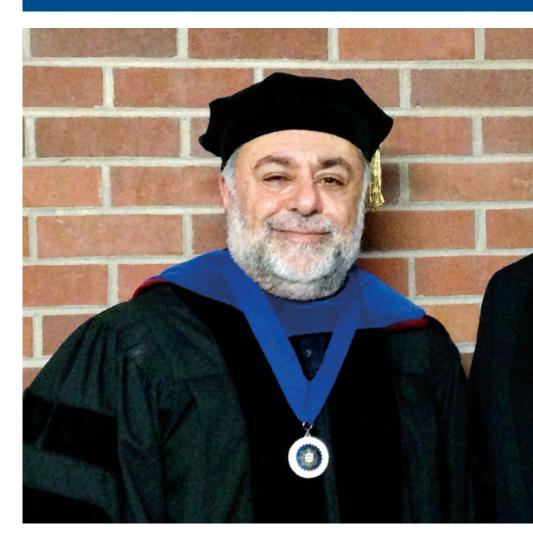




Alumni Q&A



In 1995, a young soldier with the **5th Special Forces Group came** to Austin Peay to complete his bachelor's degree with a double major in English and foreign languages (French specialization). Before he was done with his civilian education, he would also achieve his dream of obtaining a master's degree in English. In 2009, Keith David co-founded the Task Force Dagger Foundation, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit charity that supports **Special Operations service** members and families, including Gold Star families, with medical and financial assistance, important recreational and physical therapy and PTSD counseling.



In 1995, you came to Austin Peay as a solider to double major in English and French. Why was earning a Bachelor of Arts degree important to you, and why in those subjects?

Being in Special Forces, you are required to be able to communicate in another language. Soon after completing my training (in French), we deployed to a small country in North Africa. As we were training the Tunisian Army, I was able to communicate in a link language, French, where the other soldiers only spoke French and Arabic. Being able to speak with another person who did not speak any English made a huge impression on me at the time. I saw coming to Austin Peay as a way to improve my skills and abilities in French. Another aspect to my degree was English. I had originally decided to have a minor in English, and Dr. Albert Bekus, who was my English adviser, suggested I complete a double major. It only required few extra classes. It was one of the best decisions I have made. Being an English major is not just about literature... an English degree prepares a person to succeed in life. The discipline of research, analysis, constructing, writing and reviewing instill in a person many abilities to succeed no matter what type of career one enters. The ability to communicate to a variety of audiences and understanding what language to use and how to use it, in addition to the discipline of creating, will set you apart in any career from your peers.

Dr. Mickey Wadia congratulates Keith David on being inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society.



What was life like for you as a nontraditional student at Austin Peay? Is there something about your experience here that stands out to you?

As a nontraditional student in the Army, I was fortunate to not have to worry about making ends meet. I had applied for a program called "degree completion." I was able to focus on my studies, but I was also on a timeline. I had 18 months to complete a double major. One of the major benefits for this time was to reconnect with my family. This was the longest that I had been home at one time without a deployment in the 10 years that my wife, Keline, and I had since being married. We have two children and,

at the time, they were very young: our daughter, Heather, was seven, and our son, Tim, was three. Reconnecting with my wife and two kids during this time influenced me later when we started the foundation. It was here that I realized how important family is and that it takes work to make a happy and productive family. I developed friends and relationships with my professors that have lasted. We formed study groups and worked together to push each other. What this did for me was to learn more about my college peers, who were traditional students and other nontraditional students and how they looked at life, and it allowed me to share with them. Not many students are able to spend time with someone who was in my career field in the Army.

After a distinguished military career and a successful private sector career, you co-founded Task Force Dagger, a 501(C)3 nonprofit charity. What is this organization, and why is it important to you?

Four of us founded the Task Force Dagger Foundation – www.taskforcedagger. org – in 2009. We learned that there were a lot of gaps that were not being covered by our military insurance, the Department of Defense or the Veterans Administration. Our programs focus on three core areas: Immediate Needs, Health Issues and Recreational Therapy Adaptive Events. All three programs have a different focus but share in common the ability to provide support that is critical to our Special Operations Forces service members and their families. We have worked hard to fill those gaps and not let anyone down.

Since 2009, this organization has helped more than 1,120 families and more than 2,255 people. What do you hope is the future for Task Force Dagger?

I wish that we could close our doors and say, "mission complete," because all the needs were being taken care of, but I know that this will never be the case. No matter how hard and how good our benefits are, they will not cover everything. What I dream of is being able to fully fund all the needs that come to us and not have to worry about being able to meet a need. We work hard to make sure every penny goes to programs and services and not to overhead. We stay focused on where we came from and what our mission is. Our mission is to care for those Special Operations Forces (SOF) service men and women and their families in their time of need. Our SOF forces are deployed in over 90 countries every day for our country. We are growing and expanding and are being there far more than ever before. This is important because with the high deployment rate and time from families, what we do becomes more and more important.

Earlier this year, Austin Peay's chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society inducted you into that organization's Hall of Fame. How did you feel when you learned your alma mater was honoring you in this way?

I felt humbled and unworthy. We never started this organization to get credit or for personal gain; we started it to support our friends and families and as a way to continue to serve. When I was approached by Dr. Karen Sorenson, I was flattered, so much that I have no words to describe how I felt. With this honor comes an additional responsibility and that is to Phi Kappa Phi and to Austin Peay, to represent them to the best of my ability and to help others that are coming to the University as I am able. I am humbled and thankful to have the love and friendship of so many.

