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Austin Peay State University unveiled its new military coin in December 2011 during a ceremony honoring active duty and military veteran graduates. For more about the coin, please see the story on Page 36. Photo by Beth Liggett





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Food pantry for students opens on campus



Beth Liggett

In February, APSU opened the APSU Save Our Students (S.O.S.) food pantry for its students.

The storage closet in the Office of Student Life and Leadership located in the Morgan University Center was transformed into a food pantry over the University's 2011 holiday break. The new food pantry will provide emergency nutritional assistance to students.

Food donations – baby food, canned soup, peanut butter, crackers, canned tuna, chips, granola bars, pasta noodles, rice, popcorn and any

other items with a long shelf life – are being accepted in the MUC Room 211. In addition to food donations, the food pantry needs new or used grocery bags.

The idea for a food pantry at APSU was proposed in November 2011 by two graduate students, Kaytreana Sheppard and Shannon Doss, from the social work program. They approached Student Life and Leadership about partnering to open a food pantry for students in need.

▶ Center for the Study of Military Life created at APSU

THE College of Behavioral and Health Sciences announces the creation of the Center for the Study of Military Life.

The purpose of this center is to support research activities that seek to develop a more in-depth understanding of all aspects of military life as they impact individual service members, military families, communities and nation.

APSU is positioned to sponsor such a center. The University has a long-standing relationship with the U.S. Army through the military installation at Fort Campbell, Ky.

"We are the single largest provider of educational services on post, and many of our employees are retired military," said Dr. David Denton, dean of the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences.

Dr. Tucker Brown, assistant professor of sociology who also serves as coordinator of the new center, said the focus of the Center for the Study of Military Life is research.

"We are now planning a Spring 2013 conference and soon will be issuing a call for papers for a new journal we will be launching," Brown said.

For more information about the center, go to apsu.edu/military-life.



Beth Liggett

Enrollment growing; improvement in graduations best among Tenn. universities

APSU continues to move toward the 11,000-student mark. Figures for the Fall 2011 semester show a record enrollment of 10,873 students at APSU.

But there is more reason to celebrate.

Not only is enrollment increasing, but APSU also is graduating more students than ever.

While growth in student enrollment is vital for any postsecondary institution, APSU, like other public institutions in Tennessee, is being assessed by retention and graduation performance. The Complete College Tennessee Act, adopted in 2010, implements a new outcomes-based funding formula, in which productivity rather than enrollment controls the funding distribution.

During the last academic year, APSU awarded its highest number of degrees on record, 13 percent more degrees than the previous year. Since 2006, degree completions have risen steadily, increasing more than 25 percent.

APSU's upward performance in retention, progression and graduation positions the University as the most improved institution among the four-year schools in the Tennessee Board of Regents and University of Tennessee systems. A Tennessee Higher Education Commission report recommended that APSU receive a 6.9 percent increase in funding for 2012-13, based on the first year of the new funding formula. That's nearly twice the increase of any other Tennessee university.

APSU receives \$1.78M grant to build safe rooms in new student housing

APSU has received a grant of more than \$1.78 million to build safe rooms in the basements of the new residence halls now under construction on Drane Street.

Of the total funds awarded, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) contributed more than \$1.5 million, supported with an additional \$250,000 from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA). APSU matched an additional \$250,000 toward the \$2 million project.

The total grant is believed to be the largest single award the University ever has received.

The safe rooms are designed to protect students from the threats of inclement weather, such as strong winds up to 250 mph and tornados. Each will hold a maximum of 1,400 students.



Beth Liggett

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▶ APSU celebrates 40-year anniversary of ROTC



Battalion Executive Officer Greg Lane (left), with the APSU Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Governors Guard Battalion, accepts a state proclamation from state Rep. Joe Pitts in celebration of the APSU ROTC's 40th anniversary on Dec. 1, 2011, in the Memorial Health gymnasium.

In December 2011, APSU celebrated the 40-year anniversary of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) on campus. The U.S. Army in 1971 established the ROTC at APSU for recruiting, training and commissioning future Army officers. In the 40 years since, hundreds of cadets have been commissioned at APSU as second lieutenants in the Army. The program also has earned the reputation as one of the nation's finest, having won several awards for training and management performance standards. In addition, the program has been the best in the nation and had the top cadet in the nation in previous years.

Beeth Liggert

New scholarly journal on Hispanic studies comes to APSU



APSU has created a new scholarly publication, *Polifonía* – a peer-reviewed, online journal of literary criticism and culture of Hispanic studies, housed in the APSU Department of Languages and Literature.

The journal can be accessed at the website www.apsu.edu/polifonia.

Dr. Osvaldo DiPaolo, assistant professor of languages and literature, is the journal's editor and his colleague, Dr. Nadina Olmedo, from Campbellsville University, serves as the associate editor.

The editorial board includes three APSU faculty members – Dr. Miguel Ruiz Avilés, Dr. Cully

Carson-Grefe and Ilza Harrell – along with professors from the University of Birmingham, England, the Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia, Argentina, the Universidad de Granada, Spain, the Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico, the University of Kentucky and the University of Wisconsin.

“We're well represented and connected,” DiPaolo said. “My intention was to basically be connected with what other people are doing in different parts of the world, where they're studying Hispanic literature.”

There are plans to expand *Polifonía* to include a print edition.

APSU, Volunteer State partner to offer teacher licensure program

APSU and Volunteer State Community College have partnered to provide teacher licensure programs at Highland Crest College Campus in Springfield.

Students complete the first two years of coursework through Volunteer State and earn the Associate of Science in Teaching (A.S.T.). Upon completion of the A.S.T. degree, students will complete the next two years and earn a bachelor's degree and teaching license through APSU. All courses are offered at the Highland Crest Campus.

In addition, APSU offers a

master's degree in reading at Highland Crest. Designed for licensed teachers with a minimum of three years teaching experience, this degree prepares teachers to be a reading specialist for a school or district. Coursework is provided in face-to-face and online formats.

APSU also will offer a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) at Highland Crest beginning in Fall 2012. The M.A.T. provides opportunities for individuals who hold baccalaureate degrees to complete initial teacher licensure requirements and a master's degree concurrently. The program is offered in a cohort format. Coursework is provided in face-to-face and online formats. Field experiences in public schools are required as part of the required coursework.

At the end of the program,

participants must either complete student teaching or teach on an alternative license and pass all required licensure exams to earn their teaching license.

Library creates digital collection of student newspapers



Beeth Liggert

Anyone interested in catching a glimpse of what the APSU campus was like over the years can now use a valuable new tool available through the University's

Felix G. Woodward Library's digital collection.

APSU associate professor of library administration Gina Garber and Scott Shumate, APSU digital services assistant, have worked to digitize and make available all editions of *The All State* student newspaper. Two student workers, Kyle Nelson and Edd Garcia, also assisted on the project.

“Using optical character recognition (OCR) technology, each word on the page was read and indexed for use in our CONTENTdm system,” Shumate said. “This means that information from every issue can be searched for directly, no need for date or issue number, although those options are still available.”

Anyone can peruse back issues of *The All State* by visiting www.digital-library.apsu.edu.

Reagan Giving Circle receives \$10,000 boost



Tom Perry (fifth from left), CFO of Delta Dental of Tennessee, presents a \$10,000 gift from Delta Dental to the Reagan Giving Circle on Nov. 8, 2011, at the Pace Alumni Center. The women's giving program is named in honor of Dr. Carmen Reagan (fourth from left), retired professor of marketing at APSU. President Tim Hall and new members of the giving circle seen in the photo also helped to launch the new effort.

FOR more than a decade, Dr. Carmen Reagan has served on the Delta Dental of Tennessee board of directors, helping the organization to expand across the state.

"We relied on her for her corporate citizenship," said Tom Perry, chief financial officer and an APSU alumnus. He graduated in 1973, having been a student of Reagan's in the APSU College of Business.

It was fitting then that Perry presented a \$10,000 check from Delta Dental to help jumpstart the new Reagan Giving Circle program. The check presentation was made in November during a reception to launch officially the giving program in honor of Reagan.

Reagan also was the first to make a gift to the program, which will help fund scholarships for female students in the College of Business.

The Reagan Giving Circle honors the entrepreneurial spirit Reagan has bestowed upon APSU and the business community. The new giving program will ensure the success of future female business leaders enrolled in the APSU College of Business.

Reagan retired as professor of marketing from APSU in July 2011. She continues to teach a couple of marketing and communication courses on post-retirement status.

APSU's new Subway store tops in customer count



APSU's Subway restaurant, which opened in September 2011 in the Catherine Evans Harvill

Bookstore Building, was among the top Subway shops in the mid-South region in late 2011, according to APSU officials.

Joe Mills, assistant vice president of student affairs and director of housing at APSU, said auditors from the Subway corporation visited the campus Subway in late 2011 for quality standards. They informed campus dining officials that it was No. 1 in customer count and No. 2 in total sales, Mills said. There are 224 Subway stores in the region.

The Office of Dining Services at APSU operates the Subway establishment on the APSU campus.

GovTV Channel 99 now on U-verse TV

APSU's GovTV Channel 99, which broadcasts public,

education and government (PEG) programming for the city of Clarksville, is now carried on AT&T U-verse.

Dr. Mike Gotcher, chair of the APSU Department of Communication who oversees the operation of GovTV, said the ability to offer GovTV on an additional subscription service is "a positive feature for the APSU community and Clarksville."

"It expands APSU's footprint. We are glad to have this," he said.

PEG programming on U-verse TV on Channel 99 can be viewed by U-verse TV customers in Clarksville and throughout middle Tennessee. The channel also remains available through Charter Communications and on CDE Lightband channel 9.

APSU launches Pave the Way campaign

APSU has launched the Pave the Way campaign, allowing individuals to purchase a brick paver as a lasting tribute to someone – all while supporting the University.

The personalized brick pavers will be placed along the walkway between the Marks Building and Blount Hall on the main campus.

The 4-by-8 pavers are \$100 each, which can be paid in a single payment or four installments of \$25. Each paver has up to three lines of text available with a maximum of 20 characters (including spaces) per line.

Proceeds from the brick pavers will support APSU. Brick pavers can be purchased online at www.apsu.edu/Advancement/pave-the-way.



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New scholarship at APSU honors longtime educator Patricia Hancock Richardson



Beth Liggett

In the spring of 2010, two years into her battle with cancer, Patricia Hancock Richardson reminded her husband, James, of an errand he needed to run.

“She said, ‘make sure you get our basketball and football season tickets,’” James Richardson remembered. “She told me, ‘We’re going to every game.’”

Patricia, known by her friends as Patty, had rooted for the Governors since the early 1950s, when she was a varsity cheerleader at the school. In the years that followed, she became a fixture at most home games, cheering on the Governors during good seasons and bad. So that spring, James listened to his wife and bought the tickets. They went unused.

“She passed away that fall, in October 2010,” he said recently. “Austin Peay was a great love for her. She was very supportive of it.”

James plans to continue his late wife’s long legacy of supporting APSU. He recently established the Patricia Hancock Richardson Memorial Scholarship, which when fully endowed will be awarded annually to students from Tennessee or Kentucky who plan to become teachers.

“I wanted to endow this scholarship in her name so that people will always remember who she was,” James said. “I’m in the process now of writing her biography, and I hope when the first student receives this scholarship, I will be able to hand them the biography so they’ll know the person who helped them with their education.”

Local Home builders association makes donation to 2 memorial scholarships

When members of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Home Builders Association learned that two scholarships were being set up at APSU to honor the memory of two local teenagers, they overwhelmingly agreed to show their support.

After the tragic deaths of incoming APSU freshman Jack Amos and Rossvie High School senior Amy Stringer in 2011, two memorial scholarships were endowed at the University. The scholarships will provide opportunities for future generations to earn college

degrees at APSU.

The local home builders association made a sizeable donation toward both scholarships.

“We had a golf tournament, and the proceeds from the golf tournament, we felt should go toward these scholarships,” Rex Hawkins, president of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Home Builders Association, said.

2 new minors allow students to study Web, mobile technologies

Next fall, APSU will begin offering two new academic programs that will prepare students to enter a world dominated by the Internet and mobile technology.

The new programs – Web technology minor and a mobile software technology minor – are housed in the APSU Department of Computer Science and Information Technology.

The Web technology minor will introduce students to the basic areas of Web page design, creation and management. It will include basic hardware and software concepts, an introduction to programming in Java, an introduction to Web development and Web page design, an introduction to scripting using several platforms and an introduction to database management, allowing students to create data-driven Web pages.

The Web technology minor can be combined with any major. No technology background is required to take these courses.

The mobile software technology minor will introduce students to the basic technologies needed to develop applications and websites for mobile devices. Students will work with various mobile devices and operating systems. Since many mobile applications communicate with other systems such as Web servers, students will also be introduced to basic Web and database development. This minor will be appropriate for students with an interest in programming and software development.



Beth Liggett

▶ New observatory opens at APSU farm

APSU has opened a new observatory at the APSU Environmental Education Center, with a retractable dome and a 20-inch Ritchey-Chretien telescope, featuring the same optical design as NASA's Hubble Telescope.

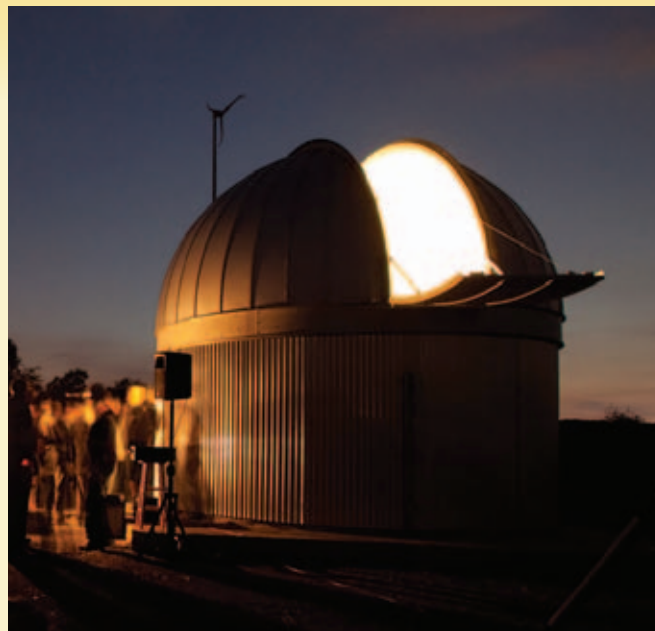
"This facility is going to serve our students," APSU President Tim Hall said. "One of the great things about Austin Peay is how our students are actively engaged, not simply in taking notes in classrooms, but actually engaged in the work of discovery."