Program Spotlight



Master of Arts in

Military History

at AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

No matter what a person's profession, the study of history will improve their ability to think strategically and analytically. At Austin Peay, the Department of History and Philosophy's Master of Arts in Military History program is ideal for individuals looking to advance their careers and enrich their lives. The program, which is offered both online and on campus, is open to students with a bachelor's degree in any field.

The Master of Arts in Military History lets students examine different aspects of military history, ranging from culture and religious beliefs to tactics and diplomacy. Once they've completed the program's 36 hours of coursework, graduates will have a variety of opportunities open to them, including teaching or doctoral studies and careers in federal and state government agencies, nonprofit organizations and museums.

In addition to the program's focus on military history, with an optional security studies certificate, the department is looking to expand the degree into a Master of Arts in General History, encompassing more topics for future students.

The female crew of a B-17 Flying Fortress return from a training mission.





EXPERIENCE

I had the same conception that a lot of people had that military history is learning only battles and flanking maneuvers. I was really surprised about how much I learned and how much it relates to issues going on today. You learn how politics connect to military decisions and the stakes involved."

- Alexandria Poppendorf ('16)

FACULTY

The professors have an avid interest in your learning and progress in the program.

They will go out of their way to make sure that you succeed and take time out of their busy days to help you whenever you have a problem. Unfortunately, there are not enough adjectives to adequately describe how generous and enthusiastic the faculty are."

- Sara Hoover ('16)

William Parker ('08), director of the Fort Defiance Interpretive Center, earned his Master of Arts in Military History from APSU.

ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Master of Arts offers several graduate assistantships to help students pay for the program while also providing them with valuable professional experience as teaching assistants.

HONE GOVS ARE

HOMECOMING 2016 ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, OCT. 17

Pep Rally/Bonfire/Court Announcement

7 p.m., Dunn Center front lawn Free and open to the public. Contact Student Life and Engagement, 931- 221-7431.

TUESDAY, OCT. 18

APSU Agriculture Alumni Harvest & Open House

5:30-7 p.m., 1991 Pickens Rd.

- 5:45 p.m. Ceremony
- 6:15 p.m. Reception/Tours

APSU Apollo (Student Talent Show)

7 p.m., Foy Center Free and open to public. Sponsored by Govs Programming Council. Students amaze the audience with their talent. Contact Student Life and Engagement, 931-221-7431.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19 Gov Tug

4 p.m., Intramural Fields
Tug-of-War competition between
student organizations. Contact Student
Life and Engagement. 931-221-7431.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20

Student Concert (valid APSU I.D. required)

7 p.m., Foy Center Nationally known artist performs for APSU students in a lively concert experience.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

38th 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

Noon—1:30 p.m., Morgan University Center Plaza

Free and open to alumni and students. Sponsored by African-American Alumni Chapter and WNDAACC. For information, contact Jasmine Jones ('04) at jonesj@apsu.edu or 931-221-7210.

WNDAACC Alumni & Current Student Homecoming Mixer

Greeks and Non-Greeks are welcome. 2-4 p.m., Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center, Clement 120. Free and open to all alumni and current students. Call 931-221-7120, for information.

Governors' Own Alumni Band Rehearsal and Cookout

5:30-8 p.m., Fortera Stadium. All former Governors' Own Band Members are welcome. Rehearsals at 5:30 p.m., followed by a cookout. The alumni band will rehearse the Fight Song and other tunes. At 6 p.m., alumni will join current band members for a mix and mingle cookout in the choir room. RSVP by Oct. 16 to Barb Syme Cramer ('71, 72)at bjcramertn@aol.com.

Military Alumni Chapter Dinner and Scholarship Endowment

6-8 p.m., Morgan University Center Ballroom. \$30 per person. Open to all. Portion of proceeds to benefit Military Scholarship Endowment. To RSVP or for information on the APSU Military Alumni Chapter, contact Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or email leszczakto@apsu.edu.

College of Business Homecoming Reception

6-8 p.m., F&M Bank, Franklin Room All College of Business alumni are invited. Food will be provided. To RSVP or for information, contact April Williams at 931-221-1283 or williamsan@apsu.edu.

African-American Alumni Chapter Scholarship Mixer

8 p.m. - midnight, Riverview Inn, 50 College St.

\$10 per person, if ticket purchased before Oct. 15. \$15 per person at door. Proceeds benefit the Marvin Posey Jr. Scholarship Endowment. Light refreshments, cash bar. Sponsored by the APSU African-American Alumni Chapter. Alumni enjoy a discounted rate of \$119 per night (plus tax) at the Riverview Inn. Reservations must be made by Sept. 23 and must be booked for Friday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 22 for Homecoming weekend rate. Call 931-552-3331 to make reservations. For information, contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Block Party in the "Alley"

8-11 p.m., Strawberry Alley, downtown Clarksville. Open to all! \$3 per person (wrist band and first beverage included in price). Must be 21 and over and show a valid I.D. We encourage all Class of 1966 and Class of 1991 alumni to join us at this event! Sponsored by Budweiser of Clarksville, Edwards Steakhouse and Hops Java and Juice.

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 22 50-Year Reunion Breakfast.

Class of 1966

8-10 a.m., Morgan University Center, Room 305

\$30 per person. For information or to RSVP, contact Alumni Relations Office at 931- 221-7979 or email keanr@ apsu.edu.

Governors Football Alumni Breakfast

8-9:30 a.m., Fortera Stadium, Club Level

Free. All former football players are invited to reunite. 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 of College Street – Greek Tent). Join current APSU Greeks and reconnect with your fraternity brothers and sorority sisters during the Homecoming Parade. Free event. For information, contact Victor





Felts ('90), Greek Alumni Chapter President, at 931-221-7431 or feltsv@apsu.edu.

College of Science and Mathematics Alumni Reception

9-10 a.m., Maynard Mathematics and Computer Science Building (Ken and Amy Landrum Courtyard). Reunite with alumni, faculty and staff of the College for the Homecoming Parade. For information, contact Tami Fraley ('81, '82) at fraleyt@apsu.edu or 931-221-7971.

Governors' Own Alumni Band Rehearsal and Social

9 a.m., All former Governors'
Own Band members will meet in choir room (MMC Building) for final rehearsals, followed by parade, Tailgate Alley and game performances. Free event for band alumni. For information, email Barb Syme Cramer ('71, '72) at bjcramertn@aol.com.

Homecoming Parade

10 a.m., APSŪ Clarksville campus Free and open to the public. Austin Peay gathers together to celebrate Homecoming 2016. Tailgate Alley opens at 2 p.m. Contact Athletics to reserve a spot, 931-221-7904. For parade details and information, contact Student Life and Engagement, 931-221-7431.

25-Year Reunion Luncheon Class of 1991

11 a.m.— 1 p.m., MUC Plaza \$30 per person. For information or to RSVP, contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or email keanr@apsu.edu.

Political Science Alumni Reunion

Noon, Morgan University Center, Room 305 Free. Mix and mingle with alumni and current students; lunch provided. To RSVP, contact Sage Disney at disney@apsu.edu or 931-221-7515 by Friday, Oct.14.

Alumni Awards Lunch

Noon, Morgan University Center Ballroom \$25 per person. Open to the public. Join alumni and friends in honoring this year's selection of outstanding alumni award recipients: Jim Holleman, Roy Gregory, Maxie Shatoya McClintock ('02), Staci Lynch ('10), Wilma Newton ('73) and George Leavell ('84). Contact Alumni Relations Office, 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

College of Science and Mathematics Tailgate Tent

1-4 p.m., Tailgate Alley (adjacent to alumni tent) Following the Homecoming Parade, join your fellow alumni, students, faculty and staff in Tailgate Alley.

Lady Govs Softball Alumni Chapter Tailgate

2-4 p.m., Tailgate Alley Mingle with former and current Lady Govs Softball players as well as the coaches. Free food available. To RSVP, text or email Jessica Ryan at 812-598-8451 or jessryan19@gmail.com.

Alumni Hospitality Tent

2-4 p.m., Tailgate Alley Meet and mingle with other alumni, update your alumni information, register for a door prize and pick up free swag.

HOMECOMING GAME – APSU VS. MERCER

4 p.m., Fortera Stadium
Open to the public. Presentation
of 2016 Homecoming King, Queen
and court at halftime.
For admission prices, contact
Athletics Ticket Office,
931-221-7761.

Homecoming Step Show

7:30 p.m., Foy Center (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

- Students/Military \$10 in advance
- Community/Alumni -\$15 in advance
- Tickets at the door \$20 Call Fraternity & Sorority Affairs, 931-221-6570, or visit www. apsugreeks.com for information.

A full, detailed schedule will be available at **www.apsu.edu/homecoming**.

STAYING OVERNIGHT?

Enjoy the Homecoming/Alumni discounted rate at these following hotels: Reference "APSU Alumni Homecoming" when making your reservation.

The Riverview Inn is preferred hotel partner of Austin Peay State University and Austin Peay Athletics

Riverview Inn (50 College St.)

- \$119 plus tax
- Two night minimum
- 931-552-3331
- All Riverview Inn reservations must be booked by Sept. 23, 2016, for Homecoming Weekend.

HomeTowne Suites

129 Westfield Ct.

- \$69 plus tax (single) / \$79 plus tax (double)
- 931-551-7711

Candlewood Suites

3050 Clay Lewis Rd.

- \$99 plus tax (single)
- \$109 plus tax (double)
- 931-906-0900

Mainstay Suites

115 Fairbrook Pl.

- \$84 plus tax (single beds)
- \$99 plus tax (double beds)
- 931-648-3400

Courtyard by Marriott

155 Fair Brook Pl.

- 931-551-4480
- \$119 plus tax

Home 2 Suites

3020 Mr. C Dr.

- 931-645-7771
- \$109 plus tax



BEHIND-THE-SCENES MAN

Sports Information Director Kirtley Ends 32-Year Career At APSU

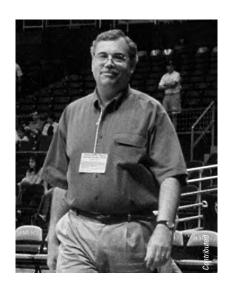


Brad Kirtley during the early part of his career working press row, then located in the stands behind the team benches.

On a warm afternoon in June, Brad Kirtley quietly left the Austin Peay State University Dunn Center, as if an ordinary workday had come to an end. But it wasn't a typical day for the unassuming Kirtley. After a 32-year career as APSU's Sports Information Director, he was leaving campus for the last time as an Austin Peay employee. The next day, his retirement would begin.

In 1984, Kirtley left a sports writing job at the Southeast Missourian, his hometown newspaper, to take

over the APSU Sports Information Office—a one-man operation that oversaw marketing and publicity for the University's athletics department. Using the office typewriters, Kirtley and Brenda Harrison, his sole staff member, created media guides and press releases promoting APSU's 15 different sports. In the mid-1980s, he worked with the late Bob Bibb and Coca-Cola to produce four-color covers for the department's revenue sports media guides. He also created postseason media guide publications





Brad Kirtley with Louise Mandrell after a fundraising event at APSU in 1997.