For about 10 years, APSU associate professor of physics Dr. Spencer Buckner has worked to build an observatory as a training and research tool for his students. In 2002, he began searching for suitable land to place such a facility, and in 2005, his project gained momentum when the University purchased a dome for the proposed building.

"It was delivered in early 2006 and sat in a warehouse for a number of years," he said.

In 2007, Buckner gave the University a land gift of 4.26 acres near Palmyra for the project, but the site was too remote, and construction costs ultimately put construction on hold. The planned building's metal dome, all the while, stayed almost forgotten in that warehouse.

Finally, it was decided to put the observatory on the APSU farm, and in October of 2010, the building was put up and the metal dome and telescope installed.



Bill Persinger

New minor to help pre-professional health students prepare for graduate school

APSU now offers a new pre-professional health minor offered through the APSU College of Science and Mathematics.

The new pre-professional health minor was created with the goal of providing guidance to students looking to specialize in the pre-professional areas such as pre-medicine, pre-pharmacy, pre-physical therapy, pre-occupational therapy, pre-physician's assistant and pre-veterinary. By discussing the minor with their academic adviser, students may also

discover more information about other medical profession options they might not have previously considered.

These minors also will help prepare students for graduate study in these fields.

Phi Kappa Phi chapter awarded top distinction

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) at APSU is one of 11 chapters in the nation to earn the Chapter of Excellence distinction for 2010-11.

PKP headquarters in Baton Rouge, La., formally announced APSU's achievement on Sept. 21. Another 21 chapters were honored with the Chapter of Merit award.

According to the national PKP, the Chapter of Excellence is given to chapters that excel in recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engaging the community of scholars in service to others.

APSU joins 10 other schools that received the honor for the 2010-11 academic year, including Brigham Young University and Ohio State University.

History honor society wins 'Best Chapter' in nation for 3rd year in a row

For an unprecedented third consecutive year, APSU's Phi Alpha Theta chapter was

designated the best chapter in the U.S. for its division by the national organization.

The group worked just as hard last year as they had the previous two years, hosting lectures, attending workshops and roundtables, volunteering in the community and delivering papers at academic conferences. And in April 2011, the chapter released a new, 95-page scholarly journal featuring academic papers by APSU students who had presented at conferences in recent years.

"I really had confidence that we'd win again because we did everything we'd done before, and we had a journal," Dr. Minoa Uffelman, associate professor of history and chapter adviser, said.

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▶ More APSU students are studying abroad



Contributed

During the 2010-11 academic year, 132 APSU students took a course or pursued a study-abroad program outside the U.S. That’s up from 88 students in 2009-10.

“That’s a significant increase,” said Tina Rousselot de Saint Céran, coordinator of International Education at APSU. “I’m seeing about five students a day on average, and while that keeps me busy, I would like more in my office.”

APSU wants the growing trend to continue, making sure even more students know about the opportunities in and benefits from studying abroad with APSU’s new initiatives.

Many students, however, often disregard studying abroad because they feel they cannot speak the language in the host country and as a result would not be able to take coursework in their degree programs while abroad. With APSU now a new member institution of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), language is no barrier.

“You can study physics in China and take the course in English,” Rousselot said. “We search by major for a list of courses at member universities where you could go but take the course in English.”

The ISEP is a network of more than 300 colleges and universities across the globe that cooperates to provide affordable access to international education. Membership in this program allows APSU students to study abroad in various academic disciplines for a full semester or a year in 50 countries worldwide.

Mobile Technology Center now open for app development



Beth Liggert

APSU has created the new Mobile Technology Center (MTC). The MTC is a partnership between the GIS Center, APSU Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, and the Office of

Information Technology, capitalizing on the skills and resources of these groups to support the interest in mobile technology.

“The goal is to have one point of contact within APSU when you want to do something mobile related,” said Dr. John Nicholson, assistant professor of computer science and information technology who also serves as the MTC’s director.

Mike Wilson, manager of the GIS Center, said the need to organize the new MTC was realized during the creation of the DMARK app, a project that involved his office and the University’s IT department.

“We are taking DMARK a step further by using it as a springboard to develop other collaborations under one unit,” he said.

Nicholson said the center is developing and testing both device-specific apps and mobile-enabled websites as well as working with other forms of mobile technology.

Much of the basic creative process during mobile app development is handled by APSU students from a variety of academic backgrounds.

The MTC also has launched a new website, <http://mobiletech.apsu.edu>.

APSU expands Greek system with new sorority

There is a new sorority on campus.

Alpha Gamma Delta colonized in the fall, after the Panhellenic Council (representatives from member sororities on campus) at APSU voted last spring to invite the organization to join the campus Greek system.

Three other sororities were invited to campus for extension presentations, including Kappa Delta, Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Omicron Pi.

Alpha Gamma Delta, founded in 1904 at Syracuse University in New York, has 185 chapters on campuses in the U.S. and Canada, with total membership exceeding 155,000 sisters.

If there is a significant increase in Greek membership or the University demonstrates continued growth, a second sorority could be invited to colonize at APSU in Fall 2014. The APSU Panhellenic Council already has voted to extend a bid to Alpha Omicron Pi, which has accepted.

THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD

If Ron Leath could redo his undergraduate years at APSU, he would have paid more attention in accounting class.

“I never realized how important accounting class was,” he said. “I tell students now that they better learn how to learn.”

Leath is one of 15 individuals who serve on the recently established APSU College of Business Advisory Board, organized to help position the college more competitively in business education and to lead the charge toward national accreditation.

“We serve on this board with a servant heart,” said Keri McInnis, chair of the Advisory Board. “We’re here to help the students. We

love our students and want the best for them at APSU.”

Thanks to the formation of the board in mid-2011, members of the new entity – themselves business and community members in Clarksville, Nashville and throughout the nation – will help to develop the college’s faculty, offer or suggest internships to students, provide input on curriculum design, establish scholarships and other financial support, serve as guest speakers and assist in other ways.

“My main goal was to say, ‘what can I do to help,’” said Rick Canady, a member of the board. “I want to be in the part where we’re helping.”

George Leavell, another member of the CoB Advisory Board, agreed.

“APSU gave me a foundation to succeed,” he said. “I joined this board because I want to make sure students have an edge out there, to help them find a niche.”

Brad O’Shoney said he emphasizes the power of networking to students.

“We talk about the value of networking and how much it makes a huge difference in business,” he said.

Members of the College of Business Advisory Board are made up of APSU alumni, most of whom received a business education at The Peay.

▶ They include these individuals:



1. **Mike Bailey**, of Franklin, president of Medicare Advantage, Munich Health North America.
2. **Rob Bateman**, of Clarksville, partner attorney with Bateman & Bateman in Clarksville.
3. **Rick Canady**, of Humble, Texas, chief financial officer of Houston Eye Associates in Houston.
4. **Jeff Edmondson**, of Franklin, chief financial officer of Curb Records Inc., Nashville.
5. **Ron Leath**, of Clarksville, senior manager of business development for American Express Global Corporate Payments.
6. **George Leavell**, of Memphis, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Wepfel Marine Inc., Memphis.
7. **Keri McInnis**, of Nashville, senior vice president and financial adviser at Pinnacle Financial Partners in Nashville.
8. **Wilma Newton**, of Franklin, vice president of Ascension Health in Creve Coeur, Mo.
9. **Brad O’Shoney**, of Franklin, chief financial officer of HRC Medical Center Inc., Franklin.
10. **Tom Perry**, of Clarksville, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Delta Dental of Tennessee in Nashville.
11. **Michael K. Ross**, of Nashville, president and chief executive officer of First Call Ambulance Co., Nashville.
12. **Arun Subhas**, of Baltimore, Md., partner in Ernst and Young in Baltimore.
13. **Michele Toungette**, of Franklin, executive director of Lourdes Hospital, Catholic Health Partners, Paducah, Ky.
14. **Todd Williams**, of Nashville, executive vice president of Ajax Turner Co. in Nashville.
15. **Brad Withrow**, of Hendersonville, partner in Ernst and Young and certified public accountant and Southeast area director of State Tax Services.





McMullen's

By CHARLES BOOTH
Feature Writer

LAW

From APSU's first black female SGA president to Tennessee's first black female appellate court judge

Camille Reese McMullen ('93) smiled nervously. Her large, almond-shaped eyes narrowed, as if she was turning over a difficult problem in her head.

"What was an amazing sight," she said after a pause, "was to see the students throwing rocks at tanks, and you're thinking, 'this is not going to work.' However, they didn't care because they believed that any impediment to injustice was worth the effort."

McMullen, a judge on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, sat next to a large window in her office on the 14th floor of the Independent Bank Building, with a commanding view of Memphis spreading out below. She is 40 and remarkably beautiful, a former Miss Black Tennessee, but on this particular morning, her face tensed with the sudden memories of a study-abroad trip she took to South Africa nearly two decades ago.

"I remember we got tear-gassed by the government," she said.

In the early 1990s, when McMullen was a young political science student at Austin Peay State University, she traveled to the African nation still ruled by an oppressive apartheid system of racial segregation. During a stop in Petersburg near the end of her stay, she met a group of students from that country's University of the North. They bore scars and bruises from their run-ins with government soldiers.

"These students, what they were doing was fighting a war basically," McMullen said. "They were watching for booby traps just going into their dorm rooms. They showed us how homemade bombs were set in the doors and went off just by opening them."

The students invited McMullen to join them at a demonstration. She was warned not

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to go, but she had to see for herself what they were facing. It didn't take long for government soldiers and tanks to arrive. They fired tear gas into the crowd of protesters. Everything became a hazy, chaotic blur.

"That's when I said 'OK, I'm ready to go home,'" she said. Nevertheless, she was struck by their commitment and the fact that these kids her age, without hesitation, would put their lives on the line to fight injustice and for their future generations.

Again, that nervous smile appeared on her

movement, often hearing stories of the struggles her parents' generation endured. However, it wasn't until that trip to Petersburg that she truly was able to put in perspective what ground zero of the civil rights struggle must have been like and the true commitment those before her made to ensure her opportunities.

Her father was a career soldier in the U.S. Army, which meant she moved every few years to different places throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia. Her mother worked as a teacher wherever the family landed and, after

They made tremendous sacrifices and endured a lot. I truly understand the shoulders on which I stand."

In 1989, when McMullen first arrived as a student at APSU, she felt a strong responsibility toward continuing the work of the previous generation. Others noticed this attitude immediately.

"She is a person that makes me want to be the best me I can be," Pamela Rowe ('96), her college roommate, said. "We were talking about our lots in life once, and she said, 'Pam, our

"I owe my exposure to the world to my father's military career and my love of learning to my mother's career as an educator. They are great parents. They didn't have the opportunities like we have now, but they endured."

lips. It's a complicated memory for McMullen. "Someone could have died that day." But the traumatic experience also helped establish her respect for justice, sacrifice and history. That trip, along with the four years she spent at APSU, molded her into the woman who would become Tennessee's first African-American female appeals court judge.

McMullen was born Camille Reese in February 1971 in Nashville. She grew up in the decades following the American civil rights

her father's retirement, her mother earned her Ph.D. in education.

"I owe my exposure to the world to my father's military career and my love of learning to my mother's career as an educator. They are great parents," she said. "They didn't have the opportunities like we have now, but they endured. I had more opportunities than they did because of the tremendous sacrifice they and their generation made for me. I'm very inspired by my parents and their generation.

ancestors fought and died for us to not just live, but to leave our mark."

Austin Peay in the early 1990s proved to be the perfect environment for McMullen to begin leaving her mark. The small, liberal arts campus experienced an enrollment boom in those years, with minority students suddenly making up 20 percent of the population.

"We got to APSU in 1989, and there were very few African-Americans who were involved," Rowe said. "The African American Cultural Center was new while we were there. The African American Student Association was just getting off the ground."

"It was a very interesting time," Sharee Johnson, a former APSU student, said. "There was this new level of activism, and the student body was receptive to that."

Several minority students, seeing that the University's hierarchy didn't accurately represent them, held demonstrations and sit-ins across campus, demanding more diversity on the faculty. In the years that followed, a few inroads were made but the gains were small. Then, in the spring of 1992, many felt the time was right for APSU students to elect their first African-American female Student Government Association president. Both Rowe and Johnson had an ideal candidate in mind – that young political science student named Camille.

After arriving her freshman year at APSU, McMullen quickly became a presence on campus. She pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, served on the Greek Affairs Council, became a resident assistant and was elected as a

Camille Reese (fourth from left) stands with her sisters from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at APSU in the early 1990s.



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representative to the SGA. She also found time to pursue another passion of hers – acting.

“Austin Peay had a great theater program, and I got to work in the costume department – those fabulous costumes – and I got to perform and put on a play,” she said.

In the early 1990s, McMullen produced and directed a performance of Ntozake Shange’s “For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is ENUF.” Director Tyler Perry released a film version of the play last year starring Janet Jackson and Whoopi Goldberg.

“My girlfriend (Rowe) called and said, ‘You know we did a better job,’” McMullen joked.

Acting helped boost her confidence. Her friends noticed this too, and in 1992, shortly before the SGA election season got under way at APSU, Johnson had a meeting with McMullen.

“I approached her about being her campaign manager,” Johnson said. “She asked how did I know she was running. I just had a feeling. She was relatable and approachable. With her personality, I just felt it worked as far as being president.”