Kirtley (right) takes a break with Dederick Yeargin and Ken Hawkins.

for multiple sports, including men's basketball, baseball and golf.

The sports information office grew in the years that followed because of Kirtley's persistent desire to tell the stories of Austin Peay's student athletes. He spearheaded multiple publicity and All-American campaigns, in particular for Bubba Wells and Trenton Hassell, who earned Playboy All-American honors in 2001-02. He also helped Austin Peay maximize national publicity with media outlets such as NBC ("Today Show"), CBS ("At the Half"), USA Today and Los Angeles Times.

For three decades, he guided studentathletes through difficult post-game interviews, but he also found time to mentor the numerous students who worked in the small sports information office. Kirtley helped develop interns who eventually became sports information professionals at Florida Atlantic, Cincinnati, Stetson, Sewanee, Curry College, Alabama State, Michigan and Austin Peay.

Under his tenure, the sports information office experienced significant progression in everything from a web presence, which transitioned from in-house to a professionally managed site, to drastic improvement of the Governors Sports Network broadcast quality. The office developed APSU's athletic social media presence and eventually created the department's marketing and promotions coordinator position.

Through the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), Kirtley was responsible for nominating numerous student-athletes for CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, including 26 (out of APSU's total 30) earning either first-, second- or third-team Academic All-America under his watch. More than 100 Austin Peay student-athletes have

earned CoSIDA Academic All-District since 1990.

Kirtley also authored nomination content for numerous OVC and national awards, in particular the league's Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award; Austin Peay student-athletes have earned the prestigious honor nine times since its inception in 1998-99. In 2013, Kirtley was inducted into the APSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

On June 30, 2016, he left his campus office for the last time, ending a long chapter in the Department of Athletics' history. But his belief in telling the stories of Governor student-athletes will be his enduring legacy within that department.

"Quiet. Unassuming, but never to be forgotten," Cody Bush, APSU sports information coordinator, said. "Brad, we are all better for having known you. Best wishes in the next chapter of your life from everyone that has known you."



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~Cody Bush, APSU sports information coordinator

Brad and his wife, Janet ('78).

Sports **News**



FOR LOVE OF THE GAME

As players gathered around the Governor logo at midfield after the spring game, there was some apprehension on Gunnar Scholato's part. That apprehension turned to confusion when his name was called.

"Everyone was nervous because usually when we circled around the Gov head after practice that meant we were going to do up-downs," Scholato said. "When Coach (Will) Healy called me into the middle, I thought, 'What did I do to make us do up-downs?"

Turns out, all Scholato did was impress his coaches and teammates with his work ethic, tenacity and willingness to sacrifice for the team in his position as linebacker. He impressed them enough to earn his scholarship.

When Healy announced that Scholato would be placed on scholarship for the upcoming season after walking on last fall, his teammates erupted and mobbed the sophomore from Hendersonville.

"When I stepped forward, he started naming off traits and qualities of our football players," said Scholato. "I was thinking, 'I didn't do anything against those principles.' Then he said (I was getting a scholarship) and that was really awesome."

Healy called it simply, "the coolest moment I've had in coaching."

With his parents on hand to witness the event, Scholato saw his hard work since arriving at Austin Peay last summer pay off.

"It was a bit of a struggle (not being on scholarship)," he said. "You're doing the same things as everyone else, in some cases you're doing more, and it's just aggravating. You keep pushing and keep trying and believing that good things will come if you work hard.

"You have to love the game. You have to love it a lot, because you're doing it for free. You've got classes, practice, weights, homework, and you try to have a social life in between all that. It's hard. It's really easy to quit, but I've never quit on anything."

After the departure of threeyear starter Adam Noble and some positional maneuvering during the spring, Scholato emerged as one of the leaders to snag a starting spot heading into fall camp. He stands to see a significant increase in playing time in his second season as a Governor.

FORMER FAR GAINES HUNT INDUCTED INTO OVC HALL OF FAME

Former Austin Peay Faculty Athletics Representative Dr. Gaines Hunt ('66) was inducted into the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame during the annual OVC Honors Brunch on June 3 at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Nashville.

The OVC Hall of Fame was organized in 1977 with the intent of honoring the coaches, administrators, faculty and staff that have been associated with the OVC for at least five years and provided extensive and outstanding service to the Conference. With the induction of this year's class, the membership will reach 79.

Hunt served as the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) from 1978 through 1995 (minus a year-and-a-half hiatus) at Austin Peay, his alma mater. Hunt graduated from the school in 1966 and came back to become a professor of agriculture from 1971-2006. During that tenure he served as chair of the Department of Agriculture (1978-87 and 1991-96). Prior to the NCAA sponsoring women's sports, Hunt served as Austin Peay's NCAA delegate in 1981 when a governance plan to allow women to compete for NCAA Championships was passed (something that became a reality two years later).

HORTON CHOSEN AS TENNESSEE PLAYER OF THE YEAR BY TSWA

Austin Peay basketball star senior center Chris Horton ('16), who led the Govs to an improbable Ohio Valley Conference tourney title and NCAA tournament appearance, was voted the 2015-16 Men's College Basketball Player of the Year by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association.

The Decatur, Georgia, native earned First Team All-OVC and NABC All-District 19 accolades, becoming just the 13th player in Division I history to accumulate 1,500 points, 1,000 rebounds and 300 blocks during a career.