After that meeting, McMullen’s “Winds of Change” campaign was born. Both women agreed it was a historic occasion but that they shouldn’t run on a platform of electing the first African-American female president.

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Camille Reese as an APSU student greets then Congressman Don Sundquist (far right), then Secretary of State Dick Cheney (second from left) and former APSU President Oscar Page (far left).

Bill Perisinger

me through the entire process.”

On election night, the two friends sat together waiting for the results. It was supposed to be a close race. Anxious thoughts raced through their heads. Had they done everything they could? Was APSU ready for a minority female SGA president?

Finally, the votes were tallied and a winner was announced. McMullen was the new president.

“When the results were announced, we were

For two weeks, she lived in a mud hut with no electricity or running water. When she needed to brush her teeth, she had to go outside and pump water from a well. Later, she traveled to Johannesburg and saw the horrors of the apartheid government up close.

The trip renewed her sense of duty. Being the first African-American female SGA president at APSU was an incredible achievement, but she was about to enter the larger adult world, with larger problems. She needed to help solve those

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Over the next few weeks, the two women campaigned relentlessly. McMullen, when she wasn’t studying, visited every student organization on campus in a bid for their support. She delivered dozens of speeches and stayed up late making campaign posters.

“Sharee was pushing me,” McMullen said. “She’d say, ‘this is what I need you to do.’ She was five steps ahead of everyone else. She had the answer before anyone else, and she guided

just ecstatic,” Johnson said. “The fact that she prevailed and won, it was just so amazing.”

McMullen looked out her office window, toward the treetops concealing much of midtown Memphis, and remained quiet for a moment. It was a historic moment on campus, she said. But then she joined the school’s first study-abroad trip to South Africa.

“We got to see that what we were doing at Austin Peay, moving the diversity ball forward, we had no clue really what was going on out there,” she said.

problems and to make sure the next generation had a more stable footing in society. That’s one of the reasons why, after her freshman year of law school at the University of Tennessee, she returned to South Africa.

She found herself in a country completely different from the one she’d once visited. The National Party was no longer in power. The apartheid system had ended. South Africa was free, and McMullen spent the summer clerking for a member of parliament.

“I did research related to drafting their new



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Camille Reese shakes hands with South African President Nelson Mandela during a visit to that country.

constitution and research for legislation dealing with tribal water rights,” she said. “I just felt like I should pinch myself.”

In 2008, McMullen received a phone call. The gentleman on the other end of the line nonchalantly said, “I just wanted to know if you’re still interested in this job?”

The caller was then-Gov. Phil Bredesen. The job was to be the next judge to sit on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals.

In the intervening years, McMullen had earned her law degree, married a fellow UT law student named Bruce McMullen and relocated to Memphis. She clerked for Judge Joe Riley on the Court of Criminal Appeals, became an assistant district attorney general for Shelby County and then, in 2001, joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office. As an assistant U.S. attorney, she prosecuted gun crimes and economic crimes, such as identity theft and mortgage fraud. She has tried over 75 cases, state and federal, and will reluctantly admit that her theatrical training was useful in court at

times. She earned a reputation around the state as being a serious, hardworking prosecutor who knows the law.

“I wasn’t surprised when she was appointed to the court,” Rowe said, “because whatever Camille wanted to do, she would get it done. She was always brilliant and beautiful and down to earth.”

The appointment had not really sunk in when she realized there were some technical procedural issues that required her to move quickly. McMullen twisted her lips in an attempt not to smile.

After receiving that phone call from Bredesen, she began winding down her legal practice. This was no small feat, considering the size of her case load. That’s when she received her second phone call. This time, it was the state’s attorney general on the other end of the line.

“He said, ‘Camille, I understand you’re not at the judicial conference,’” she recalled. She told him she was at work transitioning her cases.

“He said, ‘Well, I need you to get on a plane and get to the judicial conference by tomorrow morning so you could be sworn in.’”

Unbeknownst to McMullen, all appellate judicial appointees had to stand for a retention vote in the next statewide election; however, the deadline for getting on the statewide ballot was days away. If she wasn’t sworn in by the next morning, she would not be on the ballot and her appointment would be in jeopardy.

The call came so late in the afternoon; there were no flights from Memphis to Knoxville.

“So I got in my car and drove overnight to Knoxville,” she said. “It was during that seven hour drive that it really sunk in, the gravity of the opportunity before me and the realization that I would not be returning to Memphis as a prosecutor. Also, I reflected on all the people, known and unknown, and institutions that made this possible. I drove up literally minutes before I was sworn in. It was kind of surreal.”

McMullen glanced at the boxes stacked near her desk. They were overflowing with legal briefs and transcripts from lower court rulings. She raised her eyebrows, indicating the amount of reading she now has to do.

Since its creation in 1967, the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals has heard every trial court appeal in felony and misdemeanor cases in Tennessee.

“You have to go through everything with a fine-toothed comb,” she said.

But her smile, no longer nervous, revealed her sense of contentment. It’s the type of important work she’d prepared herself for her entire life. And in this new position of authority, she can motivate the next generation to take an active role in history and the pursuit of justice.

“Our generation is moving into the role of becoming the leaders and decision makers,” she said. “I’ve been working toward this my entire life. I know that people are relying on me to make decisions that will have an enduring impact on our society.” **AF**

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Alumni News and Events ▶



State Rep. Joe Pitts honors former APSU physics department Chair Mel Mayfield with a proclamation recognizing Mayfield's 90th birthday.

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New campaign honors former physics chairs Mayfield, Sears and Wood-Boecker

On Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011, friends and alumni gathered at the APSU Morgan University Center to celebrate Mayfield's 90th birthday and to unveil a new campaign – The Mayfield, Wood-Boecker, Sears Endowment – that will allow the physics department to prosper for years to come. The endowment, funded by private donations, will provide scholarships for deserving, hardworking physics students. The celebration paid tribute to the outstanding APSU individuals. About 160 people, representing some five decades of physics department faculty members and graduates, attended the event. They came to honor their former professors and to reconnect with close friends they made from their time at APSU. The APSU Advancement Office is currently accepting pledges and donations to help fund the endowment's scholarships. For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 931-221-7127.

APSU alumni and friends trips to Italy and Germany

This June, history springs to life as APSU alumni and friends sail the balmy seas of the Mediterranean on the elegant Oceania Cruises Regatta. Ports of call on the shores of France, Italy, Turkey and Greece will provide a kaleidoscope of unforgettable experiences. Reservations for this trip are closed.

If you missed out on this year's trip, there's another opportunity to travel with alumni and friends next summer for the June 2013 European History Trip – "The Holocaust." Join APSU professor, Dr. Dewey Browder as he takes the group into the historical landscapes of Europe with a 12-day trip to Paris, Strasbourg, Munich, Berchtesgaden, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Fussen, Nuremberg, Rothenburg, Heidelberg, and Frankfurt and visit sites such as the Palace of Versailles, historical concentration camps, Notre Dame Cathedral, Arch of Triumph, Neuschwanstein's Fairy Tale Castle and Imperial Fortress from the Holy Roman Empire. This trip is scheduled for June 11-22, 2013. Reservations for this trip are now being accepted. For more information on trip details and prices, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or www.apsu.edu/alumni.

Alumni University

APSU welcomes alumni and friends to get a deeper look back into the college experience on Saturday, July 28, 2012, for APSU's Alumni University. Meet the professors, tour campus and newly renovated facilities, visit your favorite departments, reconnect with former classmates and develop new relationships.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, to enjoy and to be among friends at APSU's "Alumni University."

Make your plans now to attend! \$30 per person/\$45 per couple. RSVP by contacting the APSU Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979.

Future Alumni Members organization

The Future Alumni Members (F.A.M.), which offers APSU students opportunities to get involved on campus, learn about the traditions of APSU and develop relationships with APSU alumni, had a busy fall with numerous events including a Welcome Back Mix and Mingle, G.H.O.S.T. and Football Tailgates. F.A.M. was heavily involved with

Homecoming week as they participated in the banner and downtown decorating contests, 5K Scholarship Run and Alumni Awards Brunch. Members just finished hosting a supply drive for the Montgomery County Friends of the Shelter to get donations of items they needed. The Dinner with 10 Strangers event is one of the most popular events because it allows members to have dinner with 10 "alumni strangers" and build networking relationships, hear their APSU stories and learn how campus and traditions have changed throughout the years. This year F.A.M. members also started a blog for alumni called "In Their Shoes," which allows alumni to take a look at what it's like to be a college student today. Visit their link at www.apsu.edu/alumni to read up on all that they have been busy with this year.

▶ 28th Annual Candlelight Ball award winners



For the second time, two individuals were honored and recognized during APSU's 28th Annual Candlelight Ball, held on March 10, 2012, at the Hilton Nashville Downtown. Fred Landiss, senior vice president and director of marketing and public relations at F&M Bank in Clarksville, was presented with the "Wendell H. Gilbert Award." Kyle Luther ('99), vice president of commercial banking at Planters Bank in Clarksville, received the "Spirit Award." The distinctions were presented to both these individuals for their outstanding achievement, contribution or recognition they have brought to Austin Peay.

▶ APSU President Tim Hall presents awards to Kyle Luther and Judy Landiss (on behalf of Fred Landiss) in March.

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Alumni Calendar of Events 2012-13

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May 12
APSU Governors Bass Tournament
Kentucky Lake-Paris Landing State Park

May 3-June 2
APSU Downtown Art Gallery:
Kell Black & Alumni
Opening Reception 5-8 p.m., May 3

June 24-July 5
Alumni & Friends "Historic Reflections" Cruise
around Italy
For more information, visit
www.apsu.edu/alumni/alumni-travel

July 28
Alumni University
Campus of APSU. For more information or to sign up,
call 931-221-7979.

Aug. 18
APSU Mathematics & Computer Science Reunion
For more information or to sign up, call 931-221-7979.

Sept. 28
Fall Fling IV
Clarksville Country Club
For more information or to RSVP, call
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Oct. 22-27
HOMECOMING 2012
APSU vs. SEMO – 4 p.m., Oct. 27
Details TBA*

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June 11-22
Europe History Trip – "The Holocaust"
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Faculty Accomplishments▶



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Dr. Jeff Lebkuecher

Professor awarded state grant to study health of Red River Watershed

Dr. Jeff Lebkuecher, professor of biology, was awarded a \$78,000 contract from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to expand his study of the impacts of water pollution on algae and other microscopic organisms throughout the Red River Watershed. His work will help determine the health of local streams and the impacts of pollution on aquatic organisms.

“Algae are such accurate indicators of habitat impairment that the data can be used directly for watershed management decisions,” he said. “Some algae are indicators of heavy erosion. Some are indicators of high concentration of nutrients.”

The objectives of the state contract include developing standardized methods for state researchers to evaluate the impacts of pollution in Tennessee rivers and assessing the effects of water pollution in the Red River Watershed.

“The grant also includes a little bit of money for me to hire students,” Lebkuecher said. Those students, through hands on fieldwork, will gain experience in biological monitoring.

“Hopefully, using these standard protocols I’m writing now, the state will be able to hire Austin Peay graduates to continue the work,” he said. “I teach a psychology class, and a major goal of that course is to train students to do that type of work.”

The work conducted under this new state contract could provide the first step in cleaning and protecting local waterways.



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Dr. Blas Falconer

Falconer edits anthology on ‘Other’ Latino experiences

Dr. Blas Falconer, a poet and professor of English, co-edited a new anthology of essays, “The Other Latin@: Writing Against a Singular Identity.” The works in the book, by prominent Latino writers, deconstruct and challenge the public’s mainstream

perception of Latino culture.

Falconer grew up in northern Virginia, the son of a Puerto Rican mother and a Caucasian father of German-Scottish descent. Occasionally, in an effort to reconnect with his mother’s heritage, he’d flip through books of verse by the Puerto Rican poets who populated New York City’s Spanish Harlem neighborhood. But when he read this poetry, he felt disconnected from his heritage.

“My identity was shaped by my Latino background, and yet I struggled to identify with a lot of Latino literature being published,” he said. “A lot of it came from these centers of Latino communities – the Puerto Rican community in New York or the Cuban-American community in Miami or the Mexican-American, the Chicano community, in the American Southwest. And so, a lot of the writing that came out of there addressed community concerns.”

The works didn’t reflect what it was like to be a young Puerto Rican boy growing up in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. This feeling of otherness and the question of identity continued to trouble and fascinate Falconer as he got older, and earlier this year, he posed these questions to the public with the publication of the new anthology.



Ben Leggett

Dr. Christos Frentzos

History professor contributes to new scholarly work on Israel

Dr. Christos Frentzos, associate professor of history, wrote a chapter for an essay collection, “Drawing a Line in the Sea: The Gaza Flotilla Incident and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” published by Lexington Books.

The book features 14 essays by members of the 2010 counterterrorism fellowship program sponsored by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. Frentzos, a fellow in that program, had a chapter on current American and Israeli relations.

“The book focuses on the Gaza Flotilla Incident, but also includes articles that discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in general,” he said. “There are discussions about some of the groups involved, such as Hamas. My chapter

deals with the foreign policy of the United States and Israel since Barack Obama took office in 2009 and culminates with the Arab Spring in early 2011.”

Early in the morning on May 31, 2010, a group of Israeli commandos boarded a Turkish ship in the Mediterranean Sea, filled with pro-Palestinian activists. The boat was part of an aid-flotilla, seeking to break the Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip. The commandoes planned to bring the ship into the nearby port of Ashdod, but a scuffle soon broke out between the soldiers and the passengers. When the shooting stopped, nine activists were dead and several soldiers were wounded.

The incident sparked an international crisis, with media outlets across the globe picking up the story. Frentzos watched the ongoing news coverage from a unique vantage point. He was in Israel during those tumultuous days as part of the counterterrorism fellowship.

A few days after the incident, Frentzos and the other counterterrorism fellows were riding on a bus as it headed through downtown Tel Aviv en route to their morning lecture. Along the way they passed the Turkish embassy and witnessed dozens of Israelis protesting outside the building. Those on the bus started up a conversation about the flotilla incident and the talk quickly turned to collaborating on a book of essays about Israel and the current crisis.



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Dr. Justin Oelgoetz

Grant helps APSU physics professor advance green energy research

The color green is proving to be a more than a suitable symbol for the environmental revolution sweeping across the world these days. On the surface, the word signifies the pastoral color of nature, with grassy fields and untouched forests.

But at a deeper level, the color also represents money and the high financial cost of such a movement. Alternative energy is not cheap. The fuel cells, for example, that many hope will one day produce more energy-efficient automobiles are currently made with platinum, a pricey precious metal.

“Platinum is obviously expensive,” Dr. Justin

Oelgoetz, associate professor of physics and astronomy at APSU, said. “So one of the things to make a fuel cell more economically viable, to get its cost down, is to get the platinum out of it.”

That’s the problem Oelgoetz has been working to help solve this summer, thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Tennessee Solar Conversion and Storage using Outreach, Research and Education (TN-SCORE) program. TN-SCORE is a network of researchers and both academic and industrial institutions funded by an over \$20 million National Science Foundation RII Track 1 Research Infrastructure award.

By modeling the spectra of the compounds, he’ll be able to determine what might or might not work best as a potential replacement for platinum. His work will help the other scientists determine how to engineer a better electrode, ultimately bringing down the cost of manufacturing fuel cells.



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Biology professor awarded state contract to study endangered plants

Braun’s rock-cress – a strange-looking little plant with star-shaped hairs covering its stems and leaves found almost exclusively in the shade, usually around rock outcroppings in forests – are extremely rare. The peculiar plant is only found in two areas of the world, and in the mid-1990s, it was listed as a federally endangered species.

In 2011, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation awarded Dr. Carol Baskauf, professor of biology, a \$10,000 contract to study the population genetics of the plant species, and her research may provide valuable information aiding efforts to protect this plant.

One thing conservationists wanted to know was whether Tennessee plants were genetically different from Kentucky plants. With the populations separated by at least 120 miles, it would be very unlikely for pollen or seeds to move between the two states, which in turn would make it more likely that plants from the two states could be genetically different.

But when her graduate student, Nacole Jinks (2009), looked at allozyme genes in plants from both states, she found they were nearly identical.

In fact, Braun’s rock-cress had less genetic variability than any other rare species that Baskauf had ever studied.

But Baskauf knew that allozyme genes are often less variable than some other genetic markers, such as microsatellites – a type of genetic marker that she had been wanting to learn to use. “Microsatellites are a type of genetic marker that tends to have a lot of variability in many species.”

So last spring, Baskauf took a semester off of teaching, thanks to an APSU Faculty Development Leave Award, and headed to Vanderbilt University to learn how to use microsatellites. In the process she found that there are some major genetic differences between the Tennessee populations and the Kentucky populations of Braun’s rock-cress, and even some differences among the Tennessee populations.



Bill Pessinger

Dr. Osvaldo Di Paolo

New book by professor examines crime fiction and society in Argentina

For Dr. Osvaldo Di Paolo, assistant professor of languages and literature, one of the best ways to gauge the stability of Argentine society is to look at the types of books and television programs people are consuming.

According to his new book, “Cadáveres En El Armario” (“Cadavers in the Closet”), if the public is addicted to detective stories based on real-life crimes, odds are the country is in turmoil.

In 2001, when the first anthology of short detective fiction based on real-life crime stories was published in Argentina, the country was in disorder due to the devaluation of the peso. Fortunes were lost. Banks closed. The economy was in tatters.

“Detective fiction based on real-life murders, it’s a very popular genre in Latin America, and it’s the best way to study what’s going on in the Latin American world today,” Di Paolo said.

Di Paolo’s interest in the topic started when he took a course on Latin American detective fiction while a Ph.D. student at the University of Kentucky. He couldn’t find much scholarly research on detective fiction based on real-life murders, so he traveled to Argentina and began

scouring through the archives, looking for newspaper articles about crimes. He quickly noticed a pattern where the perpetrators of these crimes were depicted in later works as products of the social chaos of the time.

“I studied the transformation from the newspaper article into the novel, short fiction, film and TV series,” he said. “I looked at the transformations. These hardboiled stories are a reflection of society, what’s happening in society. The transformation has a social connotation. It’s a means of trying to denounce the social problems we have as a society.”



Bill Pessinger

Dr. Carlette Hardin

Hardin publishes 2 new editions of popular education books

Dr. Carlette Hardin, dean of the College of Education, collected some of the best management models being practiced in classrooms across the country, and in 2004, she published her findings in a textbook, titled “Effective Classroom Management: Models and Strategies for Today’s Classrooms.” The textbook became such a staple in college classrooms that it was republished in 2011 in a third edition.

“The premise we’re trying to do in this book is to teach our teacher candidates that there’s not one right way to do it,” Hardin said. “What might fit for one classroom or school might not fit for another school or classroom.”

The book quickly became one of the preferred texts in college education programs across the country. It presents 12 different classroom management models, as well as teaching advice from 30 National Teacher of the Year recipients.

Hardin updated the research and added chapters on new positive behavior support models currently used in Stewart and Cheatham County schools and including strategies on how to handle difficult children.

The updated textbook is actually the second book by Hardin to be released in a new edition last year. In 2001, the Cambridge-Stratford Study Skills Institute published her book, “100 Things Every Adult College Student Ought to Know.” More than 35,000 copies of that book have been sold to date.

The new edition includes updated sections on technology and helpful websites for college students.

ALBERT'S MAN

By CHARLES BOOTH
Feature Writer



On a spring afternoon in 2004, Todd Perry ('86) was out mowing his lawn when, bored with the monotony of the task, his mind began to wander. He'd recently turned 40, and, though not experiencing a full mid-life crisis, his thoughts did turn to questions of how happy he was professionally. Specifically, he asked himself if he could do anything in the world, what would it be?

"I would do a non-profit," he told himself. "I'd help people. I'd have it be faith-based but not a ministry."

As Perry mowed row after row of grass that day, he began to get swept up in this little game he was playing. It was just a fantasy, after all, so he decided to up the ante. How about a non-profit somehow tied to sports? Not amateur sports but professional sports. And, while he was at it, why

not use the biggest names in the sports world? That'll get the message out. Suddenly, Perry stopped mowing.

"I can show you the spot in my yard where I was," he said.

This "wild fantasy dream job," as he described it, was actually a possibility. That's because Perry, who grew up in Clarksville and attended Austin Peay State University, had inexplicably become friends with arguably the most famous baseball player in the world – former St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols.

"This is a 'God' story," Perry explained to me over the phone.

I was curious as to what he meant by that. So in mid-November, three weeks after Pujols and the Cardinals beat the Texas Rangers to win the World Series, I headed west to St. Louis, Mo., to meet with Perry, executive director and CEO of the Pujols Family Foundation.



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Todd Perry and Albert Pujols promote the Pujols Family Foundation before a Cardinals game.

THE FOUNDATION

The Pujols Family Foundation is located in a small suite of offices, on the second floor of the Westport Plaza in St. Louis, right above the Starbucks. From those rooms, decorated with baseball memorabilia, Perry and his small staff carry out the two main charitable goals of Albert and Deidre Pujols – providing support for families and children who live with Down syndrome and improving the quality of life for impoverished children growing up in Albert's home country, the Dominican Republic.

Those goals are achieved through programs such as an annual prom for adults and teens with Down syndrome, baseball and basketball all-star games where celebrities and professional athletes play with teenagers and adults with Down syndrome, medical missions to the Dominican Republic and efforts to provide new, clean mattresses for children in that country to sleep on. The work of the foundation is so impressive that in 2011, the CBS news program "60 Minutes" aired a piece on the organization, titled "The Incredible Albert Pujols." In one segment of that broadcast, you can spot Perry walking with a group of smiling children past clotheslines and sheet metal huts in a small village outside Santa Domingo.

"I have the greatest job in the world," he said, not even trying to suppress his smile. "The greatest part I can see is serving and loving these kids, these people. I started this job because I thought it was going

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It was a cold, windy Friday morning when we met in his office, and Perry was dressed comfortably, in a pair of jeans and a gray Lacoste sweater. He’s a handsome man, with a pleasant, youthful face and a thick head of dark hair turning almost completely gray.

His office was rather small – a desk, a couch, a chair and coffee table all crowded together. On the coffee table was a bronze statue of a baseball player. At first glance, I assumed it was Pujols, but Perry corrected me. The statue was actually the 2008 Roberto Clemente Award, which is given annually to a Major League Baseball player who is dedicated to helping others and involved in improving the community. With the number of baseball players involved in charities, it is a surprisingly difficult award to win.

“My goal was for us to win this award in our first 10 years,” Perry said. “We did it in three and a half.”

Like his smile earlier, he didn’t hide his pride in the Foundation’s success. That’s because he feels that he’s fulfilling his calling in life, his purpose. So many little miracles and acts of fate brought him to that position, he said, so it must be the will of a higher power.

THE BICYCLE YEARS

Perry’s God story begins in Clarksville, where he grew up attending the First Assembly Church in New Providence and developed an affinity for art. He enjoyed sketching and painting, and when the time came to attend college, he enrolled nearby at APSU as an art student.

He studied at the University under Max Hochstetler, the local painter famed for the enormous murals he created for the Opryland Hotel, and Perry even assisted the APSU art professor on another large piece – a mural depicting the history of country music for The Nashville Network television station.

“I think that painting now is in the Country Music Hall of Fame,” Hochstetler said. “Todd was an enjoyable student. He was a good artist. He had skills and a real strong personality. He was a good guy.”

Shortly after finishing the project, Perry graduated from APSU with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. He then went to work for a time as a freelance illustrator.

“I found very quickly that I was going to starve to death, so I tweaked my path,” he said.

He took a job in Brentwood with the Murray Ohio Manufacturing Co., where he designed bicycles and lawn and garden equipment. For many artists, this type of work proves difficult – taking their two-dimensional artwork and putting it on a three dimensional object – but Perry excelled

at it.

“For some reason, I could make it work,” he said. “I understood it easily.”

He became so proficient at it that other leading bicycle companies sought him out. Huffy was the No. 1 bicycle manufacturer at that time, followed closely by Murray Ohio. Roadmaster was a distant third, and one afternoon, they came calling on Perry.

“They wanted me to come work for them and run their design and development center,” he said. Perry was only 30 years old. He took the



Todd Perry makes a friend in the Dominican Republic.

Gina Kelly



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Todd Perry joins a group of youths with Down syndrome for an outing hosted by the Pujols Family Foundation.

job, and within three years, Roadmaster quadrupled in size. They were listed as one of Fortune magazine's 500 Fastest Growing Companies.

"We blew past Murray," he said. "We were now No. 2, threatening to be No. 1."

But that kind of quick success, Perry learned, can often lead to trouble. Brunswick, a \$4 billion company, soon acquired Roadmaster, and within six weeks, most of Perry's coworkers were let go.

"They cleaned house," he said. "They got rid of all the product expertise. So they looked at me and said, 'you're the only link to the past. You are going to have to start making more sales calls.' So I was traveling all the time."

By this point in his life, Perry had become a father, but he had little time to see his 3-year-old daughter and newborn son. Then came word that he was going to be named director of bicycles for the entire company, moving him from Tennessee to Chicago. He was required to have an M.B.A. for that position, meaning that he would have to spend his few hours of free time away from his family, taking classes at Northwestern University.

"I was like, 'OK guys, I'm not going to do it,'" he said.

He decided it was time he and the company part ways. At the age of 36, he'd reached enormous heights within the industry. He was well respected, commanded a nice salary and had a large office. But now he was unemployed.

One night, a few weeks after leaving Brunswick, he went into his garage to sort through a cardboard box packed with his belongings from his desk at work.

"I'll never forget that moment," he said. "I thought, 'man, everything I thought I was, everything I thought I was going to accomplish came down to junk in a cardboard box.' It was this awakening that I haven't really accomplished anything. It was just junk in a cardboard box. I kind of go back to that moment as to when I really started to understand what I needed to do and how I needed to approach my life from there."

WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS

Perry sat on the couch in his office with his arm resting along the back. The morning sunlight came through the window behind him, illuminating the left side of his face while the right side remained in shadows. It was oddly symbolic, I thought, because he was at that moment talking about the two halves of his existence.

"There's a book called 'Halftime' that talks about turning 40, and the first half of your life being about your degree, your job, your car, your house, your watch, your, your, your, your," he said. "You get to that halftime point and you say, 'OK, the last 40 years has been about that, what's the next 40 years going to be about?'"

After leaving Brunswick, Perry decided to break away from the bicycle industry. He sent out resumes to companies around the country and went on a few interviews, but nothing felt right. Then he received a call from a recruiter in St. Louis about a creative director position with a privately owned family company.

He hadn't thought much about St. Louis before, but the idea of getting back into creative development – "the fun stuff," – appealed to him. Perry applied for the job, and after a good initial interview, he was invited back to meet with the company's president.

"He could only meet at 7 a.m. on Friday," Perry remembered. "I got up early and met him in his office. There was nobody in the place but me and him. I walk into his office and I have my book and all the stuff I've done. My guns are loaded."

The company president ignored Perry's credentials at first. Instead, after thumbing through his paperwork, he asked, "On your references, your pastor is your first reference. Why?"

"I said, 'I think that the most important part of a person is their character, their value system, their belief system, who they are spiritually,'" Perry said. "That dictates who you will be professionally. Who you will be in all aspects of your life. I think my pastor can speak to that better than anyone."



Uma Kelly

Todd Perry working with children in the Dominican Republic.



Bill Greenblatt/UPI

Todd Perry and Albert Pujols at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

The company president, it turned out, was also a pastor, and for the next 45 minutes, the two men talked about everything but the job Perry was applying for.

“I left there and headed to the hotel, and by the time I got to the room, my telephone message light was blinking with an offer,” he said.