- On May 5, Austin Peay announced it was adding beach volleyball to its intercollegiate athletics program for Spring 2017, making it the 16th Governors athletic team and 10th team in its women's portfolio competing at the Division I level.
- Beach volleyball teams consist of five pairs of players, playing each match in a best-of-three format.

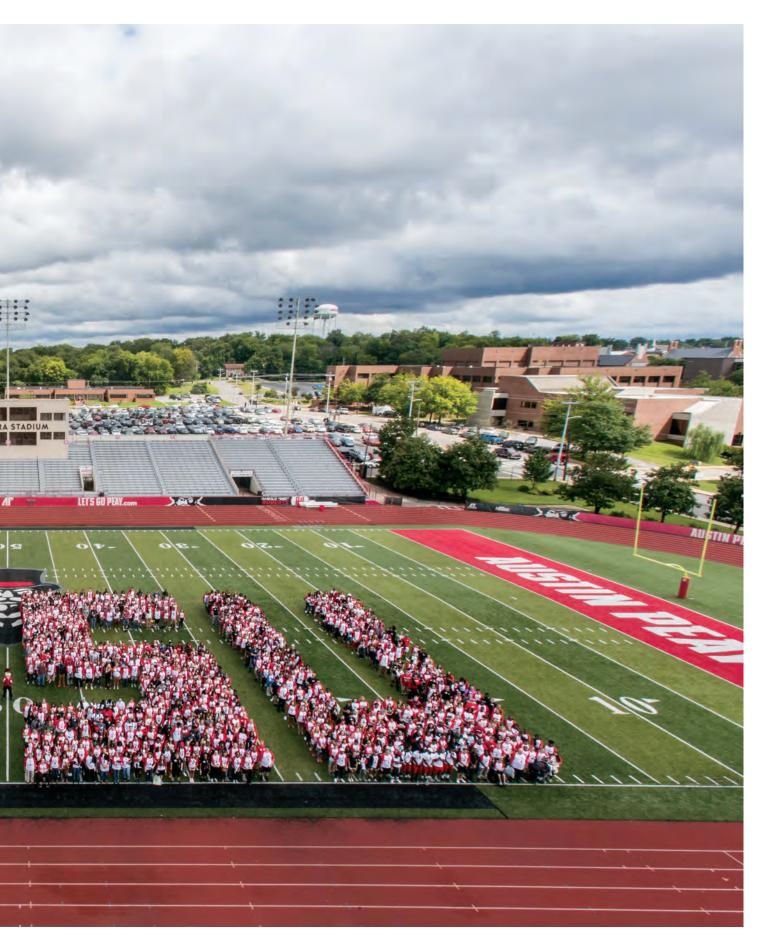
 Each competition then is a best-of-five competition, with the first team to win three of the five matches, similar to how team champions are decided in men and women's tennis. With a season beginning in March 2017, the first National Collegiate Championship involving teams from all three NCAA Divisions will take place May 6-8 in Gulf Shores, Alabama.
- The beach volleyball development has been rapid within the NCAA ranks. First approved in 2009 as an emerging sport for women—then as sand volleyball—the sport has grown quickly. By the start of the 2015-16 season, 58 NCAA universities added beach volleyball to their intercollegiate athletics offerings. That surge prompted the NCAA to approve beach volleyball as its 90th championship during the 2015 NCAA Convention.



- The Governors beach volleyball team will be the first Division I program in Tennessee. In addition, it will be third at any level in the state, joining Division II members Carson-Newman and Lincoln Memorial.
 - The team will be coached by current Governors volleyball staff, led by head coach Taylor Mott and assistant Brian Netzler.

 "I was ecstatic when our president, Dr. White, and athletics director, Ryan Ivey, were in support of adding beach volleyball to provide more opportunities for women to become student-athletes at Austin Peay," Mott said.











At 3 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 1927, Tennessee Governor Austin Peay signed a bill creating a normal school on the old Southwestern Presbyterian University campus in Clarksville. The next day, April 26, the law went into effect. When the governor died of a cerebral hemorrhage several months later, the state's newest teacher's college was named in his honor.

Ninety years later, Austin Peay State University is now a thriving comprehensive university, and next April, this institution will honor its nine decades of service to this region with a special celebration. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 26, 2017, for Austin Peay's 90th Anniversary.

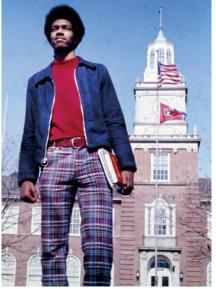






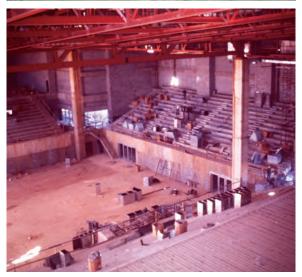














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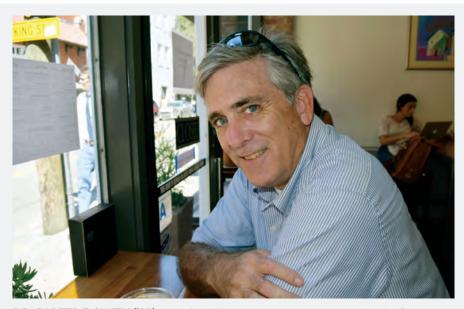
- Perry Lee Harned, Tennessee Commissioner of Education (1923-33), during Austin Peay Normal School's opening ceremony

Class **Notes**



STACEY COTHRAN ('88) right, president of the Friends of Henry Horton State Park, was presented with a Tennessee Governor's Volunteer Stars Award by the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration.