Welcome to St. Louis. Perry and his family relocated to one of the top baseball cities in the country. And in the years that followed, he became involved with a local organization called Christian Family Day. The group worked to bring underprivileged children to sporting events in St. Louis. Perry offered his creative and marketing skills to help boost the organization’s reputation, and one of his first tasks was creating a video about Christian Family Day that could be sent to local churches.

“The first thing I did was meet this young kid from the Cardinals who had just won Rookie of the Year – Albert Pujols,” Perry said. “I met him and his wife Dee Dee. I talked him and (former St. Louis Rams quarterback) Kurt Warner into both doing this video. So we had this DVD with Albert and Kurt talking about how great Christian Family Day is.”

After that, the Pujolses started attending the same church as Perry. He became good friends with Dee Dee because of her direct and unfiltered personality. He knew exactly where she stood. Albert was more of an acquaintance at the time.

But as this friendship grew, trouble started popping up again in Perry’s professional life. He had worked his way up to vice president of market development, overseeing about 30 employees. But the private, family-owned company was sold, and the new owners were looking to relocate everyone to Lawrence, Kan.

“They wanted their executive team to go, but I chose not to do that,” Perry said. “I just didn’t feel like it was the right move for me.”

He parted ways with his employer. He was now 40. Something had steered him to St. Louis for a reason. He was reading “Halftime,” wondering about the second phase of his life. All this was in the back of his mind when he went out to mow the lawn that afternoon in 2004. What would my dream job be, he thought.

It was time to contact Albert and Dee Dee.

THE PROPOSAL

“I ended up writing a business plan,” Perry said. “Albert and Dee Dee have a daughter (Isabella) with Down syndrome. I have the best player on the Cardinals organization, and they want to talk about their faith, they want to talk about their daughter, but nobody wants to listen.”

But if they created a foundation dedicated to their causes, an organization with a strong voice, people won’t be able to help but listen. So Perry went to work, calling a good friend of his who teaches non-profit marketing at Columbia College in Chicago. He sought advice from other friends and experts, and by late spring, he had a proposal.

“I called Dee Dee and said, ‘I really need you to come by the office to talk about something,’” Perry said. “She says I called her 100 times. It was only 99 times. But I knew this was something I needed to talk with her about.”

The two had trouble agreeing on a time. A few weeks later, Perry stuck the proposal in his briefcase and headed to a Christian Family Day dinner. He knew the Pujolses were planning to attend and give a speech, but only Dee Dee showed up that night.

“She gets up to speak and says, ‘guys, I’m just going to ask you to pray for us and to pray for Albert,’” Perry recalled. “We’re just in this weird spot. He’s becoming reclusive. He doesn’t want to come out. The media doesn’t want to talk about anything we want to talk about. Only home runs and RBIs and contracts. We want to talk about things important to us, but we don’t feel that anybody cares.”

Perry, by his own admission, was sitting at the dinner with “eyes like fried eggs.” After the dinner, he stepped next to Dee Dee and said, “It’s in the bag. What do you need?”

She went home and discussed it with Albert. A few months later, the famous first baseman stopped Perry in church and said, “We need to get together on that proposal.” That Wednesday, Perry was in the Pujols’ home, laying out what he thought the foundation should be.

“I said, ‘guys, if you think I’m trying to sell you something, run,’” he said. “‘Just run. If you think I’m looking for a job, I’m not. I really believe this is something I’m being led to. If you say, ‘hey, this is a good idea, but we don’t want you running it,’ I’ve done my part. I can walk away from this knowing I’ve done what I’m supposed to do.’”

The Pujolses liked what they saw. They liked Perry. So on May 5, 2005, (05-05-05) – a day picked at random, but one that somehow miraculously corresponded with Albert’s No. 5 jersey number – the Pujols Family Foundation was born.

THE LEGACY

On that cold November morning in 2011, Perry spoke for about two hours on how the Foundation has grown. When he mentioned the prom for people with Down syndrome or traveling to shantytowns in the Dominican Republic, this former illustrator, bicycle designer and

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corporate executive put his hand on his forehead to keep me from seeing his tears.

"The coolest part about it is, seven years down the road, you look at what we've been able to accomplish," he said. "My goal was that we would grow to where we were doing an event every month. If we could ever get fully mature to an adult foundation, we would have 12 events a year. Last year we did 57 events. This year, we'll blow past 60."

Those events range from cooking classes to father/son fishing trips to self-defense training for individuals with Down syndrome. The events satisfy the wishes of the Pujolses, and they fulfill the need to give back that Perry wanted to become the focus of his next 40 years. And it's all thanks to a chance friendship with a ballplayer.

"I've never met anyone like Albert and Dee Dee," he said. "They're just amazing, amazing people. It's not for them, it's not because of baseball. It's because they have been elevated for a higher calling and that calling is to serve people."

When I left that afternoon, I'd become a little desensitized to hearing the Pujols name spoken so often and so casually. But as I drove down the interstate, I hit construction traffic and found myself inching forward on

I-64, staring at the massive Busch Stadium. That's where the Cardinals won Game 7 of the World Series just a few weeks earlier. I was listening to a sports radio program, where they were still talking about Pujols' historic feats during that series, joining Babe Ruth and Reggie Jackson as the only Major League Baseball players ever to hit three home runs in a World Series game (Pujols did it in Game 3 in Texas).

That's when I remembered he wasn't just an ordinary, run-of-the-mill person. This was Albert Pujols.

"It blows me away," Perry had said. "When I met him, he was 21 years old. For me to be able to team up or hitch my wagon to a person that is destined maybe to be the greatest player of all time, you can't predict this. You can't make this stuff up. This is a God story. The things that have happened, there's no way you can script this or plan this."

In December, Pujols announced he was leaving the Cardinals organization to join the Los Angeles Angels. But Perry will continue leading his charitable efforts in St. Louis, hoping to continue expanding the reach of this foundation.

For more information on the Pujols Family Foundation, visit the website www.pujolsfamilyfoundation.org. **AP**



Todd Perry and Albert Pujols present donations to two organizations on behalf of the Pujols Family Foundation.

3 tapped for APSU Athletics Hall of Fame

Two former star athletes and a legendary coach/administrator were inducted into the Austin Peay State University Athletics Hall of Fame on Jan. 28.

Jay Bailey, an All-America running back during the Governors' non-scholarship era, and Ashley Haynes, a three-time All-OVC selection who scored 1,000 points and grabbed 1,000 rebounds, were the two athletes honored. Cheryl Holt, the longtime volleyball coach who also has served in numerous capacities at APSU, also was inducted.

The APSU Athletics Hall of Fame membership now stands at 100. The newest inductees were honored during halftime ceremonies of APSU's home contest against UT Martin.

Bailey, a former star football player and basketball player at Clarksville High School, actually began his college athletic career as a basketball player at Volunteer State Community College. But after one year, he transferred to APSU to play football. He combined power and great speed to emerge as the Govs' best player during the non-scholarship era. He battled injury issues both as

a sophomore and junior, but finished 2000 with 736 yards rushing and 2001 with 569, combining for 13 touchdowns over the two seasons.

Haynes was part of the most successful era in Lady Govs basketball history. She was a member of the 2002-03 and 2003-04 Lady Govs squads who won both OVC regular-season and tournament championships, advancing to the NCAA tournament.

A Northwest High School graduate, she immediately moved into the starting lineup and was a starter in all 116 games she played in the Lady Govs uniform. She left APSU arguably as the Lady Govs' best all-around player. Haynes was named to three All-OVC teams, including a pair of first-team selections (2003-04 and 2005-06), and was named to OVC All-Freshmen team in 2002-03. Not only is she ranked as the program's all-time leading rebounder (1,080) but as well is ranked fourth all-time in scoring (1,497 points).

Holt came to APSU in 1982 as volleyball coach, hired by then

APSU athletics director Johnny Miller and served in that capacity for 23 years. She amassed 364 victories as APSU head volleyball coach. Most of her victories came in her final 13 years as coach when more emphasis was placed on women's sports, but in particular, volleyball—and ended with 511 overall Division I volleyball victories in 28 years.

The Columbus, Ohio, native received back-to-back OVC Coach of the Year honors in 1991 and 1992. She earned the 1991 honor after leading her squad to the OVC tourney championship, becoming the first non-Kentucky team to earn the title. The next year, she led the Lady Govs to the regular season title. Holt also was named OVC South Coach of the Year in 1986 and 1987 during the old North-South format.

Holt led APSU to 19 straight OVC tournament appearances while posting five 20-victory seasons along the way, highlighted by the 1992 team's 28-7 overall record, including a 15-1 OVC record.

She was hired to coach volleyball and women's tennis (1983-85). Later, she also served as assistant women's basketball coach. Then in 1986, Holt was asked to serve as softball coach as the University initiated its softball program. Using mostly student-athletes from other teams like women's basketball and volleyball, Holt was able to field a team for the 1986 season, playing games at city-owned Edith Pettus Park. She coached the team again in 1987. To honor her multiple coaching achievements, APSU renamed Lady Govs Field to Cheryl Holt Field in April 2011.

Holt has served in the University's athletics administration since 1997, when Loos was named athletics director. She took over as senior woman administrator at that time and then became assistant athletics director after she retired from coaching in 2003.



Robert Smith

▶ Longtime Austin Peay volleyball coach and administrator Cheryl Holt (left), former star Govs running back Jay Bailey (center) and former Lady Govs basketball great Ashley Haynes were inducted into the Austin Peay Athletics Hall of Fame, Jan. 28.

Govs baseball alums set for '12 pro season

Four APSU alumni were among the hundreds of Major League Baseball players who descended upon spring training sites in Florida and Arizona in February.

George Sherrill, who played at APSU during the early '90s, enters his eighth major league season. He will return to Seattle – the team that gave him his break in the pros – after signing a free agent deal during the offseason. Sherrill will be with his third team in as many years being a highly sought after left-handed specialist who posted a 3-1 record at Atlanta last season before an injury ended his season.

Sherrill joined Shawn Kelley ('07) in the Mariners camp this spring. Kelley, who missed much of last season while recovering from 2010 elbow surgery, will seek to build on an impressive end to 2011 that saw him make 10 pitching appearances without surrendering a run.

A.J. Ellis ('03) prepares for his first full season with the Los Angeles Dodgers and entered spring training as the team's No. 1 catcher in front of a pair of younger cohorts. He was lauded the two previous seasons for his abilities behind the plate and a reliable bat.

Matt Reynolds ('07) was the Colorado Rockies only left-handed relief specialist coming out of spring training last season and soaked up 73 appearances last season – the 18th most among all major league pitchers last season. He entered spring training as one of the Rockies top set-up men among one of the league's youngest pitching staffs.

In addition, APSU will have five alumni beginning the season in the minor league ranks. Pitcher Rowdy Hardy will begin his second season in the Atlanta Braves organization and pitcher Daniel Tenholder ('04) starts his third campaign in the Oakland A's system. The Govs' three 2011 draftees – Jack Snodgrass ('10), Ryne Harper (2008-11) and Jeremy Dobbs (2009-11) – each will begin their first full professional season in 2012.

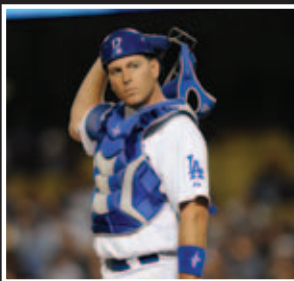
(From top) Seattle Mariners George Sherrill and Shawn Kelly, L.A. Dodgers A.J. Ellis and Colorado Rockies Matt Reynolds.



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Juan Ocampo/L.A. Dodgers



Rich Clarkson and Associates

to his alma mater after being head coach six seasons at Ohio Valley Conference school Murray State from 1981-86.

Virginia Tech will be the Govs' first ACC opponent and third BCS foe in school history. The Governors, who played their first Bowl Championship Subdivision team in 2010 at Wisconsin, played Big East power Cincinnati to open the 2011 season.

The Governors also have another BCS foe on its schedule when it plays Southeastern Conference member Vanderbilt in 2013 and 2015.

In addition to the BCS schools, the Governors also have on tap two other Football Bowl Subdivision opponents. The Governors will open the 2012 season at Western Kentucky on Sept. 1 and will play Ohio in 2013.

Terry earns national award for leading Govs to win against Tennessee

Josh Terry, whose late-game heroics helped lead APSU to a pair of wins during the week of Dec. 5-11, was named Mid-Major Player of the Week by College Sports Madness.

Terry played a significant role in Govs wins that week against Arkansas State and Tennessee, being the leading scorer in both, tallying 22 against Arkansas State and 20 versus the Volunteers.

However, it was his late-game play in APSU's first win against Tennessee that in particular brought him attention. He scored nine points coming in the final 6:27 as the Govs ended the game on a 21-6 run. The Henderson, Ky., native scored the go-ahead basket with 1:05 remaining and hit the game-clinching free throw for the second consecutive game, this time with 2.4 seconds left.

Barker selected to play in FCS Senior Scout Bowl

Senior offensive lineman James Barker played in the FCS Senior Scout Bowl on Dec. 14 at Doug Shaw Stadium in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

He began the game as an offensive guard before being moved to tackle early in the game.

The 6-4, 305-pound Barker started three seasons on APSU's offensive line. He was one of three Ohio Valley Conference players chosen to play for the south team against the north in the All-Star game.

Football Govs to face powerhouse Virginia Tech in 2012

Add another power conference and a top 20 opponent to APSU's list of future football opponents.

The Govs will play Virginia Tech on Sept. 8 at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, Va., in next season's second game. Virginia Tech represented the Atlantic Coast Conference in the 2012 Allstate Sugar Bowl on Jan. 3 in

New Orleans.

"Coach (Frank) Beamer and his staff do a great job," APSU coach Rick Christophel said. "I have known coach Beamer for a long time and I am good friends with (defensive coordinator) Bud Foster. We have gotten some of our defensive thoughts from them."

Virginia Tech has been one of the nation's top programs under the tutelage of Frank Beamer, who has been head coach since 1986 and earned multiple conference and national coach of the year awards. Beamer returned



Robert Smith

Amius Smith earns 1st team All-OVC, Ryan White 2nd team

APSU senior weak safety Amius Smith was named first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference, while senior running back Ryan White was selected second-team, the league announced in late November.