LEE PETERSON ('90) left, grant project manager for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), joined TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau in presenting The Friends of Henry Horton State Park with a \$99,620 grant on Feb. 19. The grant will help the park launch a full-scale composting operation.



DR. CARTER F. SMITH ('90) recently published two criminal justice textbooks: "Private Security Today," with Frank Schmalleger and Larry Siegel, and "Gangs," with Mario Hesse and Chris Przemieniecki.



DR. KAREN J. WHEELER ('80) recently joined Arkansas State University as the senior associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. She previously served as the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, serving as the provost's leader in areas related to curriculum and degree programs, new off-site locations, program review and institutional assessment.



TAMMY (WYATT) WILLIAMS ('91) won the 2015 Exceptional People Award from The Hartford Insurance Group. The award is the organization's highest employee honor. The executive leadership at The Hartford selects the winner.



was named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 2016 Silver Anniversary Team, based on outstanding accomplishments as a senior basketball player 25 years ago. Daniels played for Scottsburg High School, where she averaged 17.5 points and 6.3 assists a game in her senior

year and helped lead the team to a state

championship title.

Wilken Family Formation

MISTY AYRES-MIRANDA ('07) right, an English teacher at the Nashville School of the Arts, received the Milken Educator Award and \$25,000 on Nov. 10, 2015. Tennessee Education Commissioner Candice McQueen presented the award on behalf of the Milken Family Foundation.



TODD CANTERBURY ('98) was elected to the Board of Directors for the BOSS TORO Electromotive SA company, headquartered in Marbella, Spain. Canterbury previously served as technical adviser to the board. In addition to his new role as board member, Canterbury also joined The Boeing Company's Enterprise EHS Engineering team in 2015 tasked with of providing subject matter expertise for the Design for Ergonomics and Workplace Safety initiative on commercial, space and military products. Canterbury previously led the Boeing C-17 Globemaster III Production Operations Ergonomics program from 2005-15 at the Long Beach, California, production facility. He currently resides in Seattle, Washington.



LORILEE RAGER'S ('01) web design and marketing firm, Thrive Creative Group LLC, won the 2016 Internet Advertising Competition (IAC) award for Outstanding Achievement in Internet Advertising. Rager established the Clarksville-based company in 2004. The IAC Awards were developed by the Web Marketing Association to honor excellence in online advertising, recognize the individuals and organizations responsible and showcase award-winning Internet advertising.

LELA HOLT ('03) earned a Master of Arts in Theatre, with an emphasis in playwriting, from Texas State University in December 2015.

KATHRYN MARGARET DOYLE

('15) was named assistant director of admissions at Carson-Newman University in February 2016.

STEPHANIE OSBORN'S ('83)

new book, "Fear in the French Quarter," part of the "Displaced Detective" series, will be published in October. Her short fiction also recently appeared in the anthology "Science Fiction by Scientists."

DR. TAMEKA WINSTON, ('05)

Tennessee State University (TSU) professor of communication and host of a Sirius XM radio show, was named interim chair of the TSU Department of Communication.

DR. MELONY SHEMBERGER ('06),

Murray State University assistant professor of journalism and mass communications, was elected to the national board of directors for The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi during the organization's 2016 biennial convention held July 28-30 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Class **Notes**





Above, Mark Crawford

Left, Mark Crawford (fifth from right, behind Naomi Judd), moderated a panel on country music legend Carl Perkins.

MARK CRAWFORD ('09) recently moderated a panel discussion at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, celebrating rockabilly musician Carl Perkins and the 60th anniversary of his song, "Blue Suede Shoes." The panel included Stan Perkins, Carl's oldest son; David McGee, Perkin's biographer; Peter Guralnick, Sam Phillips' biographer; Chuck Mead, music director for Million Dollar Quartet) and country singer Naomi Judd. Crawford also wrote and secured a state resolution declaring April 9, 2016, as Carl Perkins' "Blue Suede Shoes" Day in the state of Tennessee.



BILL WALLACE ('52) was recognized as the 2016 Marshall County Outstanding Citizen of the Year during the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce Annual Breakfast on June 30. He also was presented with a plaque at the annual Miss Marshall County Pageant on July 4 by Vicki Cain, chamber president. Each year, the public submits nominations to the chamber for the person that they feel exhibits the qualities of an "outstanding citizen."





SARAH LEJEUNE ('12) AND JAY WILKINSON ('11) are featured performers on the newly released CD "Sway," featuring nine cover tracks of Michael Bublé songs. The CD is the official motion picture soundtrack for the film "Sway," which also stars LeJeune and Wilkinson. Information on the movie and soundtrack is available online at www.swaythemovie.com.

To submit apsu class notes, please contact Charles Booth at BOOTHCW@APSU.EDU.



HEATHER D. PIPER ('02) was recently named one of Tennessee's 2016 Top 40 Family Law Attorneys Under 40 by the American Society of Legal Advocates. Piper is a partner at Piper McCracken, PLLC in Nashville.

BIRTHS

GRANVILLE LAWRENCE POWERS ('03), and his wife, **BELINDA POWERS**

('02), welcomed their first child, Anna Elizabeth Powers, on Dec. 23, 2015.

JAKE LOWARY (2016) and BETH (LIGGETT) LOWARY (2016)

welcomed their third child, Julian 'Cooper' Lowary, on April 28, 2016.

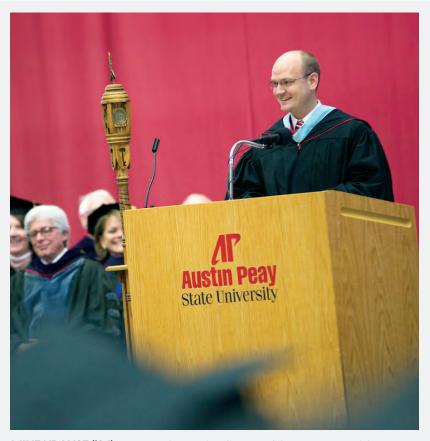
WEDDINGS

DR. OSVALDO DI PAOLO ('07),

associate professor of Latin American literary and cultural studies, and

BRANDON HARRISON ('04),

former APSU National Alumni Association president, were married on July 3, 2015, at Coronado Beach in San Diego, California.



MIKE KRAUSE ('06) was named executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission by Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam. Krause has served as executive director of the Governor's Drive to 55 program, and he successfully managed the launch and implementation of the Tennessee Promise and other initiatives under the Drive to 55 umbrella.

IN MEMORY

Marvin Fraley Austin Jr. ('67)

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Jan. 14, 2015

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Dec. 20, 2015

Virginia C. Feltner ('52)

Aug. 16, 2016

Myra Fisher, University admissions

Feb. 7, 2016

Dr. Preston J. Hubbard, emeritus professor of history, Feb. 17, 2016

Tim Hurst, senior associate vice president for finance, March 17, 2016

Rodney Lockerman Sr. ('74)

March 2, 2016

Dr. Donald "Don" Luck, professor

of education, June 22, 2016

Antonio Marie ('96)

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Ronetta Pfotenhauer ('49)

Dec. 30, 2015

Rubye Shoemaker ('58)

March 12, 2016

Douglas H. Stamper ('65)

Jan. 3, 2016

Frank "Buford" Thaxton Sr. (1970)

Dec. 5, 2015

Thomas G. Turner ('96)

Jan. 20, 2016

Elizabeth Shea Halliburton Wright ('04)

Aug. 25, 2016

Student News

APSU STUDENT **CRITCHLOW**SENDS HIGH-ALTITUDE BALLOON INTO THE STARS

Give Austin Peay State University student Dominic Critchlow a balloon and a camera, and he can quite literally show you the world.

A senior in APSU's Department of Physics and Astronomy and a 2015-16 Presidential Research Scholar, Critchlow has spent quite a bit of time researching a simple solution for the complex problem of computer-assisted image remote sensing through high-altitude balloons.

Or in layman's terms, how do you send a balloon, a camera and a bunch of computers 100,000 feet in the air without violating FAA regulations?

"The physics and astronomy department has been working with high-altitude balloons for years now, but they've always had a problem with weight," Critchlow said. "They've got radios and scientific equipment, each with

their own batteries and data storage, and all of that equipment weighs something.

"FAA regulations say that the payload of a balloon cannot weigh more than six pounds, so my goal was to design some kind of equipment that could combine all of those separate functions into one piece, while still staying within the standards set by the FAA."

Critchlow found an answer in the form of an Arduino board, a low-cost microcomputer that can serve as the "brain" for any number of projects, from acting as an automatic night light to letting you open your garage door with a smart phone, to logging data for altitude, pressure and temperature, as well as managing a magnetometer, an accelerometer and a Geiger counter — all tied to latitude and longitude obtained from a GPS.



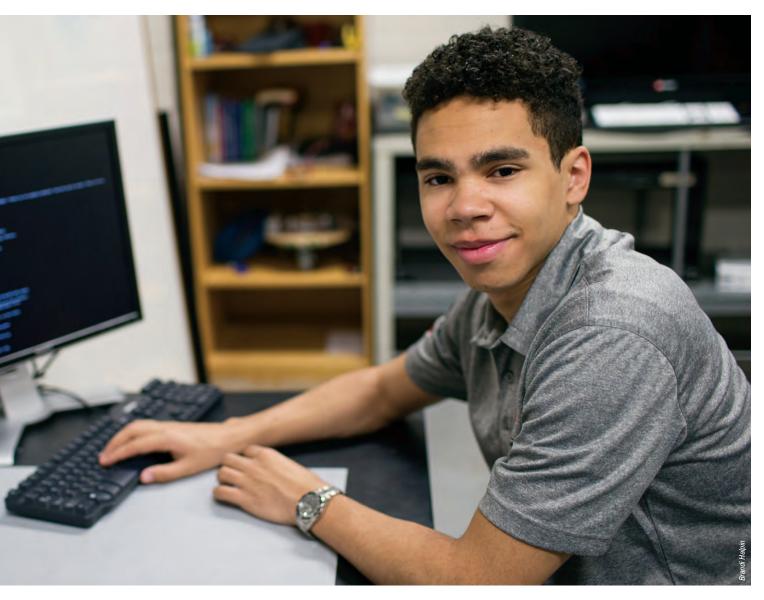


In short, Critchlow found a \$30 solution to a problem that had been kicking around the physics and astronomy department for years.

"The Arduino board is designed for things like this, so I went out and found the parts I needed, then sat down to see if I could write computer programs for the board that did the things we needed," Critchlow said.

The goal of Critchlow and his team is to explore better solutions to the problem of remote sensing, or the scanning of the earth by satellite or high-flying aircraft in

APSU student Dominic Critchlow sent a balloon, equipped with a small computer and cameras, over 100,000 feet into the air with the purpose of capturing images in different wavelengths. The images allow researchers to determine the clarity of water in the region.



order to obtain information. Purposing satellites to obtain high-quality images of the Earth is costly, so the work of Critchlow and other researchers is going a long way toward providing a more effective, low-cost alternative for researchers and amateur enthusiasts.