"These two guys have been good football players for us over the past four years," head coach Rick Christophel said. "They've both been fun guys to coach and have been leaders for our program. I'm proud to see them getting recognized."

This was the first time Smith has earned all-conference honors, while White was a first-team selection in 2009.

Doyle, Economos earn All-OVC honors

Four APSU volleyball student-athletes were named to the OVC all-conference teams.

Junior outside hitter Nikki Doyle and senior libero Paige Economos each received All-OVC recognition. Setter Cami Fields and middle blocker Hillary Plybon, both freshmen, were named to the league's All-Newcomer squad.

Doyle, of Santa Maria, Calif., received All-OVC recognition for the second consecutive year. She finished the season with 408 kills, becoming the fourth APSU player to record two 400-kill seasons during their career after recording 435 kills last season.

Economos, of Crystal Lake, Ill., received her first All-OVC recognition after finishing the season with 604 digs and becoming the first APSU player to record two 600-dig seasons

during their career. Her 604 digs this season ranks third all time, just topping her 603 digs as a junior.

Fields, of Dallas, Texas, ranked third among the league's setters - and 74th nationally - averaging 10.44 assists per set during her freshman campaign. She finished the season as one of just two freshmen to be ranked among the league's top 10 in assists. Her 1,242 assists in 2011 ranks seventh all-time at Austin Peay.

Plybon, of Orrville, Ohio, was one of three middle blockers named to the All-Newcomer squad. She finished the campaign with 262 kills (2.28 per set) and 65 blocks (0.57 per set).

Lady Gobs softball signs 5 players for 2012-13

APSU's softball program announced in November the signing of five players for the 2012-13 season.

A need to find a replacement for current

APSU hoops in new west division of OVC

The Ohio Valley Conference will begin divisional play for men and women's basketball beginning with the 2012-13 season.

The addition of Belmont on July 1 will give the OVC 12 member institutions, the largest OVC membership since the league's inception in 1948 (the OVC is currently the nation's eighth oldest Division I conference).

The East Division will include Belmont, Eastern Kentucky, Jacksonville State, Morehead State, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech.

The West Division will include Austin Peay, Eastern Illinois, Murray State, Southeast Missouri State, SIUE and UT Martin.

"Under the circumstances and where we are with the league," APSU coach Dave Loos said, "it is the best format."

"I believe it is a positive move for our league," Lady Gobs basketball coach Carrie Daniels said. "I believe everyone is excited about where

we're going in the league - Belmont coming in, the growth we have and the competitiveness, especially in women's basketball, it's exciting to see where we go."

Some of the factors in determining the divisions included geography and balance while also being mindful of matchups and rivalries (both current and future).

The final piece of divisional play will be in determining tournament seeding and bracketing. The OVC Championships sub-committee is studying those issues now and the Directors of Athletics will make a decision soon.

The sports of softball and volleyball will use schedules based on a divisional format but have yet to determine if those sports will formally recognize divisions. The sports of baseball, women's soccer and men's and women's tennis will not use divisional play because those sports currently have fewer than 12 participating teams.

The rivalry in men's basketball between APSU and Murray State (both seen in the photo on left) will continue to be observed twice in the 2012-13 season, as the Ohio Valley Conference keeps the two teams in the new west division of the conference.

three-year starting catcher Amy Mills was addressed by head coach Casey Dickson with three of the five signees owning catching experience.

Local prep standout Courtney Brower (Rossview HS) heads the trio of incoming backstops, along with Abbie Cline (Sawyer, Ill./Gillespie HS) and Melanie (Mel) Pavel (Englewood, Colo./Cherry Creek HS). In addition, the Lady Govs signed pitcher/second baseman Abby Guest (Madison, Ala./Bob Jones HS) and third baseman Niya Sparks (Lexington, Ky./Lexington HS).

Lady Govs nab top Chattanooga prep golfer

Jessica Cathey, the Chattanooga Times Free Press 2011 Best of the Preps Player of the Year, signed a letter of intent in November to play golf at APSU.

The Soddy-Daisy High School product is expected to be the lone member of Lady Govs' head coach Sara Robson's 2012-13 recruiting class. Cathey helped lead her team to the 2009 and 2010 Class AAA state championships.

Ranked fifth in Tennessee by the Junior Golf Scoreboard, she won the 2011 All-American Junior Golf Tour (AAJGT) Players Championship. This past fall for Soddy-Daisy, Cathey captured the district championship and finished second in region play.



Austin Peay men's basketball coach Dave Loos (right) receives a framed front-page copy of the Dec. 11, 2011, Leaf-Chronicle newspaper from Richard Stevens, editor and general manager of The Leaf-Chronicle. The Governors' 74-70 win at Tennessee, Dec. 10, was given front-page coverage by the paper. The win was the first men's basketball victory against UT Knoxville.

3 sophomore defenders named to Academic All-District Football

Three sophomore defenders on APSU's football team were selected to the Capital One Academic All-District team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Defensive linemen Iosua Siliva and

Reese Bulmash and linebacker Josh Carroll were selected to the Capital One Academic All-District 3 team in honoring both their classroom work and on-field accomplishments.

Golf Govs sign Knoxville prep star

APSU's men's golf team signed Austin Kramer, of Knoxville, to a National Letter of Intent for the 2012-13 season.

Kramer is an experienced golfer who has played in a number of competitive junior golf events. He's played with the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA), the All-American Junior Golf Tour (AAJGT) and the Southeastern Junior Golf Tour (SJGT).

Last fall, Kramer finished 13th at the TSSAA Division 1-AAA State Championships. Last summer, Kramer made a terrific run in the 48th Annual Tennessee Junior Amateurs, firing a three-round 214 to finish two-under par, good enough for third.

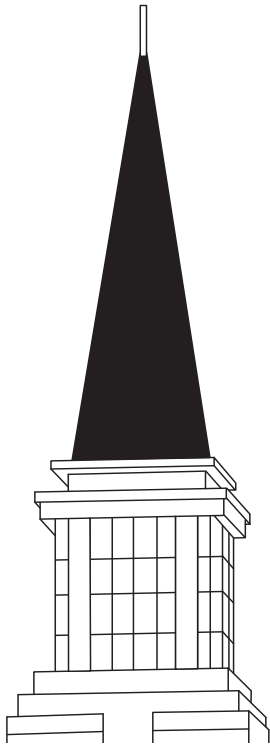
Kramer's resume shows 10 top-five finishes along with seven other top-10 finishes over the past two years. Among those, he has two wins - the 2010 AAJGT Tennessee National and the 2011 AAJGT Tennessee National. He also placed 21st in a U.S. Open Qualifier and recorded a 15th-place finish at the 2011 USGA Boys Junior Amateur Qualifier.



Carley Newman (center) receives the Dr. Leon Bibb Hall of Fame Scholarship, from Landon Bibb (left) grandson of the late Dr. Bibb, and Jeff, son of Dr. Bibb. The scholarship benefits a graduate student in the APSU Athletic Department. Dr. Bibb served on the faculty for 28 years and was the athletics faculty chair for 23 years. Newman was a three-year starter for the Lady Govs soccer program before becoming a graduate assistant in 2011-12.

The New APSU

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Feature Writers



CAMPUS UPGRADES GIVE UNIVERSITY A NEW LOOK

Here's a little geography test – where's the Hemlock Semiconductor Building located on the Austin Peay State University campus? What about the school's Honors Commons or the Castle Heights Residence Hall?

If you're drawing a blank, odds are you haven't visited your alma mater in at least the last two years. In that short amount of time, the University has moved aggressively

forward to accommodate the some 11,000 students choosing to study and live here, giving APSU a new look.

Finding your way around the campus you once attended may be a challenge now, but in the coming years, it's going to get more difficult. That's because APSU is continuing to stay ahead of the growth with several new renovation and construction projects in the works. By 2014, a drastically different looking campus will rise off Clarksville's College Street, making APSU more competitive in the recruitment and retention of students.

"We're going to see many projects over the next five years, which is very reflective of a growing institution," Mitch Robinson, vice president of finance and administration at APSU, said. "The focus of our efforts, in terms of capital projects, is on student success and retention and improving student life on this campus. We want students to stay here, so we have to create an environment that is conducive for their success."

Here's a look at some of the recent and upcoming changes to the APSU landscape.

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and Lyle-Cook-Martin Architects



DRANE STREET





The new Hemlock Semiconductor Building, at the intersection of College and Eighth streets, houses the University's chemical engineering technology associate degree program.

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Hemlock Semiconductor Building

In September of 2010, the Hemlock Semiconductor Building opened at the intersection of College and Eighth streets, to house the University's new chemical engineering technology associate degree program and laboratory. Bauer-Askew Architecture, working in conjunction with Rufus Johnson Associates of Clarksville, designed the facility to retain many of the campus' traditional, Georgian architectural elements, such as the parapet chimney forms found on the ends of the building. But mixed in with these "traditional" elements is a solar screen shielding a glass-enclosed façade, which highlights the technological work taking place inside.

The American Institute of Architect's Gulf

States Region recognized the design of the building in 2011 with a prestigious Merit Award. The Middle Tennessee Chapter of the AIA also honored the building for its design. Judges for that merit award said, "we loved this very successful marriage of campus vernacular with high-tech showplace. This project perfectly suits its pedagogical purpose, with its (laboratory) on beautifully choreographed display. We felt that the clever solar panel sundial is destined to become a campus landmark."

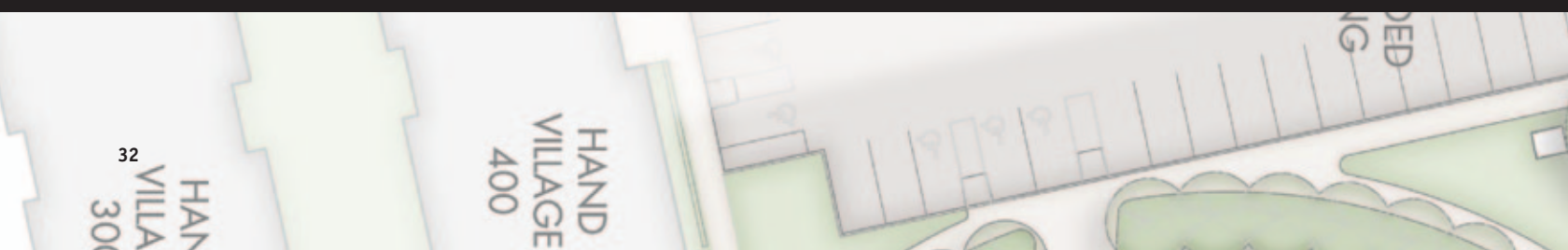
APSU was previously awarded a \$6.4 million grant from the state of Tennessee to develop the chemical engineering technology program, following the December 2008 announcement that Hemlock Semiconductor would build a new production facility in Clarksville. The Michigan-based Hemlock Semiconductor is a leading provider of polycrystalline silicon

and other silicon-based products used in the manufacturing of semiconductor devices and solar cells and modules.

In June 2010, the Tennessee Board of Regents approved President Tim Hall's recommendation to name the new APSU facility in honor of Hemlock Semiconductor Group for its \$2 million gift to APSU for the purchase of laboratory equipment for the building. The contribution was one of the largest monetary gifts ever given to APSU.

Castle Heights Residence Hall

A large crowd gathered atop a hill overlooking campus last August to catch a glimpse of APSU's newest residence hall, Castle Heights. The 416-bed facility is part of the Freshman Experience model to help





first-year students become more connected to the University. Several national research projects have indicated that a program focused on freshmen helps these students to combat homesickness and improve study habits, among other issues they may be experiencing during the transition to college life.

“Castle Heights was designed not only to be a home but a root to the success of our students,” President Tim Hall said.

APSU’s rapid growth in student enrollment and deterioration in the old residence halls led University officials to begin working on acquiring the property on the eastern edge of campus for this project. It has since become one of the centerpieces of student life at the University.

“Castle Heights has made a huge difference on campus,” Joe Mills, assistant vice president and director of housing/residence life and dining at APSU, said. “Admissions tells me when they take people on tours, it’s a huge selling point for campus. It’s one of the nicest new housing around in the southeast.”

The 416-bed Castle Heights Residence Hall (below) opened last August and features several shared kitchen areas (right) throughout the building.



Honors Commons

In the fall of 2010, the APSU Honors Commons, housing both the University’s Honors Program and the President’s Emerging Leaders Program, opened in the Memorial Health Building. It was the first time in APSU’s history that the University’s high achieving students had a designated space to gather and study.

“It gives the honors students a place to gather and be a true community,” Dr. Linda Barnes, director of the APSU Honors Program, said at the time. “The honors students may not have other things in common except the fact that they’re all good students. That’s

a pretty strong bond and this will give them a place to not only gather socially, but to practice presentations, work in a computer lab, attend meetings and study.”

The space also includes classrooms dedicated for honors classes, a quiet study area and a music practice room. Students in the Honors Program were invited to help design the building’s interior, and they recommended couches and other comfortable furniture be included, allowing students to relax and lounge between classes.



Photo by Amber Fair



Photos by Beth Liggett

The Honors Commons (above) is strategically located in the center of campus, in the Memorial Health Building. The lounge in the Honors Commons (left) gives high achieving APSU students a place to gather and study.

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The new residence halls will include the campus' first quad for students to gather, throw Frisbees or study on nice afternoons.

Student Housing, Phase II

In September of 2011, shortly after the new Castle Heights building opened, three old residence halls – Cross, Killebrew and Rawlins – were torn down to make room for a massive \$29 million student residential complex.

The project, scheduled to open at the beginning of the 2013-14 academic year, calls for three new residence halls, housing 404 students, and a large, open green space.

“It’s probably, in my opinion, the biggest physical change to happen to the campus ever,” Mills said. “It’s going to develop that residential quad. We don’t have a residential quad on this campus, where people are out throwing Frisbees and reading books.”