In early April, Critchlow and a small team gathered at the APSU farm near the Kentucky/Tennessee border to launch their high-altitude balloon—along with an array of cameras powered by Critchlow's Arduino board. The goal of that morning's launch was to get a bird's eye view of the clarity of water in the region.

"We used an array of cameras that are controlled by a small computing device, inside of the payload," Critchlow said. "The flight computer determines optimal times to capture images, when the payload is at specific altitudes and is experiencing a low amount of force, that could distort the image. The cameras capture images in different wavelengths that can be directly superimposed. This allows us to determine the clarity of water in the region, as clearer water reflects more light in the blue ranges and murky water reflects more light in the infrared ranges."

The launch was a success, as the balloon reached a maximum height of 100,000 feet – high enough to see the layers of the Earth's atmosphere, as well as the curvature of the Earth – before the thin atmosphere caused the balloon to shred and send the payload back to the ground.

"(When the payload was recovered), we discovered that the cameras didn't quite

work as we hoped, but they did work, so that proof of concept means we can continue to keep improving the process," Critchlow said.

Sending a camera to the outer reaches of Earth's atmosphere is just the most recent accomplishment for Critchlow. Over the past two summers, he has interned as a researcher at Georgia Tech, as well as Vanderbilt University. A winner of APSU's Robert Sears Award for Excellence in Physics, Critchlow is currently interning as a data science researcher at the University of Notre Dame.

For a video of Critchlow's launch, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9_RsAldhXk.

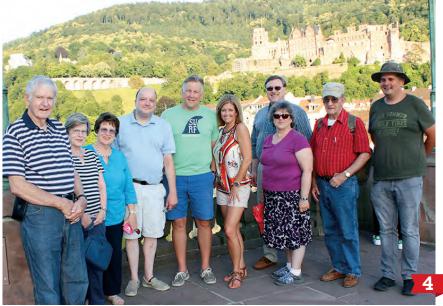
Governors **Gathering**

Each year, President Alisa White, Vice President Derek van der Merwe and APSU staff members, including those from the offices of alumni relations and University advancement, travel across the country to meet with fellow APSU friends and alumni. Types of events held throughout the year include alumni receptions and gatherings, pregame/sporting events and chapter-sponsored activities. There are no fees associated with membership in the National Alumni Association or specific alumni chapters. To find out if there is an alumni group in your area, or if you are interested in organizing one, call the APSU Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979. For a complete look at the upcoming event schedule and for an updated list of alumni groups, visit www.apsu.edu/alumni or email alumni@apsu.edu.



















- Lady Govs basketball alumni are recognized during the annual reunion in January.
- Gov alumni and fans celebrate the OVC Men's Basketball Championship win at the Nashville Municipal Auditorium.
- Student-athlete Chris Horton ('16) officially becomes a basketball alumnus at the May commencement ceremony. /Cassidy Graves
- APSU alumni and friends, along with Professor Dewey Browder, traveled to Germany this past summer for an Alumni International Trip. Visit www.apsu.edu for information on upcoming travel and itineraries.
 - Oakmont Elementary fourth-graders learn what it's like to "Be A Gov" during a tour of campus by the APSU Alumni Office staff.
- Britney Campbell and Adrienne Beech pose with the Gov at this year's Candlelight Ball. /Taylor Slifko

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- President Alisa White awards BSN graduate Navdeep Saini an Austin Peay military coin during a ceremony prior to May's commencement ceremony. /Cassidy Graves
- ROTC Cadet Jose Ramoslopez, recipient of the 2016 Command Sgt. Maj. Darol Walker Award, (left) stands with Walker (center) and Jack Turner (right). /Kim Balevre
- APSU baseball's first OVC Championship team (1971) alumni pose with current APSU baseball players during a reunion at Raymond C. Hand Park.



As we look toward 2017 and Austin Peay State University's 90th anniversary, we stand on the brink of more than just another year in operation. APSU is growing in ways few could have imagined when Austin Peay Normal School was created as a teacher-training institution in 1927.

For the first time, APSU's Clarksville campus will finally link up with beautiful downtown Clarksville through the purchase of the 10.75-acre property that formerly housed the Jenkins

and Wynne Ford-Lincoln-Honda dealership. The opportunities for that property are truly exciting, as detailed by the recently unveiled vision of the of tomorrow, outlining possibilities of what College Street – and a thriving University as a whole – could resemble when Austin Peay approaches its 100th anniversary in 2027.

On campus, the growth of the University is no more apparent than by the construction of the new Art and Design Building, set to open in Spring 2017. One of the Southeast's centerpiece art programs, the APSU Department of Art and Design is expanding at a tremendous rate and this new building will only help in attracting some of the brightest young artists in the region.

There are so many things to be excited about at Austin Peay, and none of this would be possible without the generous support of our alumni and friends. This year alone, we have come together to raise over \$9 million in support of APSU and its mission of educating tomorrow's leaders. Your gifts are so important, and they serve as a reflection of your commitment to improving an already exceptional Austin Peay education for our students.

But giving back to Austin Peay is about more than financial contributions – it's about reconnecting with the campus community you inherited, and making sure it is even stronger for those who come after. Preparations are already underway for Homecoming 2016, and there is no better time to come back home, visit old friends, make new ones and explore for yourself all the ways you can let the world know that you're proud to "Be a Gov!"



Kris Phillips Executive Director APSU University Advancement

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