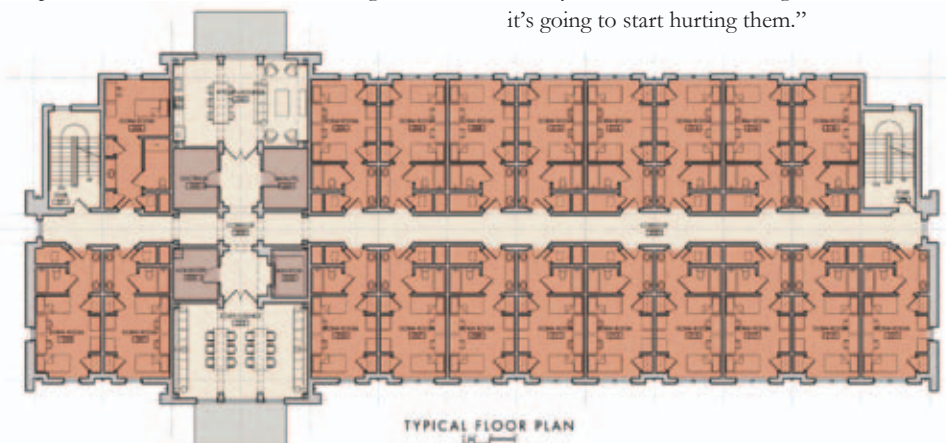
The Phase II housing project, designed in a joint venture by Bauer Askew Architecture PLLC, and Lyle Cook Martin Architects Inc., includes a five-story residence hall, with a dining venue on the first floor, and two

four-story halls on either side of it. The interior setup will be identical to the new Castle Heights building, with double occupancy rooms with a bathroom in each room and a study room on every floor.

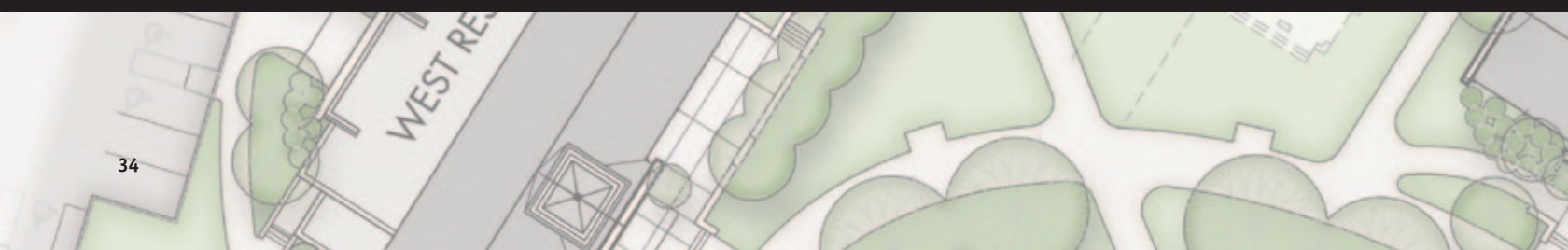
The new halls were needed because of the University’s enrollment boom in recent years. And Mills thinks the newer buildings will help contribute to more students taking

a look at APSU.

“I truly think that when a prospective student comes to campus, the quality of housing on campus is a huge factor of where they’re going to go. I wanted to stay ahead of the curve and be at a competitive advantage over other schools. There’s a lot of landmark institutions around here that have not put money back into their housing, and I think it’s going to start hurting them.”



▶ A layout of the rooms in the new residential complex will be similar to Castle Heights, with double occupancy rooms and shared kitchen and study areas.



Math and Computer Science Building

Many of the new students making their way to APSU these days are pursuing majors in mathematics and computer science. In response to this growth, the University plans to break ground this fall on a new \$6.7 million facility on Eighth Street, directly behind the Hemlock Semiconductor Building. Designed by Rufus Johnson Associates, the two-story classroom building is projected to open in the spring of 2014.

“The math and computer science building is predicated by the growth in those programs, and the increased enrollment of our student population,” Robinson said. “The building will have a large number of faculty offices, and that’s one of the things this institution is short on. As we see growth in our student population, we have to add faculty to keep up with that growth. We have to have some place to put those faculty.”

The new facility, which will house the APSU Department of Mathematics and Statistics and the APSU Department of Computer Science

and Information Technology, will join the Sundquist Science Complex and the Hemlock Semiconductor Building to create a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) core on the eastern side of the campus.

The relocation of those two departments into a new facility will also allow the other academic programs such as education to expand in their respective buildings.

“We’re fortunate that we are able, with our student enrollment growth, to accumulate sufficient funds to construct a math and computer science building,” Robinson said. “That’s the only way this project would have been possible. Because of student growth, because of the tuition revenue coming in, we were able to address a deficiency in faculty office space and student classroom space.”

The Future

With those projects currently in the works, the University is already looking ahead to what comes next. In the next few months, the process will begin in developing a new facilities master plan. That plan will likely continue with

the goals presented in the current plan, which calls for the campus to grow academically to the east and residentially to the west.

Robinson is also optimistic that projects on the Tennessee Board of Regents’ capital projects list will soon receive approval, allowing APSU to move forward on other needed renovations and new buildings.

“The top state-funded capital projects we’re looking at are renovating Trahern and building a new library,” he said. “That’s what we’ve submitted to the Tennessee Board of Regents. The Trahern renovation is on the capital projects list. Our next one in line would be a new library. After that, we have plans for a new classroom building.”

The Trahern project has been on that list for about 10 years, and Robinson said the earliest APSU could receive approval and funding would be July 1, 2013.

“That would be the earliest we could hope to see approval by the State Building Commission for planning,” he said. “So, it would mostly be the following July 1, 2014, before we received any construction money for that project.” **AP**



Rendering courtesy of Rufus Johnson Associates

► The new math and computer science building will take shape over the next two years directly behind the Hemlock Semiconductor Building.



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Mother of soldier who paid ultimate sacrifice first to receive APSU's new military coin



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In December 2011, Austin Peay State University presented its new military coins to active duty military and veteran students who graduated from APSU that month.

But the first person to be given the coin wasn't an APSU graduate. The individual, a soldier with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), also wasn't able to attend what might have been one of the proudest moments of his life.

Months before the ceremony, Joyce Turner accepted APSU's first coin from President Tim Hall on behalf of her son, Staff Sgt. Shaun Mittler. He and another soldier with the 101st died July 10, 2010, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked their unit at Konar Province, Afghanistan.

"I think of all the awards he received, this would have been his proudest accomplishment," Turner said in a telephone interview from her home in Gladstone, Mo. "He just loved Austin Peay."

Mittler, 32, raised in Gladstone, was an indirect fire infantryman assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team. He entered the Army in December 1999 at the age of 19 and arrived at Fort Campbell, Ky., in May 2008. He later enrolled at APSU — a school he was proud to attend.

"When we came to visit him, he had to show us around the Austin Peay campus," Turner said. "He loved the campus."

A college education was something Mittler yearned to have, his mother said.

"In high school, he goofed around, but he was really a smart boy," she said. "He wanted to better himself. He wanted to be proud to get a college degree."

APSU created its first coin with military students in mind, as shown on the front inside cover of this magazine. The antique bronze color coin, designed by the APSU Office of Public Relations and Marketing, is finished with black enamel. The first set was cast in 2011.

On one side of the coin, the eagle is prominently displayed as the nation's symbol, along with other American patriotic elements. The University's AP logo is situated at the bottom of the coin. The words, "All Hail to Those Who Serve," were crafted from the lyrics of APSU's alma mater and from the military's customs and courtesies to welcome those who have joined the unit.

The other side of the coin shows an image of the clock tower atop the Browning Administration Building, generally considered the emblem of APSU. The year APSU was founded, 1927, also is noted on the bottom of the piece.

In September 2011, Turner attended an Army Family Action Plan in Washington, D.C. At the conference, composed of 50 invitees worldwide, she brought the coin President Hall presented to her in Mittler's honor.

"I cannot tell you how impressed the other survivors of the fallen were," she said.

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

1950s

DR. ROBERT PATTON ('57, '59) is the author of "Tennessee Political Fireworks," a book of political stories he has collected over the last 30 years.

1960s

DR. JAMES (JIM) NOEL PHILLIPS ('66) was inducted into the Missouri Southern State University Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 22, 2011. He was honored as being the second winningest coach in Missouri Southern history. A portrait of Phillips was placed in the gymnasium to commemorate the event.

U.S. REP. DR. PHIL ROE ('67) received the Outstanding Physician Award from the Tennessee Medical Association during an awards luncheon April 14.

JUDY WHEELER ('69, '73) retired from the Sumner County Schools in June 2011, ending a 36-year career with that school system. She served as director of instruction, developing and overseeing the curriculums for the system's 46 schools.

1970s

JACK W. SITES ('73, '75), a professor of biology and curator of herpetology at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, recently secured a grant from the National Geographic Society for exploratory fieldwork in Peru. The grant, also written by one of his doctoral students, is focused on biodiversity to expedite the discovery of a new species of lizards at mid to high elevations in the central and southern Peruvian Andes.

MAJ. GEN. RONALD R. BAILEY ('77) is the commander of the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton in California. He assumed command in October 2011 after serving as its deputy commander.

PARK S. BALEVRE ('77), of Jacksonville, Fla., co-authored an article, titled "Professional Nursing Burnout and Irrational Thinking," published in the January-February 2012 edition of *Journal for Nurses in Staff Development*. The article was based on a replication study that examined job-related burnout in practicing nurses in relation to five maladaptive thinking patterns at eight northeast Florida hospitals. He is an assistant professor in the Chamberlain College of Nursing in Jacksonville.

NORRIS HALL ('77) is the illustrator of a series of children's books under the title "Fresh Fables." The first book in the series, "The Dragon Who Lives at Our House," was published recently by Rising Star Studios.

KAREN WHEELER ('79) is associate vice chancellor of policy, assessment and diversity at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

1980s

ANTHONY "CORKY" CARTER ('81) was inducted into the United States Specialty Sports Association Hall of Fame umpire category on Nov. 18, 2011, at the USSSA national meeting in Kissimmee, Fla.

DR. JULEE S. POOLE ('83, '98) authored a therapeutic children's picture book, "The Cryin' House: A Story for Children Who Witness Family Violence." **Elizabeth Morgan Conwell ('09)** illustrated the book.

MARK TIPTON ('85) is an analyst for Channel 3 Eyewitness Sports in Chattanooga. He previously coached running backs, defensive backs and special teams at Cleveland High School from 1986-97, when the team won three state championships.

COL. PAUL BONTRAGER ('88) assumed command of the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade during a ceremony last summer.

GINA BITER ('89, '93, '95) was named principal of Northeast Elementary School in June 2011. She has been with the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System since 1989 as a teacher, assistant principal and, most recently, as principal of St. Bethlehem Elementary School.

1990s

YOLANDA ELAINE SHIELDS ('90), of Spring Hill, Tenn., is CEO of Youth Life Foundation of Tennessee. She also is vice president of Adassa Adumori Foundation, which performs community development work in Africa.

MARTIN KOON ('91) is the regional agriculture program leader for the University of Tennessee Extension Office's Center Region, headquartered in Nashville.

GREG WERNER ('91), head strength and conditioning coach at James Madison University, was elected to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches association (CSCCa).



Future Alumni Members enjoy a "Welcome Back event" and free pizza in the Morgan University Center Plaza. Currently, there are 123 members in this student organization.

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CHARLIE KOON ('92), chief of staff for the city of Clarksville, was elected president of the 2012 Class of Leadership Middle Tennessee.

JENNIFER CORNELL ('94) is president-elect of the American Association of Women Dentists. She is employed at Back to Basics Dental Center in Clarksville.

TONI GORE ('94) is the women's head basketball coach at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, Fla.

LAURA MORRIS ('94) was named the new director of personnel for Christian County Public Schools in Hopkinsville, Ky. She previously served in the school system as a teacher, curriculum specialist and principal of Pembroke Elementary School.

MARTY STATEN ('94) is account manager of the fibers business unit at Americhem Inc., a global provider of custom color and additive solutions for synthetic fiber and polymeric products.

ROB EVANS ('95) was promoted recently to director of software sales in the southeastern U.S. for IBM.

GINNA HOLLEMAN ('95) is the campaign director for The United Way of the Greater Clarksville Region.

SCOTTY PEAK ('95) joined the Heathwood Hall Episcopal School faculty, serving as Upper School art teacher. The school is located in Columbia, S.C.

LAURA BRIGGS ('96) teaches foreign languages at The Academy in Antioch, Tenn.

SUSAN DAVIS ('96) was named president of

the Junior League of Greensboro, N.C., for the 2011-12 year.

JEFF GOOCH ('96), a former NFL player, is vice president of football operations for the Arena Football League team the Tampa Bay Storm.

CHRISTOPHER G. CAMPBELL ('97), of New Canaan, Conn., was awarded the G. Duffield Smith Outstanding Publication Award for his article, "Sacking the Monday Morning Quarterback: Tackling Hindsight Bias in Failure-to-Warn Cases." The award, which honors the best defense-related legal publication of the year, was given by the Defense Research Institute, international bar organization. He is a partner in the New York office of the international law firm, DLA Piper.

CAROL CLARK ('97, '05), director of Community and Business Relations and executive assistant to the president at APSU, was appointed by the Montgomery County Commission to serve on the Clarksville-Montgomery County Library Board.

JENNIFER M. EBERLE ('98), an attorney specializing in medical malpractice, is now with the Nashville office of the Hall Booth Smith and Slover law firm, headquartered in Atlanta, Ga.

CHRISTOPHER C. LEWIS ('98), of Stone Mountain, Ga., self-published a children's book, "When I Grow Up," in September 2011 and was selected to appear in Emerging Artists Show at Anne Irwin Fine Art in Atlanta, Ga.

MANNY TYNDALL ('98, '06) was published in the September 2011 issue of Law Enforcement Executive Forum. His article, titled "Understanding

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Joan Ross (from left), Timothy Winters, Minoa Uffelman, Carolyn Howell, Linda Guinn, Phyllis Loos, Marcia Campbell, JD Howell, Sherwin Clift, Norma Clift, Aleeta Christian, Nikki Loos Peterson and Floyd Christian outside the cruise ship departing Turkey and heading back to the Greek islands.

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the Impact of School Shootings," was co-authored by Dr. Deborah Newman and Lee Wade. Tyndall is a special agent and training coordinator for the Criminal Investigation Division of the Tennessee Office of Inspector General and an adjunct professor in the Middle Tennessee State University Department of Criminal Justice Administration. A graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy and the FBI National Academy (No. 223), he has more than 30 years experience in law enforcement.

DARYL GRACE ('99), of Hopkinsville, Ky., has joined the accounting firm Kem, Duguid and Associates in Hopkinsville as an associate providing services in the areas of tax, audit, financial planning and computer consulting.

NANCY WASHINGTON VAUGHN ('99) recently established a new law firm, Legal Advantage Human Resources Solutions LLC, in the Huntsville, Ala., area. The firm provides employment law representation and advising as well as human resources law advising to business owners and managers.

2000s

TIFFANY BERRY ('02) is now the chief financial officer at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind. She previously worked two years as the CFO for Twin Rivers Regional Medical Center in Kennett, Mo.

GARY I.V. BROSSALINE ('04) is a credit product manager with Nashville Bank and Trust.

TYKENA NICOLE WATSON ('04) now owns a

beauty shop, Smitten Hair Lounge, in Memphis.

MARCUS PEARSON ('05), of Clarksville, is clinical manager of the Dunbar Cave branch of Western Tennessee Physical Therapy in Clarksville, Tenn. He previously worked for Gentiva Home Health Co. in Hopkinsville, Ky., and STAR Physical Therapy in Clarksville.

KHANDRA SMALLEY ('05), vice president of marketing research at F & M Bank in Clarksville and adjunct marketing instructor in the College of Business, were appointed by the Montgomery County Commission to serve on the Clarksville-Montgomery County Library Board.

KEVIN KENNEDY JR. ('06) graduated No. 1 in his class from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry and is now pursuing a specialized pediatric dentist degree.

DR. MELONY SEMBERGER ('06), assistant director of communication in the APSU Public Relations and Marketing Office, graduated from Tennessee State University in December 2011 with a Doctor of Education. She also was certified in November 2011 as a Level 1 USA Track and Field coach.

MATTHEW TYNDALL ('06) had three photographs selected for display in the inaugural launch of Cannes Also, a photographic exhibition on display June 19-25 during the 2011 Cannes Film Festival. The exhibit was designed by The Brand Union and Lambie-Nairn, with help from Getty

Images and Clear Channel, to celebrate individual creativity and personal expression. The photographs were showcased in the form of "The Big Book," which stood 4 meters high and weighed almost 8 tons. It contained entries from beginners to semi-professionals from 35 countries judged by renowned photographer Rankn. Tyndall is a graphic designer and owner of Dismantle Design.

CAPT. NICHOLAS CRAIG ('07), of Adams, Tenn., recently was awarded the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal for completing two years as a platoon leader in the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade at Fort Campbell, Ky., including one year as a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot and platoon leader in Afghanistan. He also was presented the Sikorsky Rescue Award for performing medical evacuation missions to rescue wounded troops in combat. He was selected to attend the Aviation Captain's Career House at Fort Rucker, Ala., and was to be reassigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell.

BRIAN VANN ('07) joined the Pleasant View Volunteer Fire Department in June 2011 as a full-time firefighter. Vann holds an EMT-IV certification and is a graduate of the Franklin Fire Department's Recruit Academy.

ANDREW GASKILL ('08, '09) is the new band director at Sycamore High School.

MARK CRAWFORD ('09), coordinator of commercial music and associate professor of music at Tennessee State University, coordinated and produced an 11-song music project featuring his music students performing songs of the last 100 years. The project will be released in time for TSU's centennial celebration activities. He also was selected to participate in the 2011 cohort of Leadership Music.

DEBBIE LEWIS STOCKDALE ('09) is the store manager at Rogers Jewelers in the Memorial Plaza Shopping Center in Paris, Tenn.

CHARLES BOOTH ('10), staff writer in the APSU Office of Public Relations and Marketing, had his short story, "The Last Blood Maple," published in a recent edition of SLAB (Sound and Literary Art Book) magazine, produced by Slippery Rock University. His short story, "Medjugorje," also appeared this spring in Booth: A Journal, a literary magazine named after writer Booth Tarkington and published by Butler University.

CHAD BRYANT ('11), of Morristown, is an instructor of criminal justice at Walters State Community College.

KENNETH KENNEDY ('11) was accepted to the University of Tennessee College of Medicine.

BIRTHS

BRAD JUSTUS ('04) and **JESSICA GUEST JUSTUS ('07)** announce the birth of their first child, Wyatt Justus, on Aug. 25, 2011. Their baby weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

IN MEMORIAM

LOUISE HUNT SHEARON ('33), 99, died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011. She was a retired teacher, having worked in the classroom for 55 years in both Cheatham and Davidson counties, as well as at Pioneer Christian Academy and Pleasant View Christian School. She is buried in Mallory's Cemetery in Cheatham County.

MARTHA L. BAXTER ('41, '43), 91, died Aug. 13, 2011, in Bristol, Va. She received her graduate degree from George Peabody College (now Vanderbilt University) and taught in Nashville area schools for 36 years.

DR. ROBERT EWING CORLEW ('45), 89, died June 14, 2011, following a brief illness. A World War II veteran, Corlew later served on the faculty at Middle Tennessee State University from 1949-90 as a history instructor, first chairman of the history department, dean of liberal arts and finally as vice president of academic affairs.

BILLY DEAN COLE ('56, '57) died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011. Cole was a retired faculty member from the APSU Department of Biology, having begun his career in 1960 and retiring in 1990. After retirement, he continued teaching as an adjunct faculty member in the biology department.

PAUL THOMAS GOSSETT ('58), 77, of Mount Pleasant, Tenn., died June 29, 2011. He is buried in Polk Memorial Gardens. From 1954-56, he served in the U.S. Army. He was a teacher and coach at Hickman County High School from 1958-63. He later taught and coached at Hay Long High School in Mount Pleasant and finished his teaching and coaching career from 1970-95 at Mount Pleasant High School. He was a member of the American Legion Post 10 in Mount Pleasant, was past president of both the Maury County Education Association and the Maury County Retired Teachers Association.

RICHARD C. BUCK ('85), 48, died Aug. 21, 2011. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Joy Dianne Buck, and his children, Jennifer A. Buck and Bradley Buck (Carrie).

Alumnus uses his painting, carpentry talents for behind-the-scenes work on 'The Help'



When Eddie Nichols came to Austin Peay State University in 1993 as a theater major, his first production was "Born Yesterday." "It was an elaborate set that had a spiral staircase," he said. "Coming from a high school that didn't have a budget for theater, I was awestruck."

Nichols ('98) didn't know it then, but the opportunity he had in the shop environment at APSU would prime his career in the film and TV industry. Last summer, he was asked to work on the DreamWorks motion picture, "The Help," based on the New York Times No. 1 best-seller. Initially, he worked as a scenic artist on the set.

"This entailed lots of straight or 'house' painting, hanging wallpaper and aging," Nichols said. "Aging is my favorite part of the painting process. It's basically taking a piece that has just been constructed and depending on what it is supposed to represent, you determine its look years later after it has been exposed to the elements or repeatedly used."

He also worked as a carpenter on the set, spending a month with the carpentry crew building Abilene's bathroom and Celia's kitchen. However, Nichols gained much more from the movie's painting and carpentry jobs.

"Of everything I did on 'The Help,' I liked working with different people the most. It wasn't just getting to know them and talking while we worked, but also sharing different techniques and learning new ways to use chemicals to achieve different painting looks," he said. "Whether it is painting or building, there is more than one way to skin a cat. Learning new processes is

something I truly enjoy."

After working on "The Help," Nichols helped with three music videos for country music star Taylor Swift, including "Back to December" and "The Story of Us." He also worked on commercials for Krystal that showed the faux Ronald McDonald and Wendy's characters), a promotional commercial for "American Pickers" and a TV pilot reshoot for the FX Channel called "Outlaw Country."

"I'm hoping 'Outlaw Country' goes to series, but if not, there are videos and commercials shot on a regular basis in the region, and I still do work for The Renaissance Center from time to time," said Nichols, who also is working on a horror movie starring Nicole Kidman.

The education he received at The Peay – not to mention the interaction with his peers and faculty members – is what Nichols credits for his success today.

"What I learned at APSU had a huge impact on my career," he said. "Before I entered the scene shop, I had never built or even remotely thought of building and painting scenery."

"In addition to the classroom and scholarship opportunities that had a positive impact on my future career, the other important aspect of my APSU experience was the friends I made in the theater department. It was such an incredible group of talented people. We forced each other to be better performers and technicians without even realizing it. Through sharing ideas and discussions, we sparked each other to do more, to be more."

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JOHN JOSEPH PALKO ('74), 60, of Louisville, Ky., died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011. He was a retired purchasing agent from Rapid Industries Inc. He was a former APSU baseball player who was on the University's first championship team.

SUSANNE PARKS LOWERY ('90), 69, died June 26, 2011, at her residence. She earned her associate degree in business from APSU and was retired from the federal government.

DR. LUCINDA "CINDY" JANE LONG ('91, '95), 57, of Clarksville, died Monday, Sept. 19, 2011, at Gateway Medical Center in Clarksville. She was an adjunct faculty member in the department of psychology. She was a therapist with Centerstone Mental Health Center and a children's rights advocate. In her field, she conducted original research and developed therapy programs related to her great love of horses and dogs.

U.S. ARMY CAPT. JOSHUA SEAN LAWRENCE ('04), 29, died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, in Afghanistan, where he was deployed. He enlisted in the Army in June 2005 and served two tours in Korea. He was awarded a number of honors during his military career, including the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal.

ROBERT MATTHEW McCURDY ('09), 30, of Cumberland Furnace, Tenn., died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2011, at his residence. He is buried in Mount Zion

Cemetery in Cunningham, Tenn. He was an agent for Farm Bureau of Dickson, Tenn., and a member of the Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department.

DR. LOU M. BEASLEY, former APSU professor and dean, died in mid-July 2011. Beasley came to APSU in 1999 as dean of the former College of Human Services and Nursing and tenured professor of social work. She also served as interim dean of graduate studies and interim chair of sociology in 2002-2003. Beasley retired in May 2004 and was awarded emeritus status. She was in the post-retirement service program from 2005-09.

LT. LORIS LINDA ELLSWORTH, 67, of Clarksville, and a retired police officer from APSU Public Safety, died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012, at her home. She served 11 years in the U.S. Army as the first and only female aircraft technical inspector. She also retired with 30 years service from APSU campus police.

DR. DELORES GORE, 85, died Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, in Shiloh, Ill. She is buried in Mound City National Cemetery in Mounds, Ill. Gore began her career at APSU in 1981, working until her retirement in 2005 from the College of Education. Her tenure at APSU had a significant impact on the University and in the Clarksville community, especially through the many teachers she educated throughout the years. Gore received multiple awards, including the Distinguished Professor Award, the Chamber

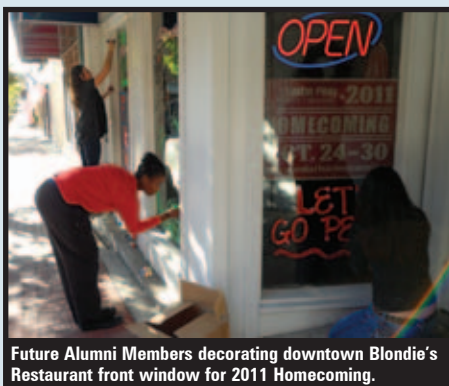
of Commerce Distinguished Faculty Award for Community Service, the Richard M. Hawkins Award and The Big Apple Award. Gore was also heavily involved in the local community through her membership with the Rotary Club of Clarksville.

DR. LEWIS C. TATHAM JR., 87, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, at his home in Edgewater, Fla. Tatham taught on the college level for 40 years. He was professor of English and chair of the APSU Department of Languages and Literature, retiring at the end of the 1994-95 academic year. In addition to his teaching career, Tatham became a major actor in productions at The Roxy Regional Theater in Clarksville, beginning with his role as Archbishop of Canterbury in a production of "Murder in the Cathedral" at Trinity Episcopal Church. Since that time, he performed in about a dozen plays at The Roxy. He won the Monte Award in 1990, recognizing him as "best actor" for his leading role at the stage manager in "Our Town."

TARA CSERNECKY, 40, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, of a heart attack in her home in Stony Point, N.Y. Csernecky was hired in August 1998 as APSU softball coach and served six seasons (1999-2004) as the Lady Gobs head coach. Along the way she coached three first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference selections and nine second-team picks. Lady Gobs Field, now Cheryl Holt Field, was built during her tenure. Since leaving APSU, she had been serving as a high school teacher in the Stony Point area.

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This past October, APSU student organizations and Clarksville downtown businesses teamed up to showcase their "Peay Pride" for the 2011 Homecoming. Participating businesses allowed student organizations to decorate their front windows using creativity, collegiate pride and school spirit. The winners of the first annual "Franklin Street Homecoming Decorating Contest" were the Front Page Deli and Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. Congratulations to both on an outstanding job.



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22	UT Martin*	6 p.m.
29	at Eastern Illinois*	TBA

October

6	Murray State*	6 p.m.
13	at Eastern Kentucky*	TBA
20	OPEN	
27	Southern Missouri †	TBA

November

3	Central State	1 p.m.
10	at Jacksonville State*	1 p.m.
17	at Tennessee Tech*	1:30 p.m.

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December

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(\$100 to \$249)

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Neff & Associates Insurance
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Inc.
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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 (spouse or parent)
- 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.

Example of rates – one recipient

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

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

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

